



## ATYC NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2022

This is the ATYC Newsletter which will be sent out to Clubs on a regular basis. 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**

The Chairmen, Officers and Ambassadors of the ATYC wish all club members a happy Christmas and a safe and enjoyable seasons boating to come.

As we look back on a year that saw record temperatures and a very full and busy programme of events for all clubs after two years of inactivity due to lockdowns, we have to be grateful that, despite everything, we were able to enjoy time spent on our boats with loved ones and friends. It is welcoming that many clubs have seen an increase in membership as more people turn to boating on the Thames instead of the stress involved in trying to fly off to holidays abroad.

We must remember that the Thames, both tidal and non-tidal offer a fantastic opportunity for all of us to enjoy time that is rewarding in a way that no other pastime can match.

This time of year sees many member clubs holding AGMs. Please remember to let your Association know who your new officers are.

We hope that you will join with your ATYC with the events we are planning for the year ahead as well as enjoying your club events.

**Chris and Andrew**

**Thames Marina Wins.** Shepperton Marina, on the River Thames, has been announced as the top UK inland waterway for 2022 by The Yacht Harbour Association. The runner-up is Campbell Wharf Marina, on the Grand Union Canal at Milton Keynes. The awards are open to THYA member marinas, and voted on by the berth holders.

**CRT Fees To Rise.** Spare a thought for the canal boaters as the CRT have announced that boat Licence fees will rise by 9% as from 1 Apr 2023 whereas the EA have only raised their fees by 4%.

**ATYC Ball Bookings.** *Packups containing all the necessary booking details for next year's Spring Ball have been sent out to clubs. Bookings have to be made via your Club so look out for the details. **Please start booking as soon as possible+ to enable the organisers to plan.***

**Calor Gas Bottles.** The Calor Gas website still shows that new 4.5Kg bottles are virtually unobtainable with no firm date when supply might be restored. Refills are available but check with your supplier first.

**Diary Dates.**

11 Feb 2023 – ATYC Spring Ball at the Runnymede Hotel, Egham

27 – 29 May 2023 – ATYC Rally at Temple Island Meadows, Remenham near Henley on Thames.