



## ATYC NEWSLETTER – MARCH 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**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

to be held at

**Penton Hook Yacht Club**

on Monday 23rd March 2026

at 19.30 hours

#### **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the AGM held on 14th April 2025
4. Chairmen's report
5. Presentation of Accounts for 2025
6. To appoint an Independent Examiner
7. To elect the ATYC Committee for 2026-2027
8. Any Other Business\* – see Note 1 below.

#### **MEMBERS' MEETING TO FOLLOW THE AGM**

1. Stories of the River by Vince Hoare from the EA
2. Chairmen's closing remarks.

After the formal business there will be refreshments and opportunities to meet with other club members following which a talk will be given by Vince Hoare EA Team Leader on a Thames topic.

These meetings are free to any ATYC club member to attend but please notify our Hon Sec of your club numbers for catering purposes.

**Penton Hook Yacht Club Closure.** PHYC will close for the final time at 20:30hrs on Sunday 29th March 2026. This historic occasion for the club will be marked with two events:

On Saturday 28th March at 14:00hrs – SAIL PAST (river conditions permitting)

And on Sunday 29th March at 19:00hrs a ceremony will be held as both the club's ensign and burgee are lowered for sunset for the final time at their current home.

All are welcome to join in - members, past members, guests from our fellow clubs and associations, and friends. The clubhouse will be open from 12:00 to 20:30hrs with food available from 12:00 until 19:30hrs (reservations for food advised).

**ATYC Rally 2026** After much consideration we have decided to hold this year's rally at the Thames Motor Yacht Club's moorings and premises, Hampton Court. There will be a limit on the number of boats that can be accommodated and it will require all boats to be rafted on the riverside pontoon where water and electricity will be available. We will have use of the much-refurbished riverside bar and main clubhouse. A full and varied programme is being prepared which will be announced shortly.

Due to the limit on boats attending this will be on a first come basis and will require booking and paying via our new booking format on our website which we will be ready in the next month or so.

As always it is being held over the August bank holiday.

We have already agreed on the venue for next year which will be a new venue for us much further up river and where many more boats can be accommodated.

We hope we can restart in some form our boat handling competitions which we hope each club will support. — more about this later!

Please see our website on what TMYC can offer you.

**Spring Ball 2026.** 114 members enjoyed a fabulous evening at the Richmond Hill Hotel starting with a drinks reception at our own bar followed by a sumptuous 3 course meal served by attentive staff. We had a great band playing the right music all night and a grand raffle. We have sent each club present a report with photographs and a survey to help us plan for next year's event. If you would like a copy, contact Dennis at atyc events or via our website.

Date for next year **27th February 2027.**

**Locks To Reopen.** The locks at Hambledon, Boveney and Sunbury which are all having their controls upgraded are due to open by 2nd April in time for Easter. !!

**EA Abandoned Boat Recovery.** The EA is on course to remove over 100 sunk and abandoned vessels from the non-tidal Thames in its biggest push in a decade on tidying up the watercourse. The work has been spearheaded by a newly created task force whose mission is to deal with some of the long-standing challenges that the Thames faces. This includes old and discarded boats as well as those that are unregistered or left at unauthorised moorings. So far this year it has already removed 53 abandoned boats that were mostly left on riverbanks on the lower part of the river. This latest operation is to focus on the remaining sunk and abandoned boats across the non-tidal Thames.