



ATYC NEWSLETTER – JULY 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

ATYC RALLY We are now fully booked for the rally over the August Bank holiday. All those attending the rally will be emailed instructions for mooring their boats a week or two before the weekend.

All boats will be moored on the outside of the river pontoon and be rafted out with their club members.

We are relying on the boat measurements you have provided in your booking form and if you haven't included such things as a dingy in your overall length, then please do not bring one as there will not be room.

For visitors without boats there are now day tickets which can be booked via the website. The deadline for booking is Friday 31st July.

Anyone with a boat wishing to be placed on a reserve list, please notify the ATYC Hon Sec. If a mooring space becomes available, you will be notified.

PLA NEWS As mentioned in our June newsletter (if you have not seen or read this, it can be viewed or downloaded from our website) there is a new and updated Recreational Users Guide which has now been published.

We will have copies for those boats attending the rally and spare copies can be made available for your clubs.

The PLA have installed new temporary-mooring buoys for use by visiting recreational craft; these can be found at the entrance to Barking and Dartford Creeks and are clearly marked on the new user guide. There is no land access. However, use of these moorings must be pre-booked with the PLA either via their email: VisitorMoorings@pla.co.uk or by telephone (01474) 562421.

You are advised not to moor without pre-booking as the area is covered by CCTV and patrol boats.

We have no information about any charges.

This means there are now 13 Visitors moorings on the tidal Thames, the locations of which are clearly marked on the new Recreational Users Guide.

Skipper Fined. Recently at the Thames Magistrates Court, Adam Khan, the master of the motor vessel *Shamrock*, pled guilty to offences relating to an incident on the River Thames on 6 October 2025. While navigating on a flood tide near Mortlake / Quintin Boat Club, Mr Khan generated excessive wash and, as a result, a double scull located at the water's edge was swamped, causing injury to two rowers. Mr Khan accepted charges that he was navigating without due care and attention and in a manner liable to injure or endanger persons or vessels. He was fined £440 and ordered to pay a surcharge of £180 and costs of £250.

New River User Group Website A new website is soon to be launched bringing together all six River User Groups (RUGs) covering the full length of the non-tidal River Thames. For the first time, river users can access a single, shared platform providing local information, contacts and event calendars for each stretch of the river, helping to improve awareness, planning and communication across the waterway. The site builds on the established River User Group 8 platform and has been expanded to serve all RUG areas, reflecting the growing need for joined-up information along the Thames. The initiative is supported by its principal sponsor, the River Thames Society, whose long-standing focus is on connecting river users and promoting the sustainable enjoyment of the river, and by the Environment Agency. The new website is intended to complement existing sources of information and to strengthen collaboration between clubs, navigation interests and local communities.

Dangerous Benches. Due to the ongoing extreme weather, please be advised there is a heightened risk of a tree suddenly dropping a limb (branch). As this risk affects a number of large mature trees situated on their lock sites, the EA have taken the decision to tape off all benches close to trees on their sites. The benches will not be available for use during this restriction. (Closed locks, camping sites and now benches – whatever next!! Ed)