



ATYC NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2026

This is the ATYC Newsletter which will be sent out to Clubs on a regular basis for onward publication to all club members. 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

We are sad to report the death just before Christmas of **Trevor Williams** a founder member of Windsor YC where he was a past commodore and trustee. Trevor and his wife Vendantee were great supporters of the association and the Thames Valley Rally and regularly entered the competitions of both at a time when there was great competitiveness between clubs. Trevor had a Birchwood 33 also called Vendantee and crossed the Channel many times spending much time in Holland. His wife pre deceased. Our condolences to the club and his many friends

EA Investment Programme. The EA have provided a summary of the emerging 2026 Navigation capital investment programme.

Projects that are likely to form part of their 2026/27 programme include:

- Teddington Launch Lock refurbishment
- Bell Weir weir refurbishment
- Hydraulic upgrades – specific sites not yet confirmed, but aim to be confirmed before 31 March 2026 and will embed any learning from the projects planned in this winter's programme (Hambleton, Boveney, Sunbury)
- Collar straps and winch points – Details of this sub-programme will also be confirmed before 31 March 2026
- Old Windsor Lock Gate replacement – Design phase
- Sewage Pump Out and Elsan refurbishments at Shiplake Lock and Boveney Lock
- Temple Footbridge and Marsh Footbridge replacement / refurbishment – These projects will continue past outline design towards detailed design and business case / planning approval subject to partnership funding being secured
- East Street Visitor Mooring (Oxford) refurbishment – This project may have to be developed using Resource funding instead of Capital funding, which will be confirmed before 31 March 2026

- **Moorings Development Improvement Programme** – Our national colleagues will continue with this sub-programme that aims to increase mooring capacity on the Thames by adapting and/or extending existing assets to increase the number of chargeable leisure moorings. TWF members will receive a briefing prior to the next TWF meeting.

EA to Remove Boats. The EA's Waterways teams have been out in Molesey and Teddington reaches on 12/13 Jan continuing work to remove abandoned and sunken boats. They aim to remove around 20 boats across the two days, with support from their Field Operations colleagues and the Surrey Police. All boats removed will be taken to Sunbury Yard for storage and safe disposal. Where there is any perceived value, they will seek to recover costs of the operation through auction. If any owners of removed boats come forward, they will also seek to charge individuals for the cost of removal and disposal.

This is part of their ongoing work through the 'Navigation Task Force', led by Deputy Director for Navigation Bill Jephson. You can find our social media post on today's removals on Facebook via [Boat removals - 12 Jan \[Facebook\]](#). They will be posting more content in due course and encourage you to follow our Facebook page to stay up to date.

Teddington Barge Lock. The barge lock is back to 24/7 opening. Works on the other lock continue until end-summer '26. Advance notice of group cruises preferred but not essential. There is a sunken, barely visible and UNMARKED boat at the lock end of the moorings - beware!

Ship V Bridge. In March 2024, the container ship *Dali* lost power and struck the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore, causing a catastrophic collapse, killing six construction workers and shutting down the Port of Baltimore. Investigations point to a loose wire causing electrical failure, leading to loss of propulsion and steering, which made the collision with a bridge pier unavoidable.

SPRING BALL - 28th FEBRUARY RICHMOND HILL HOTEL - BOOKINGS AND INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE. Just 5 couples will make up a club table - bring a burgee. Discounted rooms available. There is no rugby that weekend. No speaker. A great entertainer and singer with her band playing the right music has been booked.