

## Vote from a boat

Here we are again. Another national vote and while those who've been living on a boat for a few years will have had the information when published prior to last year's EU referendum, those of you new to a life afloat (and those who didn't get round to it last year) may need to know how to register to vote. The clock's ticking and you have until 22 May so here goes...

Firstly, check that you fulfil the eligibility criteria:

- Aged 18 or over, and
- Registered to vote in the UK by 22 May; and
- A British or Irish citizen living in the UK, or
- A Commonwealth citizen living in the UK who has leave to remain in the UK or who does not require leave to remain in the UK; or
- A British citizen living overseas who has been registered to vote in the UK in the last 15 years; or
- An Irish citizen living overseas who was born in Northern Ireland and who has been registered to vote in Northern Ireland in the last 15 years; or
- A citizen of the Commonwealth nations of Malta and Cyprus.

All good? Then read on!

If you have a permanent mooring then you're effectively a resident of that area and the process is the same as for your land-lubbing neighbours. Just visit the Government's [voting registration website](#).

It's slightly more complicated if you're always on the move and don't have a home mooring. If this is your situation then you must register a declaration of local connection, which, when approved, will be valid for 12 months (or until you cancel it).

It's not too hard though, find your local electoral registration office via Google. You'll then need to pop along, explain your local connection and fill in a form. The 'local connection' should be at a place you spend the most time or where you have some connection. This could be where you were last permanently registered or any boatyard or marina you regularly use for maintenance.

Ta-da! If you didn't apply to vote by post, all you now need to do is turn up on 8 June at your nearest polling station...