



## ATYC NEWSLETTER – JUNE 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 RALLY RALLY** Do you want to be part of the largest boat rally taking place on the Thames this year? - then join your club and other River Thames Yacht Clubs at this year's Association of Thames Yacht Clubs (ATYC) Rally.

This year's rally is being held in the heart of London's Docklands, spending the weekend in the iconic West India and Millwall Docks over the August Bank Holiday. During the weekend there will be the opportunity to participate in a drinks reception, evening buffet style dinner, disco and breakfast the following morning in the Britannia International Hotel adjacent to the dockside. There will also be a boat handling demonstration and plenty of time to meet friends, old and new, from other clubs up and down the length of the river Thames. Further details including a link to the online booking portal can be found on the Association's website; <https://atyc.org.uk/atyc-rally-2024>

As with other tidal cruises, boats from each club will likely travel together, in one or more groups depending on numbers. Clubs will moor as groups in specified mooring areas.

Details of departure times etc will be communicated to participants in due course so after you have booked your place directly with the ATYC please let us know you are coming by emailing [communications@atyc.org.uk](mailto:communications@atyc.org.uk)

We can now offer an extra day at the rally on Friday 23rd August with lock times tba. Limited spaces on a first come basis.

We are pleased to report that instructors from Dockland Scout Project will be on hand to give ladies helming instructions on their motor launches within the docks in a safe environment.

A full programme will be posted nearer the rally time.

Remember, you need to book via the ATYC booking portal on their website **before 21st July** to secure your place.

**Teddington Foot Bridge.** The council are due to make repairs to the bridge and thus the bridge will be closed from 2000 hrs on 14 Jun until 0600 hrs on 17 Jun

**EA Navigation Charges Consultation** The consultation is now live. You can view the consultation documents and questions at <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/environment-and-business/charges-proposal-boat-reg/>. Some of the tables and numbers relating to the Dutch Barges are incorrect but due to the usual Election embargo the EA will not amend or republish the correct figures

**French Check in/out** French officials have announced a new 'protocol' for small boats to enter France from outside of the European Union (EU). Normally boats would have to arrive at and depart from a Port of Entry (PPF), although last year there were a few ports with a special derogation which allowed entry for a limited period.

The new 'protocol', which came into force on 1 June, grants some 53 marinas (which are not PPFs) the rights to handle boats arriving from or departing to [outside of the EU/Schengen area](#). Skippers of these boats will need to email a specific completed form to the relevant port in advance of arrival or departure.