



ATYC NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2019

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

Dinner Dance 16 March. A reminder to submit your bookings as soon as possible please. The booked entertainer has long term medical problems and has cancelled. In his place the popular musician/singer Derek James has been booked. Derek has played at a number of ATYC and club functions and comes highly recommended.

ATYC AGM. THE AGM will be held at the Windsor Yacht Club on 26 March commencing at 2000 hrs. All Clubs are invited to send representatives to the meeting. Note that we are still looking for a Secretary. An agenda will be issued shortly. The 2018 accounts can be found on the website.

Customer Charter. The 2019 Customer Charter will be published by the EA on 1 April

Boat Registrations. 8328 Class N boats were registered in 2018 an increase of 40 over 2017. £3.27M was generated.

Ireland to Ban Green Diesel. Recreational boaters will no longer be allowed to use green diesel (tax abated as per the UK's red diesel) as from 1 Jan 2020. This follows a similar ruling from the European Court of Justice that was made against the UK last year. Boaters are being warned that the price of the white diesel may be higher than what is sold on the garage forecourts

Thames Water Fined (again!) Thames Water has been fined £2million after raw sewage polluted two Oxfordshire streams, killing almost 150 fish. The sewage also flooded a nearby garden. Numerous failures in the management of a sewage pumping station operated by the company led to sewage created by two villages emptying into two brooks leading to the River Evenlode, a tributary of the River Thames, for up to 24 hours.

Drought Worries. The National Drought Group (NDG) met on Monday 21 January, chaired by Harvey Bradshaw, Executive Director at the Environment Agency, to assess the water resource situation and actions being taken to reduce risk for summer 2019. January has been dry, with just 4% of the expected (long-term average) rainfall in the first 15 days of the month, resulting in most rivers flows being very low for the time of year. There are still several reservoirs below normal in central England, groundwater in aquifers stretching from Oxford to Cambridge have also not recovered.

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