



ATYC NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 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

URGENT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

For sometime our monthly newsletter has been published on our website for clubs to download in PDF format for distribution to all club members but it seems this is not happening in many cases. Therefore, we will now publish the newsletter in the following ways: -

1. Each newsletter will be emailed to every club's nominated representative in PDF format for onward transmission to all club members.
2. The newsletter will be posted on our website where it can be downloaded along with previous ones.
3. The newsletter will be emailed to any individual club member who subscribes via our website to receive them.

It is hoped that this will lead to all club members being updated with our news. We reply on member clubs to keep us advised of their nominated representative especially when there are changes at the time of club's AGM. Any other suggestions will be helpful.

RALLY NEWS. The Rally is now fully booked but The ATYC Hon Sec will operate a standby list in case vacancies occur

Shepperton Marina staff have done a brilliant job in putting this rally together. All clubs will be moored with their club members and each boat will be given a specific berth. Each skipper will be sent a mooring plan with the name of their boat at their berth. It is hoped this will be sent out by Friday 15th August. Any further information about berthing should be directed to the marina office. A VHF watch will be kept by us on Ch6 (call ATYC Control).

On arrival each boat will be given a welcome pack which will include a programme with times of events. The marina will be hosting a drinks reception on Saturday afternoon outside the marina office for ATYC attendees only, prior to our hog roast dinner in the marina meadow. Please bring chairs and some tables as there may not beenough to go round. There will be a beer tent but you are welcome to bring your own drinks and glasses.

To assist with the cost of this event each club is asked to bring a raffle prize and please be a little imaginative in your choice.

There will be an opportunity for club members to offer for sale unwanted boat bits within the secured meadow with some tables being provided. At your own risk of course.

Anyone wishing to attend the event from Friday or stay later than Monday then please book directly with the marina.

Shepperton Marina office - 01932 243722.

To show our appreciation to Lisa and all the staff at Shepperton you are asked to vote for them in the Marina of the Year competition.

Temple Footbridge. The River Thames at Temple Footbridge will be closed to all traffic from 8am Monday 29 September 2025 to 5pm Monday 6 October 2025 to allow for the removal of the central span of the footbridge. ATYC Chairman Chris has written to the EA inquiring why the navigation is being closed at this time of the boating season – a reply is awaited!

Trustee Required – River Thames Boat Project. The River Thames Boat Project is a charity established over 30 years ago providing access to the River Thames to a wide range of community groups. With two boats - Thames Venturer and Thames Discoverer, the charity runs two programmes delivered by a small professional staff and a dedicated group of volunteers. They are looking to recruit a volunteer trustee with a marine engineering background and an understanding of operating boats safely on the River Thames. This trustee will also help guide the Boat Master who manages operations on a day-to-day basis and recruits and trains our volunteer crew.

Please register your interest at info@thamesboatproject.org including your name and contact details (email and phone number). A Trustee will contact you to answer your questions and provide more details, including a description of the role.

EA Consultation. The EA have launched a consultation on their draft proposed procedures for removal of unregistered residential vessels on Environment Agency waterways.

The procedure relates to their power to remove unregistered vessels under Article 16 of The Environment Agency (Inland Waterways) Order 2010 (“the Order”).

They consulted on proposed procedures in 2023. Whilst some responses were supportive of their proposals, they also received some challenges to them. Some responders were concerned that the procedure was too lengthy and bureaucratic, with the risk it would be inefficient and not used; whilst others told them it was too heavy-handed and did not address human rights issues.

They have considered all the consultation responses carefully and revised their proposals to address these concerns. They are now consulting on our revised proposals.

The proposed procedure for removal of unregistered residential vessels on Environment Agency waterways below should be read alongside the consultation form which can be found at this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/pxRuH9WnyM>.

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