



ATYC NEWSLETTER – JULY 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

2024 RALLY 23-26 AUGUST AT WEST INDIA DOCK

BOOK AND PAY BY 21ST JULY VIA ATYC WEBSITE.

Once you have booked and paid you will be sent a form to complete and return giving your personal details and preferences. This is most important and will enable us to plan the moorings and other matters.

Locking times are as follows:

Fri 23 August 15:00hrs. 1 lock only

Sat 24 August 10:00AM for downriver and 16:00hrs for upriver

Sun 25 August no lock movements

Mon 26 August 09:00AM for downriver and 16:00hrs for upriver.

Lock VHF is CH13 call sign West India Dock control which should be monitored by everyone. Use CH15 call sign ATYC once in the docks.

Ch 14 should be monitored and used when on the tideway.

Travel time from Teddington is approximately 3 hours. Watch your speed and wash and at all times keep to starboard. London VTS will be advised of your passage.

On departure inbound to Teddington on Monday, Knot Arf will lead upstream and will maintain a steady speed of approximately 6knts which is sufficient to arrive in good time for the half tide gates at Richmond to be open. Silver Sceptre will be the last boat in the convoy. Please keep between these 2 boats.

On the rally programme will be boat handling demonstrations as well as DSP Instructors giving demonstrations on rope throwing, knotting, splicing and will be able to offer ladies helming instruction on their safety patrol launches.

There will be an introduction on Kat Kanoo paddling following which there will be inter club races which anyone can take part in. This is being run by DSP instructors using their craft.

On Saturday evening there will be a pre-dinner drinks reception on the quay side - open to all.

A programme will be emailed in advance to all who have booked and a printed version will be available. This will contain safety advice which CRT are insisting be available and read by all attending the rally.

Dinner time at the Britannia International hotel will be advised on Saturday afternoon. Breakfast will be from 9:30 to 11:00am. The hotel is a short walk at the end of the docks.

Your club will be given designated space on the quayside identified by coloured and alphabet signs. Please keep within your designated area. You may be rafted out 1 or 2 boats depending on your club numbers. Each club to arrange their club boats within their area. Please assist us in this and be prepared to be flexible to enable everyone to be safely moored. Use springs as well as fore and aft lines.

Take care when using the bankside electricity.

RALLY BOOKING CLOSING DATE - 21 JULY 2024

Island Café Opened. The D'Oyly Carte Island owners have just opened a new café D'Oyly's - their cafe, bar, creperie at the end of the island. The café can be seen from the river and is reached by a bridge accessed from the Weybridge side of the river. The menu is quite wide ranging and the café is advertised as being dog friendly. Full details are on their website.

Thames Barrier celebrates 40th birthday London's flood defence walls will need to be 50cm (20in) higher in the future to protect against climate change, officials have said as they marked 40 years of the Thames Barrier. The barrier, officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II on 8 May 1984, was designed to protect London from flooding until 2030. It is now expected to function until 2070. It has been closed 221 times to prevent flooding in the capital.

Friday Arrival package added to Rally. To meet the demand for an extra night in the docks at this year's rally an additional Friday Arrival package has been added to the list of available packages for the event. Spaces on this new arrival date are limited to 20 boats due to the number of staff available on the day at the docks. This optional package is sold on a first come, first served basis so don't delay, book your slot today!

Bourne End Marina Fire. Two men were injured, one seriously when their boat exploded at the Bourne End Marina on 18 June; two boats were badly damaged. The fire started when, after refuelling, the engine was started when there was a large explosion.

John Blake & Mike Thomas RIP. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of John Blake and Mike Thomas. Both of whom were past Commodores of UTMYC and were very well known up and down the River. John & Mike will be very sadly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends at this difficult time. Funeral arrangements have yet to be announced.