



**ATYC NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2018**

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. **Mike Chambers**

**RED DIESEL OUTLAWED.** HMRC has lost its defence with the Court of Justice of the European Union over the continuing use of red diesel for propulsion in pleasure craft; this action started in 2011. HMRC and the RYA are examining and analysing the judgement which will have far reaching consequences for boaters. It is customary to allow countries some time to comply with the ruling but whether this will be affected by the Brexit will depend on the timing of actually leaving the EU and whether the UK continues to abide by the EU Court.

**Registration Consultation Results.** The detailed outcome of the recent EA consultation on the proposed increase to registration fees is expected to be announced on or about 5 Nov. At the request of a boater an independent internal review of the process concluded that with the exception of the timing all of the government’s guidelines for consultations. The EA are proposing to develop a 5 year plan starting from 2021 – 2016 and these proposals will also be the subject of a consultation.

**Lock Moorings Booking Proposal.** The EA are seeking feedback on the lock mooring booking proposal which started this year. Members who experienced any difficulties either with the system or individual look keepers are asked to inform me. The EA have refused the suggestion of having a central booking system and are now suggesting that the non-returnable bookings fees should be based on a sliding scale dependent on the numbers of boats being booked and the number of days required. The booking fee structure is below

Duration booked	Number of vessels		
	2-5	6-10	>10
1 night *	£20	£25	£30
2 – 3 nights*	£25	£35	£40
4 or more nights*	£30	£40	£45

**I would be grateful for any feedback soonest please**

**Dinner Dance Venue Announced.** The 2019 ATYC Dinner Dance will be held at Bisham Abbey on 16 March. It is hoped to hold the ticket price at £39.50 and music will be provided by Malcolm Nedd. Bed and Breakfast accommodation will be available at £80 per room.

**PLEASE DISTRIBUTE WIDELY TO YOUR MEMBERS AS WELL ON YOUR NOTICE BOARDS**

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