



ATYC NEWSLETTER – MAY 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

Teddington Lock It has become impossible to write anything about Teddington Lock as the situation seems to change daily. As I write the whole lock is currently closed with engineers apparently on site on Tuesday 13 May. What a shambles! Boaters are strongly advised to consult the Lock Closures section of the EA's website (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/river-thames-restrictions-and-closures>) before considering a transit through the lock

Shepperton Rally – August Bank Holiday. There are now just 7 berths available for member boats so if you haven't yet booked please do so as when these places are filled there will be a waiting list in case of cancellations. Booking is also required if you are attending by car.

MOST IMPORTANT - when booking through the website please scroll down to the bottom of the details on the package page you have chosen where you will see:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED - this is a separate form which will give us the name of your boat and club and other important information we need in order to complete your booking.

Imray Charts Saved. Leading publisher of nautical information for leisure sailors Imray Laurie Norie & Wilson Ltd (Imray) and Austrian cartographic specialist freytag & berndt (FB) have pledged to “ensure the continued availability and development” of Imray paper charts.

Imray Laurie Norie & Wilson Ltd and freytag & berndt have announced a joint venture, FB Imray Laurie Norie & Wilson GmbH (FB Imray), to be headquartered in Vienna, and signed a letter of intent to “ensure the continued availability and development” of Imray's nautical paper charts and books. In addition, Bookharbour (Stanfords) Ltd will continue as the main UK-based distributor of Imray paper charts and books.

Temple Footbridge Closed Again. The wooden footbridge above Temple lock has been closed by the EA because it is unsafe. It was closed some time ago but allowed to reopen.

MP Speaks Out. The issue of unauthorised, wrecked and abandoned boats in the River Thames is set to be raised in Parliament by a Surrey MP later. Esher and Walton MP Monica Harding has said the "overstaying" boats cause "anti-social behaviour, waste and litter" problems. Harding has called on the Environment Agency (EA) to get tougher with the owners and remove the boats, adding: "It's practically Dickensian and nothing has been done about it - it's very unfair."

The EA said it understood community concerns and was taking firm action but a more sustainable response was needed for repeat issues and non-compliance. (*What does all that mean? Ed*)

Speaking to BBC Radio Surrey, Harding said the situation in the summer was "dire" as the number of boats had increased from 180 last July to 243 in November. She said the "sunken, wrecked and abandoned boats" were "eyesores that nobody has bothered to deal with". The "overstaying" boats are unlicensed and unregistered, mooring by the banks for months, sometimes years," she said.