



ATYC NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2020

This is the ATYC Newsletter which will be sent out to Clubs on a regular basis. 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

ATYC Dinner/Dance. The booking forms for the Dinner/Dance have been issued to all Clubs – if you have not received yours please contact Gabrielle at the address below. The EA Harbour Master Barry Russell and the Manager of the Thames MDL marinas, Lee Gibbons will be attending as guests.

RTA Wound Up The director of the River Thames Alliance, Michael Shefras has announced that the organisation has been wound up. In recent years the RTA has found it increasingly difficult to maintain or grow membership. The severe political austerity climate has led, in particular, to many of the larger local authorities withdrawing support leading to a significant fall in subscription income.

ATYC AGM The AGM will be held on 2 Apr at 2000 hrs in the Windsor Yacht Club. An agenda will be issued a few weeks' time. All member clubs are invited to send a representative.

Lock Keeper Award. The Sandford lock keeper **Aidan Mahon** has been awarded the British Marine Inland Boating's Lock Keeper of the Year Award for 2019. British Marine state that the award was made for Aidan's fantastic contribution to the smooth running of the inland waterways and excellent service to visiting boaters

EA Moorings Management. A total of 12 bidders have submitted tenders for the management of the EA's moorings. Tender evaluation will take place shortly and a new system is expected to be in place by Easter (this year!). Potential bidders are being asked to submit proposals on how they would manage boats staying at the EA's designated mooring sites for longer periods outside of the peak boating season. This is something they are keen to do as they know that this would be welcomed by boaters, and could also be a significant additional income stream. However, they will need to be sure that appropriate arrangements are in place to prevent abuse, and to collect all the income due. Finally, they are also working with the National Navigation Team and Future Funding Team on potentially using some stretches of riverbank that they own for low-cost base moorings, another potential additional and valuable income stream.

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