

December 2011

## **An open letter to flag and honorary officers or ATYC reporting persons.....**

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

*This is an opportunity to wish you the compliments of the season, but more importantly to take the opening offered to improve the way communication from ATYC is moved to ALL the members your club.*

*I attended a meeting recently where the subject was how the river was to be managed during the rowing and canoe events at Dorney during the Olympic period. I am pleased that through diligent negotiation there will be open navigation during the entire period although there will be speed and other navigation restrictions between Boveny and Bray – all to be promulgated by EA Harbour Master Direction and Instruction before the boating season starts.*

*Within the audience there was a boater who asked permission to address the meeting – a very useful contribution, however he said, “as a boater on the Thames he was not made aware of what was being discussed”. My response was that ATYC distributed our monthly “NOTICE BOARD”. An A4 one sided document that we ask to put on the club’s notice boards. It was at the same time put on the ATYC Web Page.*

*I asked that club member if that Notice Board’ bulletin was on his club notice board and he thought it might be, but was not sure! After the meeting I searched all the notice boards and regretfully the two November ‘Notice Board’ announcements were not there!*

*My plea – Please ensure that as it reaches you the A4 ‘Notice Board’ is printed and put on the club’s notice boards, and where possible communicated to the membership. The notice board also gives the website address of the ATYC - [www.atyc.co.uk](http://www.atyc.co.uk) with the Website Contact – Terry Sharpe [atyc@angelbay.net](mailto:atyc@angelbay.net). The Notice Board is up-dated frequently so that all clubs, individual club members and the public can see exactly what the ATYC is doing on behalf of the motor boaters.*

*Yours sincerely*

*Michael Shefras MBE = ATYC Chair*

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