

ATYC NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2026

This is the ATYC Newsletter which is sent out to Clubs every month for onward publication to their 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 the secretary at hon.sec@atyc.org.uk.

ATYC Rally 2026 at TMYC



The 2026 ATYC Rally is set to be a fantastic weekend, hosted by the Thames Motor Yacht Club in East Molesey, Surrey.

With space for just 40 boats, early booking is strongly recommended to secure your place. You're welcome to attend with or without your boat.

If you're not bringing a boat—or if you're a TMYC member with a vessel already on club moorings—simply choose the number of tickets you need under "Additional Rally Tickets."

Saturday evening features a Hog Roast and live band playing through to 23:00, preceded by complimentary drinks to get the celebrations started.

On Sunday morning, TMYC will be offering a club breakfast (Reserved here but paid for on the day). Afterwards, you'll have the chance to enjoy the Hampton Court Food Festival with a private guided tour of the Palace at 10.30 or 12.00 midday (additional charge).

During the afternoon lawn games will be organised by Dennis Nissen.

To round off the weekend, TMYC will be serving a delicious two-course dinner on Sunday evening.

To book your places either click

[Rally Tickets](#)

or visit the [ATYC website](#)

EA NEWS

The EA have been recruiting new lock keepers and seasonal assistants for the 2026 season and going ahead with the removal of derelict boats....

Recruitment

“Following a successful recruitment campaign over the last nine months we now have a full complement of 67 permanent Lock & Weir Keepers on the non-tidal River Thames. They will be supported by 13 Seasonal Lock & Weir Keepers between April and October. Recruitment for our seasonal staff is ongoing, with 6 individuals going through the onboarding process and interviews being held w/c 13th April for the remaining 7 positions who will join us as soon as possible. This has taken slightly longer than anticipated as several previous Seasonal Reliefs secured permanent positions with us. This will improve all areas of our operational delivery including water level management, site maintenance, compliance checks and assisted passage.”

Derelict Boat Removal

“Our field teams have continued their essential operational work to support safe navigation and protect our assets. This includes the ongoing clearance of debris from lock cuts and weirs to ensure effective water level management and to maintain a safe navigation. We have carried out the largest operation in more than ten years to remove sunk, wrecked and abandoned vessels from the non-tidal Thames. More than 150 vessels have been removed as part of this major effort to improve the condition, safety and appearance of the river. To achieve this, we served notices to over 220 vessels, of which more than 65 vessels have now been confirmed as owned or part of ongoing investigations to confirm ownership where a member of public has come forward.”

Teddington Lock

Work continues on Teddington Launch lock which it is hoped will be back in service by the end of August. The fate of the Barge lock is at present unknown, but the rumour is that it might be taken out of service when the Launch lock is re-commissioned.

Campsites

“Five sites (Rushey, Eynsham, Days, Shiplake and Hurley) were marketed earlier in the year with 13 bids received in total. A preferred bidder has been identified and we are in the process of agreeing heads of terms. We hope to have the new tenants on site sometime this summer.”

Sunbury Dry Dock

“We are working to reopen the dry dock via a lease arrangement, having identified an appropriate third-party operator. We are currently in the process of finalising the lease agreement. This lease will be for 18-months to determine viability of the operation and to inform the long-term plan for the site. If the initial lease proves successful, we may then look to market the dry dock on a long-term basis.”

Thames Traditional Boat Festival

The festival will take place between 17th – 19th July on Fawley Meadows in Henley. As well as the usual display of Dunkirk & traditional boats, visitors will also be able to enjoy a display of military and amphibious vehicles, displays of vintage cars, WW1 overhead air displays, the Fawley Décor Fair with dozens of Antique & Vintage dealers, the festival Dog show and of course the ever-popular music stage!

Buy tickets in advance at a discount to the gate price at [Tickets – Thames Traditional Boat Festival](#)

