



ATYC NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 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

EA Statement. In their latest Navigation Update the EA have made the following statements:

We know that the Navigation Service is not where it needs to be, we have assets that are struggling with age and use, our service is not meeting your expectations, and the climate crisis and the financial context is adding to the challenge.

We are planning for a better service in 2025 focussing on what will make the biggest improvements to the Navigation and Waterways communities, which is why this is a more compact update. Over the last six months we have been working to improve ways of working and find efficiencies where we can, to deliver more with the resource available. We have also been focusing on securing income to maximise that resource.

EA Goes to Court. Staines magistrates' court had a busy day on 22 October as 14 owners were sentenced to pay more than £18,000 for failing to register their boats for use on the River Thames. Environment Agency enforcement officers discovered these vessels during spot checks in December 2023 at Penton Hook Marina in Surrey. The inspection showed unacceptably high levels of registration evasion with a quarter of the boats in the marina, around 125 vessels, failing to have been registered. Every boat-owner was traced and given ample warning and opportunity to register their boats correctly.

At the end of November, the EA have another day in court with a further 14 owners facing charges.

Kew Marine For Sale. A picturesque 170 metres of Thames mooring by Kew Bridge is up for sale for a cool £1.5M. Included in the residential and leisure moorings sale is a rental houseboat.

2025 SPRING BALL SAT 22nd FEBRUARY Following last February's very successful event we are returning to Richmond Hill Hotel and hope you will support this event as you did last February. Club and individual booking forms can be found on our website.

The costs from the hotel have risen slightly and are now £72.50 pp. Included with the 3 course silver service dinner will be an after dinner talk from Mr. Ian Gilbert, Hon. Vice Admiral, Association of Dunkirk Little Ships [the 85th anniversary of Operation Dynamo falls next May], grand auction and raffle as well as dancing with a live band until midnight. We would like as many clubs as possible to bring just 5 couples to make a club table, decorated with your own burgee. Obviously, some clubs will have more than 5 couples and all can be accommodated. There are a limited number of discounted rooms available; please book directly with the hotel. Cost for a double room is £185.

2025 Annual Rally over August Bank Holiday Weekend This rally will be held at Queens Promenade, Kingston-on-Thames and will include a dinner and dance as well as a full programme of events, details of which will be published later. Please can you indicate your support now to help with planning the events.

Full details and booking will be via the website.

2025 AGM and Social event Monday 14th Apr. Please note this date and support this event. More details nearer the time.

Meeting 21st October 2024. The minutes of this very successful event are now on the website.

Diary Dates

22 Feb 2025 - ATYC Spring Ball at the Richmond Hill Hotel