



23-25 August 2025
Rally Programme

Welcome!

Hello from your team of Rally Organisers. It's hard to believe a year has already passed since our last event and now we've made it to Shepperton Marina! Many months of planning, meetings and at times some soul searching, all whilst trying to deliver the best value for money event which we hope will appeal to you all.

With many locations becoming increasingly more expensive to host large gatherings such as our Rally we are incredibly grateful for the generous support we have received.

We would all like to say a BIG Thank You for choosing to spend your Bank Holiday weekend with your ATYC.

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ATYC Chairmen's Welcome

Dear ATYC Member clubs and club members attending the 2025 Rally, A warm welcome from Chris and I, and all your ATYC committee to this year's event.

We had told the clubs at the last open meeting that we were planning for this weekend to be at Kingston along the Queens Promenade, a regular and successful haunt for us for many years. But sadly both new and outdated regulations made it close to impossible for the plans to come to fruition.

At the February Dinner Dance, I announced in my speech that we had been invited to enjoy the comforts and facilities of Shepperton Marina. I was not expecting a response but, if you were there, you will recall a great cheer and a grateful round of applause for Lisa and Kelly who had joined us for the evening.

We don't know where the time has gone but here we are at Shepperton, the first rally I can remember being held at the kind invitation of a marina. The staff here have worked tirelessly to welcome us, from preparing the moorings, filling and personalising our welcome packs and moving boats around the marina to keep the clubs all together. Chris and I can't thank them enough for all their hard work.

All that and then the Marina has invited us all to welcome drinks on arrival, well actually 17.00hrs, what a fabulous start to the 2025 event. At the point of writing (Tuesday 2 weeks ago) there was still an "i" to dot, a "t" to cross and a box to tick which I am hoping will all have happened by the time we meet.

They are relevant to the boat handling for crew and the demonstration of using spring lines to leave an alongside mooring which we're planning.

During the activities on the meadow, you are welcome to Bring Your Own drink and glasses, tables and chairs and anything else you might need. That's for the Saturday night Hog Roast and the Sunday afternoon tea. There will be a beer tent too, for Saturday night. Also breakfast on Sunday all by Graig and his team.

All delegates are hereby invited to the Chairmen's get together on the meadow for a glass or two of wine on Sunday afternoon following on from the High Tea, the treasure hunt results and raffle draw.

The team from Lindon Lewis are offering a 10% discount on many purchased items at the chandlery during the rally. Their life jacket clinic will be available at their shop on Sunday from 10:00am until 12:00hrs.

We'd also just like to thank you all for joining us and look forward to seeing you over the weekend. Of course, all this doesn't just happen and Chris and I would like to thank all the committee members as well as the marina management and staff for putting this Rally 2025 together and administering it all.

In the background, of course, your Association continues in it's attempts to represent the member clubs on the various forums associated with the management of the river, so please keep an eye out for the next open meeting to hear what's going on behind the scenes.

We have a great committee at the moment but are always keen to find new people to represent their clubs and take on roles in the organisation. Please speak to Chris or Andrew at the rally if you feel you could contribute to our management.

In saying that Chris and I would particularly like to single out Middle Thames Yacht Club member Roger Haile who has, for a number of years taken on the role of treasurer which he has fulfilled diligently, with such a dedicated attitude to the Association offering advice and guidance on the way. He has been an absolute asset to us. Roger and Jenni are now looking to venture down south to be near family although keeping Ragamuffin at MTYC. Roger – Thank you!

We are, of course, not being left in the lurch. We must also express our grateful thanks to Upper Thames Yacht Club member Linda Crocker, of much ATYC fame and treasurer of her club, for volunteering to take the role on from Roger.

We are almost through the quagmire of administrative hurdles with the bank but we're almost there.

If you haven't already done so, logging yourself on to our website will make sure you get onto the mailing list so that all information circulated to your club reaches you individually to.

Date for your diaries:

- Monday 27th October 2025
Open Meeting with Guest Speaker at Penton Hook Yacht Club
- Saturday 28th February 2026
ATYC Spring Ball at the Richmond Hill Hotel, Richmond, Surrey

Chris & Andrew

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Welcome to Shepperton Marina



Please take a moment to review the 'Pontoon Safety Leaflet' which details the safety equipment available around the marina. Please familiarise yourself and your crew with the locations of this equipment in relation to your mooring in case of emergency.

Perks & Discounts for Rally Members:
We're pleased to include a few extras to enhance your visit:

- A Holiday Inn discount card offering 15% off food and drink at the nearby Holiday Inn
- 10% off craning services, valid until 31st March 2026 (details in your pack)
- Special rally weekend offers from Lindon Lewis Marine (on-site chandlery) as well as our on-site cleaning company

Dear ATYC Rally Guests,

A very warm welcome to Shepperton Marina! We're delighted to host you for this year's ATYC Rally and look forward to enjoying a fantastic weekend together.

To get things started, please join us for welcome drinks this evening between 17:00 and 18:30hrs just outside the marina office. It's a perfect opportunity to meet fellow rally participants, relax, and get into the spirit of the weekend.

Important Information for Your Stay
Enclosed in this pack, you'll find everything you need for a safe and enjoyable visit, including:

- Useful numbers
- Marina map
- Terms and Conditions
- Safety Information

We hope you enjoy everything Shepperton Marina and the ATYC Rally has to offer. If you need assistance at any time, please don't hesitate to contact the marina office or speak with a member of our friendly team.

Wishing you a safe, enjoyable, and memorable weekend on the water.

With best wishes,

Lisa Harris



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Saturday 23th August

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| 10:00-17:00hrs | Arrivals to Shepperton Marina |
| 17:00-18:30hrs | Welcome Drinks Reception outside Marina Office |
| 19:00- 00:00hrs | Hog Roast Dinner & Music by 'The Semi Detached' |

Sunday 24th August

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| 09:00-10:30AM | Breakfast on the Meadow |
| 10:00-12:00hrs | Lindon Lewis Life Jacket Clinic |
| 11:00-17:00hrs | Marina Treasure Hunt Trail |
| 13:00-14:00hrs | Boat Handling Demonstration by Ian Weston, narrated on the quayside outside the meadow by Andrew Bernstein |
| 12:30-16:30hrs | Marina Meadow Games & Boat Jumble |
| 14:30-16:30hrs | Crew Helming Workshop |
| 16:30-18:00hrs | Pam's afternoon Tea Extravaganza including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prize Raffle• Announcement of Treasure Hunt Trail Winners |
| 18:00 onwards | Chairmen's Drinks Get Together |

Monday 25th August

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| 09:00-14:00hrs | Departures from Shepperton Marina |
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