



ATYC NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2025

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

Message from the Co-Chairmen As we approach the year end, we look back on a bumper year for this Association and its member clubs. Starting as usual with our early spring ball in February at the fabulous Richmond Hill Hotel we welcomed over 100 guests from 17 clubs who enjoyed welcoming drinks before a 3-course meal within the wonderful dining hall. There followed an interesting and informative after dinner talk on the history of the Association of Dunkirk Little Ships with the approaching of the 85th anniversary of Operation Dynamo and the return to Dunkirk by the ADLS and many of our clubs members in the supporter's fleet. The evening continued with a fine band and a really great raffle with many prizes donated by our clubs.

Our AGM, open meeting and members social followed in April held at Penton Hook YC who have generously welcomed us at their club and given great support throughout this year. We take this opportunity of thanking them for this support in what has turned out to be a difficult and disappointing year for them.

As announced we planned a first ever rally within a non-tidal marina at Shepperton

Marina over the August Bank Holiday. We enjoyed a wonderful rally with great weather and truly great support from Lisa Harris the marina manager and her staff for which we are very grateful. A pig roast and afternoon tea and wine was enjoyed by all and we discovered we had found a band that played all the right music at the right sound for just the right time which brought cheers! We had a treasure hunt and games within the meadow of which we had exclusive use as well as a boat jumble. And the sun shone all weekend! Most importantly we did not make a loss. We must thank Lisa and her team for all they did for us and congratulate them on being named as the inland marina of the year.

Our autumn social and open meeting in October was held at Penton Hook YC with a talk on the creation of the world's first police force on the Thames in London.

During the year your officers have attended meetings with the Thames Waterways Forum, River User Groups and the RUG Chairs within the non-tidal river and the PLA meetings on the tidal river. We have also held meetings with potential rally hosts and sponsors.

We thank you all for your support and now look forward to next year's events -

Meetings. We hope to continue with our social meetings in April and October at Penton Hook YC for at least as long as we can. Dates to be confirmed. Open to all club members. Details on our website

RALLY - we will be holding a rally over the August Bank holiday. At the moment 3 venues are being considered; Penton Hook Marina, Thames and Kennet Marina and Hampton Court (public moorings). We will be making an announcement when we can. For the time being we have discounted Kingston due to their impossible requirements. We continue to monitor events at West India Dock and have not given up hope of a return. Other London venues have been considered without success so far.

Boaters Fined. Seven reoffending boat owners have faced a second day in Staines Magistrates' court after neglecting to pay their registration fees for consecutive years. Environment Agency officers patrolling Penton Hook marina on 1 April 2025 found the vessels moored in neighbouring berths to where they'd been served notices just 16 months earlier.

4/11 - Brian Harvey from Walton on Thames, Surrey, owner of SEA DANCER

4/11 - Russell Reed of Wimbledon, London, owner of ARRIS'ERE

4/11 - Leah Macfarlane from Woking, Surrey, owner of JOYSEE

4/11 - Duncan Hayward from Chertsey, Surrey, owner of MAVERICK III

4/11 - Gregory O'Mahony from Surbiton, Surrey, owner of BRIENDA

2/12 - Leslie Vallely of Teddington, Middlesex, owner of VIEW FINDER

2/12 - Leslie Marsh of Chertsey, Surrey owner of OOPSIE DAISY

11 offences brought fines of costs of £27,541

Temple Bridge Closure. Work to refurbish or replace the closed Temple footbridge will not start for at least a year according to the EA. The centre section was removed in November.

SPRING BALL - 28th FEBRUARY RICHMOND HILL HOTEL - BOOKINGS AND INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE. Just 5 couples will make up a club table - bring a burgee. Discounted rooms available. There is no rugby that weekend. No speaker. A great entertainer and singer with her band playing the right music has been booked.

A Happy Christmas and a safe boating 2026