

## ATYC NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2023

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

This is the ATYC Newsletter which will be sent out to Clubs on a regular basis. It can be used as an ATYC Club Noticeboard and can carry such items as a Club's major event or a short news story. Contributions should be sent to me. Happy reading and stay safe.

Mike Chambers

**EA To Strike.** Unison is to call out its members in the EA on strike for one day on Wednesday 18 Jan. Unison members represent 24% of EA workers and with boating being but 1% of the EA the effect on us may be minimal

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**Thames Current River Conditions Change.** The EA's coloured non tidal Thames River Conditions information has been relocated to <u>River Thames: current river conditions</u>. However, alongside the info was the latest list of Pump-outs, Elsan and waterpoint unserviceabilities and those details seem to have disappeared.

**Bill Kane. We regret to announce t**he death of Bill Kane. Bill joined the TMYC in 1999 and was for a time the deputy chair of the ATYC. As well as being an RYA VHF radio instructor Bill will be remembered by many boaters as a Boat Safety Examiner. Both he and Sally extensively travelled the waterways in their many vessels called 'Yellow Rose'. RIP

Wey and Arun Canal Progress. Volunteers have begun restoring the canal at Birtley, near Bramley in Surrey, in a project to remove the current blockage to the canal route, construct a lift bridge and open up this picturesque stretch for canoeists, kayakers and paddleboarders to use in the future.

**More on HVO.** French energy distributor Fioul 83 has delivered 15,000 litres of Cristal Power XTL 100, a second-generation biofuel, to the 44-metre motor yacht Lammouche. This 100% renewable biofuel was created by recycling used cooking oil. Once treated with hydrogen at the refinery, it has the same chemical structure as a conventional fuel. Nontoxic, biodegradable and odourless, Cristal Power XTL 100 also has a great long-term storage stability that is superior to diesel. (HVO is also being trialled on some PLA craft – Ed)

**ATYC Spring Ball.** Time is running out – book now through your club for this splendid function!

## Diary Dates.

11 Feb 2023 – ATYC Spring Ball at the Runnymede Hotel, Egham 27 – 29 May 2023 – ATYC Rally at Temple Island Meadows, Remenham near Henley on Thames.