



ATYC NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2025

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

Penton Hook Yacht Club. The Association is saddened to hear of the troubles facing our member Penton Hook Yacht Club. The club was founded 61 years ago and has enjoyed their location, sharing it with many of our member clubs and in recent years hosting our meetings and supporting your association. As you may have heard or read in social media Marina Developments Limited, their landlords, have served notice requiring PHYC to vacate their clubs long standing home by mid-May 2026. The news is very raw and we are sure the officers of the club will be rallying to find options for new accommodation. We hope MDL and PHYC can devise an acceptable solution for all long into the future.

Spring Ball. All the details including the poster are on the website. There will be no guest speaker and instead we have a great singer and entertainer - Elisabeth Valentine and her band. Bringing you her heady mix of soulful classics, jazz, blues and music to get your feet stomping. This promises to be a standout year for musical entertainment with the ATYC and what better way than to kick it off on February 28th at Richmond Hill Hotel than with Elisabeth Valentine and her band.

Rally 2026 - We are in discussion with 3 possible locations all new ones and when matters are agreed an announcement will be made - for now the date will be the August Bank Holiday as usual.

Open meeting - A really good evening with an informative speaker on the history of the formation of the world's first police force on the Thames in the Pool of London. Minutes of the meeting can be downloaded from the website

Teddington Lock Launch Layby. The Launch Lock downstream layby will not be available for public use from Monday 24th November until the end of Port of London Authority (PLA) draw-off on 19 Dec

Club news - At this time of year clubs tend to change officers so if your club changes its nominated ATYC rep please let us know so you will continue to receive our news.

Met Office Improvements. The Met Office has released new data showing a decade of steady improvement in the UK Shipping Forecast, with wind speed and sea state accuracy up by more 10% or more. The world-leading weather service has also unveiled a prototype AI-assisted system which automatically generates a first draft of the Shipping Forecast, which trials have shown to be as accurate as text produced by Met Office operational meteorologists. The Met Office has released new data showing a decade of steady improvement in the UK Shipping Forecast, with wind speed and sea state accuracy up by more 10% or more. Research suggests that 30% of marine accidents are caused by poor weather conditions.