



ATYC NEWSLETTER – JULY 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

Shepperton Rally – August Bank Holiday. There are now only **TWO** berths available for member boats so if you haven't yet booked, please do so as when these places are filled there will be a waiting list in case of cancellations. Booking is also required if you are attending by car.

MOST IMPORTANT - when booking through the website please scroll down to the bottom of the details on the package page you have chosen where you will see:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED - this is a separate form which will give us the name of your boat and club and other important information we need in order to complete your booking. Please ensure you complete the second page

Strike Suspended. Lock keepers along the River Thames have suspended strike action following a last-minute offer from the Environment Agency (EA). Members of the GMB Union had been set to strike after 90% voted in favour of industrial action over safety concerns caused by staff shortages. "Work to rule" action had also been due to begin on 17 June, but that has now been delayed following an updated offer from the EA. GMB confirmed the new deal would see at least 80 staff on the river during the summer - 28 more than are currently employed.

Elmbridge Acts. Elmbridge Borough Council (EBC) said 17 vessels moored at Cigarette Island, opposite Hampton Court Palace, were served with warning notices last week and that only six remain. Two fixed penalty notices were also issued. Any of the remaining boats that continue to stay will be issued with fines, the local authority warned. Six sunken or partially submerged vessels will be salvaged over the next fortnight, it added.

A Public Space Protection Order came into force on 17 June, restricting mooring to 24 hours with no return within 72 hours at five locations in Elmbridge. The locations are Ditton Reach, Albany Reach, Cigarette Island, Cowey Sale, Hurst Park and Surrey County Council's land adjacent to Hampton Court Bridge (Parrs mooring).

Broads Boating. An article in the recent edition of the Broom Owners Club magazine ‘Sweeping Statements’ concerns the difficulties some larger boats are having to access the sea from the Broads. Problems with lifting road bridges, swing road and rail bridges and the imposition of additional tariffs combine to cause delays in cruising thus reducing valuable sea time and making owners wonder whether Broads boating is actually worth it.

29 June 2025 until further notice	Goring Lock	Goring lock public power and hand wind currently unavailable. Lock is closed to navigation outside of duty hours and when unstaffed.
28 May 2025 until further notice	Shiplake Lock	Shiplake Lock public power is currently unavailable. You can use the lock by hand winding if a lock keeper is unavailable.