



ATYC NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2024

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

RALLY INFO

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PLA tidal predictions (BST)

Friday 23 Aug Lon Bridge - HW 0507 LW 1149 HW 1715

Saturday 24 Aug HW 0549 LW 1224

Monday 26 Aug HW 0716. LW 1415 HW 1925

For Teddington/Richmond HW add. 1.01 LW add 2.50

Cruising time from Teddington to West India Lock is approx 3hrs.

Take care when passing Hammersmith Bridge due to bridge height. A Tide Gauge is situated port side approx 1/2 mile upriver and at Harrods Depository downriver also port side.

Check PLA website for tidal and other information.

VHF Ch 14 for port and safety information when cruising. (c/s London VTS)

West India Lock Ch 13.

ATYC when in dock Ch 15.

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West India Lock Opening Times

Friday 23rd August - lock opens 1430 closes 1500

Sat 24th August. - lock opens 0930 closes 1000.

Monday 26 Aug – lock opens 1430 closes 1500 hrs

Call West India Lock control Ch13 for permission and instructions (if you are with a group one call advising of numbers will suffice)

ATYC Rally Locks. The afternoon lock on Saturday and the early morning lock on Monday have been cancelled due to no demand. All other lock-ins are as advertised.

Calor Gas Cylinders – Latest. Calor has confirmed that it has ordered “a significant number” of new 3.9kg propane and 4.5kg butane cylinders, which will be available via Calor Distribution Centres and retail partners in the coming weeks. For years, boaters have struggled to source 4.5kg cylinders in the UK. Initially, Calor blamed high seasonal demand and a shortage of workers due to the COVID-19 pandemic for the problem. Then in January 2023, the firm announced it would discontinue its 4.5kg butane cylinders and 3.9kg propane cylinders, along with the Cube, 6Lite Propane and 12kg Butane cylinders. Calor reversed its decision on the 4.5kg butane cylinders and 3.9kg propane cylinders in December 2023 following an outcry from the boating community, with many boat owners stating that gas lockers on older boats would only take 4.5kg bottles or smaller.

Morco Water Heater Alert. This relates to a safety alert issued by Morco Products Ltd for their open flued LPG water heaters. There may be potentially dangerous models of these LPG water heaters that may leak gas causing fires or explosions. Morco’s concerns are that appliance test-point screws may not have been correctly tightened at the time of commissioning or servicing. This issue may potentially lead to un-rectified water heaters leaking unburnt gas with the risk of fires or explosions with possible resulting burns and injuries. The Boat Safety Scheme (BSS) is working with Morco to support them to find and fix these potentially dangerous models. The BSS has created a webpage and briefing for boat owners <https://www.boatsafetyscheme.org/stay-safe-advice/known-recalls-safety-alerts/> where you can get more information. Morco is also offering free upgrades for the affected models.