

# The Association of Bargemen



Founded in 1975 the Association is open to all who have an interest in Thames sailing barges and the current membership is over 100 members who are all barge skippers and mates, owners, and enthusiasts for these craft.

The committee works hard to protect the interests of members and the barge community. We participate in the running of the joint board that examines sailing barge masters for the MCA to award Certificates of Competence and the committee that is appointed by the MCA to administer the Thames Sailing Barge Standard of Safety exemption scheme. This scheme issues certificates to barges after checking that they are surveyed as sufficiently seaworthy and safely equipped to allow them to sail outside the MCA Codes of Practice.

Working with the Sailing Barge Association we strive to ensure that these wonderful craft and the skills in sailing them are not allowed to die.

Membership costs only £20 annually (£30 for a joint membership) and members receive a twice yearly newsletter and can attend the AGM and annual social functions to keep in touch with fellow barge supporters.

The easiest way to pay your subscription is to use internet banking or set up a standing order to our bank account every year:

**Association of Bargemen**  
**Lloyds TSB CORNHILL N IPSWICH**  
**Sort Code 30-94-55**  
**Account Number 04831048**

To join simply complete the attached application and send it (and either attach your first subscription payment by cheque or confirm you have paid online) to:

AOB Membership Secretary  
Martin Phillips  
30 Oakwood Drive  
Billericay  
Essex  
CM12 0SA

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Membership Application. I/we wish to join the AOB:

Title (Mr,Mrs,Ms,Miss)	
First Name	
Surname	
Address	
House name/number	
Street	
Post town	
Post code	
telephone	
mobile	
email	
How did you find out about the AOB?	
Do you sail on a barge?	
Which one(s)	
Subs	I enclose a cheque for £20 / £30
	OR (delete as applicable)
	I have paid online Yes/no
<b>Data Protection Act 1998</b> I consent to my data being held and processed for the purposes of the management and objectives of the AOB.	<hr/> Sign here.