

ATYC NEWSLETTER – MAY 2023

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

New EA App. The EA are issuing an app to all its waterborne staff including lock keepers that will identify whether boats are registered and will greatly assist in ensuring compliance and where necessary prosecution of those boat owners who wilfully fail to register.

This may lead eventually to withdrawal of the self- printed paper registration discs which in some case have found to be fraudulently altered. Boats without names will be photographed and will be pursued to eventual prosecution as other information comes to light via the app which will be used in evidence.

ATYC's New Website. The ATYC have launched a new website reached via **ATYC.org.uk**. The site contains the details of the Committee as well as listing member clubs. Information regarding events, meeting minutes and EA news can also be found here.

EA Campsites Closed. The Environment Agency are reviewing all aspects of their campsite management to ensure they have suitable arrangements in place to meet their statutory obligations and all other legal responsibilities for the sites. Consequently, they have closed all Environment Agency campsites on the River Thames lock sites for the remainder of this year. (words fail me! – Ed)

EA Short Stay Moorings. New signs are being placed at the EA short stay moorings depicting how boaters should pay any fees due. It is understood that a telephone/credit card system will operate and the EA will patrol sites checking on whether payment has been made and for overstayers

CRT Boat Count Increases. The CRT annual National Boat Count has shown a 1.9% rise in boat numbers on their network across England and Wales, and external economic factors may be affecting boaters, with licence compliance now standing at 93%, down from 94.1% last year. The national licence compliance picture is impacted by boats in the London & South East region which has seen the largest growth in boat numbers (2.8%) in recent years and where licence compliance has dropped to 86% (overall compliance excluding London & South East is 95.1%).

Amsterdam To Ban Fossil fueled Boats. According to a report published last week, in an effort to tackle air pollution the Amsterdam City Council has decided to ban all petrol and diesel powered boats from the centre of the city (defined as being within the A10 city ring road) by 2025.

Dates for the Diaries

The ATYC is holding a committee meeting at the Riverside Bar of TMYC, Hampton Court Road, on **Thursday 18th May at 1930hrs** and invites any club members to attend as observers. Any members wishing to attend please notify the ATYC Hon Sec in advance.