

TWICKENHAM YACHT CLUB – SPRING TIDES



Welcome to your action packed copy of this spring's TYC cruiser newsletter.

It seems hard to believe that spring is upon us and that we will soon be back out on the river with frivolity, great times and much amusement as we expand our cruising grounds this summer. This year as a group we plan to go further, cover more miles and have more weekends than of many a recent summer. Whether it's the barrier at Greenwich, the countryside in Guildford, the races at Windsor or trips to the Anglers we aim to offer something for everyone this year.

Coming up

We kick the season off to a start this Saturday 17th March at 7pm as the curtain falls on this year's six nation's rugby we unveil our new season with a launch party at TYC. Tickets for this great occasion are just £5 and include a meal of chilli and rice. This year's party coincides with St Patricks Day so much Guinness and general merriment is by far the order of the day. Please note there are just a few days to go before this great party so please book now. Please contact me if you would like to attend and have not yet booked.



Our very own St Patrick

Heads Up

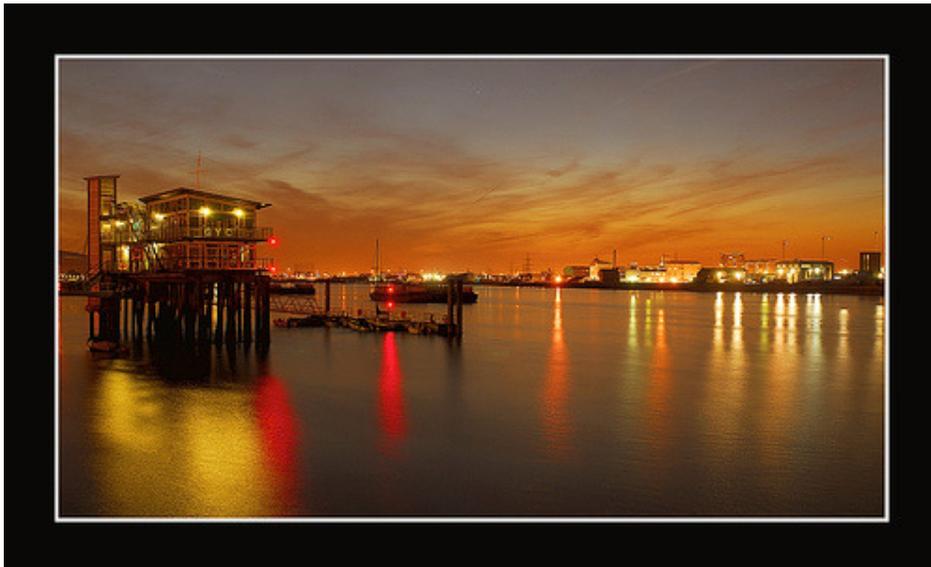
Very shortly after our start of season party on Friday April 6th we enjoy our first cruise of the season to Ye Olde Swan in Thames Ditton. A table has been reserved for Twickenham Yacht Club at 12.30pm for lunch. In order for us to be there we will be leaving TYC at 10:30 am. The plan is to then enjoy a leisurely lunch before heading back to TYC. If you would like to join the fleet either with your own boat or as a crew member please inform me so that I can confirm numbers for lunch with the pub.



Ye Olde Swan Thames Ditton

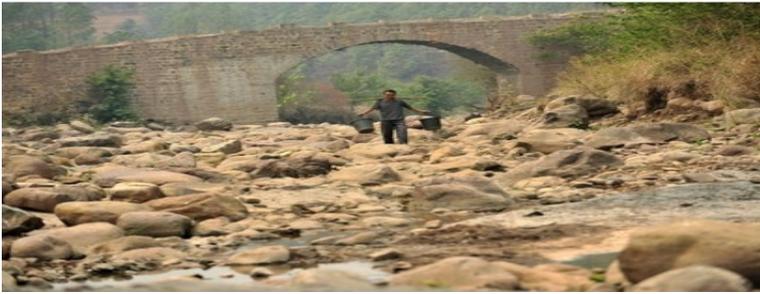
Eyes Down

In the morning on Saturday 14th April at 9.30am it is planned for Drake's armada to head down river to Greenwich Yacht Club. We are hoping to be there for 1pm when lunch will be served upon arrival. TYC members are being asked for a £10 donation to join this trip which will include lunch and a contribution towards fuel costs. In the evening it is likely that we will head to the Pilot for additional refreshment. Then on Sunday April 15th we will head back to TYC departing at 8AM and aim to be back in time for opening time. Please inform me if you would like to join as crew or with a boat.



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The Dry season



Drought conditions to hit Twickenham Yacht Club

The local water company will be introducing a hosepipe ban with effect from Thursday April 5th.

This is likely to affect us at Twickenham Yacht Club and it may be that we cannot use the hose to wash boats with after this day. They say that the ban is likely to be temporary and hopefully we will not end up with pictures like the one above but let's seize the opportunity to clean boats while we still can.

Aviva Premiership Final

We are hoping to make a group booking for the Aviva Premiership Final on Saturday May 26th when hopefully the mighty Quins will be playing. More details as I have them.

International Rescue



A big thank you to Nicole and Denise who get themselves involved in TYC's very own international in rescuing a pair of rowers who were quite happily being washed up to Teddington on the incoming spring tide. They did this not once but twice and I can personally say that the rowers were very relieved to be rescued on both occasions. No prizes for guessing who at least one of the rowers was. Proving that maybe Nicole and Denise really are TYC's very own Thunderbirds.

Volunteers required

The Yacht Club open day will be held on June 10th this year and volunteers are sought for a number of different roles within the yacht club. If you would like to support this day either by meeting and greeting or for other tasks within the Yacht Club or would like to take members of the public out for trips around the yacht club then if you would let me know in advance we can then plan the schedule for the day.

Attached

Please see the attached and hopefully finalised version of this years cruiser fixture list.

There have been a few changes in addition to the change of date to Greenwich now April 14th.

Sunbury Regatta now August 11th

There has also been a lot of recent discussion about a trip to Limehouse and it has been decided to run a TYC rally at Limehouse yacht basin on Saturday September 29th to bring the season to a grand finale. In addition to facilities at cruising association house there is also a very nice Gordon Ramsey riverside pub that we will be able to visit on this trip.

Spring Tides

I hope you have enjoyed your copy of spring tides the TYC cruising newsletter. This is our newsletter for us and it would be wonderful to share the contributions to this newsletter. It would be great to put the next edition out in May so please send me any articles you would like for inclusion.

Here's looking forward to a wonderful season ahead packed with great times, much merriment and fabulous cruising.

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TWICKENHAM YACHT CLUB CRUISER FIXTURE LIST 2012

| DATE | EVENT | Dept | Return |
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| Fri 6 th April | Good Friday at Ye Olde Swan | 12:00 | 19:00 |
| Sat 14 th April | Greenwich Yacht Club | 09:30 | |
| Sun 15 th April | Dept Greenwich Yacht Club | 08:00 | 11:30 |
| Sat 12 th May | Hampton Court Evening Cruise | 10:30 | |
| Sun 20 th May | London Apprentice | 13:30 | 18:00 |
| Sat 10 th June | TYC Open Day | | |
| Fri 22 nd June - Mon 25 th June | River Wey weekend | 18:30 | TBC |
| Fri 20 th July | Lifeboat and Sail for Gold cruise and party | 14:00 | |
| Sat-Sun 11 th - 12 th August | Sunbury Regatta | TBC | Sunday |
| Fri-Sun 24 th - 26 th August | A night at the races, Windsor | 18:00 | Sunday |
| Sat 15 th September | Great River Race | | |
| Fri 21 st September | London Apprentice & Fish and Chips | 17:00 | 21:00 |
| Sat-Sun 29 th -30 th September | TYC Limehouse Rally | | |
| Fri 2 nd November | End of Season Party | 19:30 | |
| Fri 7 th December | Christmas Dinner | 19:30 | |

Whilst it is intended that all the above events will take place as advertised this may be subject to alteration owing to river flow or weather conditions. Please note timings of all trips are subject to final confirmation.

