



ATYC NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 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

GALA SPRING BALL 2025 on 22nd February at the Richmond Hill Hotel (see web site for full information). The evening starts at 1800hrs with a drinks reception in the Ballroom Bar followed by 3 course dinner at 1900hrs at your club table. Please bring your club burgee and table stand; if you do not have one we can supply one if you let us know in advance.

Anyone requiring the vegetarian option **MUST** notify us in advance. It is not available otherwise.

Please can each club donate a raffle prize (preferable not bottle form). The raffle helps with the cost of the evening. There will be the usual auction kindly donated by Penton Craning.

Music and dancing until midnight.

There is still time for late bookings but please hurry. Late bookings direct to Pam events@atyc.org.uk

***SUMMER RALLY 23/24/Aug 2025** After endless rounds of emails from Kingston Council requesting ever more onerous requirements and having them say they could not guarantee the moorings would be free of itinerant moorers we have changed the venue.*

The new venue for the summer rally will be at Shepperton Marina who have also generously offered to sponsor us.

The rally fee (for 2 people and boat) will include :-

- *2 nights pontoon mooring with electricity and use of all the marina facilities (extra nights available at usual cost)*
- *Drinks party and teas*
- *Hog roast with veggie alternative*
- *Exclusive use of the secure meadow with under cover tables*

- *24-hour security and first aid*
- *Afternoon tea party*
- *Evening drinks with music*
- *Games, demonstrations and instruction*
- *Bring and buy boat bits.*
- *Welcome pack per boat on arrival*

Extra tickets will be available for guests, day visitors and discounts for children.

Large car park.

The rally fee will be confirmed shortly. There will be a limit on the number of boats attending, probably 40 so will be first come etc. club booking to be via website.

Alcohol and Boating. A coroner has raised concerns about the lack of legislation prohibiting the use of alcohol or drugs by those helming a vessel for private or pleasure use, following the death of a boat passenger in Poole Harbour. Senior Coroner for Dorset, Rachael Griffin has sent a 'Prevention of Future Deaths' Report to the Secretary of State for Transport and Royal Yachting Association (RYA) chief executive about concerns raised by the inquest of David John Haw.

The 24-year-old, drowned due to 'unlawful killing' when he was thrown from a rigid-hulled inflatable boat (RHIB) that collided with a buoy in Poole Harbour on 2 May 2022. The helmsman Morgan Smith 'was under the influence of alcohol.'

London's Continuous Cruisers. The CRT have announced that a review is to be conducted into 'continuous cruisers' in the London area – continuous cruisers do not have a permanent mooring and are required to move every 14 days. The London waterways are awash with them and, despite paying some of the highest license fees, their numbers are increasing and policing them is becoming a major problem. The EA do not have this category but seem to allow those without permanent, expensive moorings to overstay their welcome as do many of the local Councils.