



SHEPPERTON
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June 2026



NEWSLETTER

As we look forward to a busy few weeks ahead, the summer events season really gets underway with our Marina Open Day this Saturday – we really think we have managed to find something for everyone of all ages so please do pop along. We are also now taking bookings for our Flotilla to The Swan, along with the first of our two St Katharine Docks flotillas taking place in July.

We've also included two informative articles covering what to do when something goes wrong afloat and how to take simple actions to help keep you safe on the water while you get going again.

Steve's Naturalist bits also returns, focusing on Oak Processionary Moths as we await the clearance of an infected tree here at the marina.

Finally, there are plenty more events and activities planned throughout the summer. If you would like to take part, please contact the office to register your interest and ensure you receive the latest information as it becomes available.

We look forward to seeing you at the Marina soon.

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SHEPPERTON MARINA OPEN DAY



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FELIX LANE
TW17 8NS

OPEN 10AM | 27TH JUNE 2026

BOATS | CRAFT STALLS | FOOD | BAR
LIVE MUSIC | BOUNCY CASTLE | FAMILY FUN



What's On at Our Open Day

Join us for a fantastic day at Shepperton Marina, packed with activities, entertainment, shopping, and plenty to see and do for the whole family.

Shepperton Marina and Boat Showrooms will be offering marina tours and information on both new and used boats available for sale.

We're also delighted to be joined by Lindon Lewis, who will be providing test drives of their brand-new Whaley boats and have kindly organised for The RNLI crew from Teddington to attend with a free Lifejacket Clinic, offering valuable safety advice and checks.

GR Pro Clean will be on hand to share how they can be on hand to assist with preparing and refreshing your boat for the summer season and beyond.

The Thames Club team will be here to discuss gym memberships and facilities, with a reminder that all berth holders receive an exclusive membership discount.

We're also pleased to welcome Thames Sailability, who will be sharing information about the wonderful work they do making the Thames accessible to everyone.

Other exhibitors will be showcasing a wide range of products and services, including:

- Skincare products
- Handmade crafts and jewellery
- Knitted items
- Personalised keepsakes
- Insurance services
- Pilates information and advice
- Beauty clinic consultations
- Face painting for children

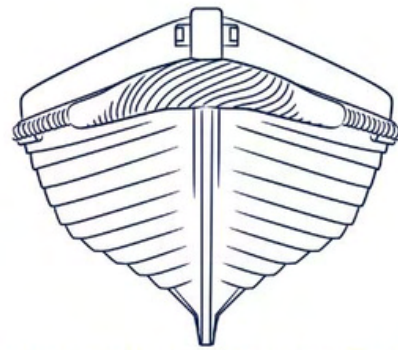
A selection of food and drink vendors will be serving delicious treats throughout the day, including:

- Chocolate-covered strawberries
- Artisan grazing and picky bits
- Sweets and confectionery
- Ice cream
- Hot Dogs and Chips
- Ethically sourced coffee
- Toasties and light bites
- Authentic Indian cuisine
- A fully stocked bar
- And much more besides!

There will also be entertainment for all ages, with live music from The Castaways Band, performing from 12pm to 4pm, creating the perfect atmosphere throughout the afternoon.

Our Younger guests can enjoy a bouncy castle and face painting, while visitors of all ages can meet representatives from the Meet the Beat policing team and Surrey Fire & Rescue Service.

We look forward to welcoming you for a fun-filled day at the marina!



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Enkhuizensloep is a true family business. It has been hand building pure Dutch sloops, tenders, and cruisers, using traditional methods, at its own shipyard in Enkhuizen for over 30 years.

With exceptional attention to detail and the use of premium quality materials, Enkhuizensloep offers beautifully finished boats for the discerning customer, who will undoubtedly appreciate their superior style, elevated comfort, and strong reputation.

All vessels are unique and built by hand according to each client's exacting specifications.

We don't just build a boat. Together, we build your boat!



BOAT SHOWROOMS

Common Boating Problems and How to Handle Them

A day cruising on the River Thames is one of life's great pleasures, but even the best-maintained boats can experience problems. The key is not to panic. Most issues can be resolved safely with a calm approach and a little knowledge.



Engine Won't Start

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A non-starting engine is one of the most common boating frustrations. Before assuming the worst, check the battery isolator is switched on, ensure there's enough fuel, and verify that the gearbox is in neutral. Loose battery connections are another frequent culprit. Regular servicing and battery checks can prevent many starting issues.



Engine Overheating

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If your engine temperature alarm sounds or the gauge rises unusually high, reduce speed and stop the engine as soon as it is safe to do so. Check for blocked cooling water intakes, weeds around the propeller, or a damaged impeller. Never continue cruising with an overheating engine, as serious damage can occur.



Fuel Problems

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Contaminated fuel, water in the fuel tank, or blocked fuel filters can cause engines to run poorly or stop altogether. If the engine begins spluttering, loses power, or stalls, check fuel filters and fuel levels. Keeping tanks topped up and using clean fuel can reduce the risk of problems.



Flat Batteries

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Modern boats rely heavily on batteries for starting, lighting, pumps, and navigation equipment. A flat battery can leave you stranded. Monitor battery condition regularly and ensure charging systems are working properly. Carrying a portable jump starter can provide extra peace of mind.



Rope Around Prop

Rope Around the Propeller

The Thames occasionally hides discarded ropes, fishing line, and other debris. If the engine suddenly loses power or vibration occurs, you may have fouled the propeller. Stop the engine immediately and avoid putting it into gear. If safe, inspect the propeller or seek professional assistance.



Running Aground

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Although generally well-marked, some areas of the Thames can be surprisingly shallow. If you run aground, stop applying power and assess the situation. Ask passengers to move carefully to redistribute weight and attempt to reverse gently. Avoid excessive throttle, which can dig the boat in further.



Steering Problems

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If steering becomes stiff or unresponsive, slow down immediately. Check for debris around the rudder or steering mechanism if safe to do so. Having an emergency plan and knowing how to use your boat's controls manually can make a significant difference.



Lock Mishaps

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Locks are part of the unique charm of Thames boating but require concentration. Have ropes ready, keep hands and feet clear of lock walls, and follow lock keeper instructions. Good communication between skipper and crew helps avoid most problems.



Strong Stream & Weather

Strong Streams and Bad Weather

Heavy rainfall can create powerful river flows, making boat handling more difficult. Check Environment Agency stream warnings before travelling and be prepared to delay your journey if conditions are unfavourable. If visibility deteriorates due to rain or fog, reduce speed and proceed with caution.



Stay Calm & Think Clearly

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The most valuable piece of equipment on any boat is a calm skipper. When something goes wrong, take a moment to assess the situation, communicate clearly with your crew, and work through the problem step by step. Most boating incidents on the Thames are manageable, and a calm approach often prevents a small issue from becoming a serious one.

Good preparation, regular maintenance, and sensible decision-making will help ensure that your time on the Thames remains safe, enjoyable, and memorable.



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Gin Tasting in the Meadow



Saturday, 4th July | 4PM

Silent Pool Gin + Souvenir Glass - £35.00 PP

Register your space in the Marina Office

Only 4 spaces left – contact the Marina Office to book now!



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Why Wait for the Weekend?

Easy Evening Cruises to Unwind After the 9-to-5

It's fantastic to see Shepperton Marina buzzing with activity at weekends. The pontoons are busy, crews are heading off on adventures, and the river is alive with boats enjoying the Thames at its best. But have you ever thought about making the most of your boat during the week?

Some of the most enjoyable cruising can be found on a calm summer evening. There's something special about casting off after work, leaving the day's emails and deadlines behind, and spending a few peaceful hours on the river as the sun begins to set. Best of all, you don't need to travel far.

Here are three easy evening cruises from Shepperton Marina that offer great food, beautiful scenery, and plenty of time to be back on your berth before dark.



The Red Lion, Offers one of the Thames' most iconic riverside settings. Moor up nearby and enjoy a leisurely stroll to the pub, where you'll find a traditional atmosphere and stunning views across the river.

As the evening sun sets, the riverside takes on a peaceful charm that's often missed by weekend crowds. It's an easy cruise that feels like a mini holiday, despite being only a short distance from the marina.



Thames Court, is a favourite with local boaters and is practically on our doorstep making a perfect evening outing.

With its large terrace overlooking the Thames, it's an ideal place to enjoy a drink, a relaxed dinner, or simply watch the boats go by as the evening light reflects on the water. The short journey means you can spend more time unwinding and less time cruising.



The Kingfisher, nestled beside Chertsey Lock takes your cruise through Shepperton Lock. The Kingfisher is a favourite destination for boaters looking for a relaxing meal and a beautiful riverside setting.

The cruise itself is part of the attraction. Passing tree-lined banks and quiet reaches of the Thames. Arriving at The Kingfisher as the evening settles over the river is the perfect reward after a busy day at work.

We often think boating is something reserved for weekends or holidays, but some of the Thames' most magical moments happen on a weekday evening. The river is quieter, the pace is slower, and a couple of hours on the water can feel like a complete escape from everyday life.

So next time you finish work and the weather looks inviting, why not swap the sofa for the river? Cast off, head to your favourite riverside pub, and discover just how rewarding an evening cruise can be.



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SHEPPERTON MARINA FLOTILLAS

The Swan Hotel, Staines – 11th July 2026

(Please note change of date)

Join us for a short trip up-river, mooring outside The Swan Hotel for an evening meal.
(you are welcome to join us by car if you wish)
Limited guaranteed moorings available but alternative options are available.
Spend as much or as little as you wish on food and drink
Free of charge to join, Time TBC



St Katharine Docks – 17/07/2026 to 20/07/2026

St Katharine Docks – 28/08/2026 to 31/08/2026

Both trips will include:
Welcome Drink and Pastries in The Marina Office
Personalised Welcome pack
Mooring at Teddington Lock (first night) with a table for drinks reserved at The Anglers
Mooring at St Kats for two nights including access to electricity on Berth.
Welcome drink at St Katharine Docks
Time to explore central London
Buffet-style meal on the Saturday night hosted on the St Katharine Docks Events Pontoon
Lock- in Times TBC



Windsor – 11/09/2026 to 13/09/2026

Guaranteed mooring with French Brothers (along the rocky wall) or
option to select rafted mooring along the promenade (not guaranteed)
Reserved area for arrival drinks at Browns 11th September PM
Opportunity to explore Windsor Town Saturday day time.
Group Dinner at Browns – 12th September 7.30pm
If not already done so, please register your interest with the marina office. All costs will be confirmed in due course.



Steve's Naturalist Bits:

Oak Processionary Moth

A Hazard to People, Pets and Trees



The Oak Processionary Moth (OPM) is an invasive species that has become increasingly common across London and the surrounding counties. While it can damage oak trees by stripping them of their leaves, the greatest concern is the health risk posed by its caterpillars and nests.



What Does It Look Like?

The adult moth is brown with a wingspan of around 25–35mm, although it is difficult to distinguish from many other moth species found in Britain.

The caterpillars hatch in spring (March–April) and begin feeding high in oak trees. By late spring they grow to around 20–25mm long and become easier to spot. They are dark in colour, covered in pale hairs, and are famous for moving in long head-to-tail lines, or "processions", which give the species its name.

Spotting the Nests

OPM caterpillars build distinctive white, silk-like nests on the trunks and branches of oak trees. During the day they shelter inside these nests, emerging at dawn and dusk to feed.

A useful identification tip is that OPM nests are always attached to a bare section of trunk or branch and are not woven into leaves.

Why is it Dangerous?

Both the caterpillars and their nests are covered in thousands of tiny toxic hairs. These hairs contain proteins that can cause:

Skin rashes and irritation

Sore eyes and throat

Breathing difficulties

Reactions in pets and other animals

The hairs can remain harmful even after the caterpillars have left the nest.

What Should You Do?

Do not touch the caterpillars or their nests.

Do not attempt to remove nests yourself.

Because of the health risks, nests should only be dealt with by trained professionals wearing PPE.

If you suspect you have found Oak Processionary Moth caterpillars or nests, keep people and pets away from the area and report the sighting via the Forestry Commission's TreeAlert service.

Did You Know?

Oak Processionary Moth was first discovered in London in 2005 and is now well established throughout much of the South East. Early identification and reporting help to protect both local wildlife and public health.

Many other caterpillar species also build nests in trees, so if you're unsure what you've found, further identification guidance is available through Forest Research.



BERTH HOLDER COUNTRY PARTY

SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER
1PM-4PM



- LINE DANCING
- FREE BAR
- INFLATABLE GAMES
- CHARITY RAFFLE
- BUCKING BRONCO
- ALL YOU CAN EAT BBQ
- CHARITY AUCTION

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW



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Marina Photo Album!

The Winner for May is



We'll contact the winner to collect their prize.

We are now accepting June entries.

Click the link to join our shared Google album.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/TSscVRvMUmX3rN4x8>

Cruise Control: Isla's Boating Playlist

As we prepare for the new season, Isla has been busy curating a collection of her favourite songs to build the perfect boating playlist for 2026. Carefully chosen to suit long days on the water, relaxed cruises along the river, and sunny afternoons moored up with friends, the playlist is designed to become the soundtrack to your time afloat this year. Whether you're setting off early in the morning, enjoying a gentle cruise, or winding down as the sun sets over the marina, Isla's selections aim to capture the laid-back spirit of the boating season and add a little extra atmosphere to every trip.



June Stand Out Song.

This month's song of the month is 'What is Life' by George Harrison – one of the standout tracks on his incredible album, 'All Things Must Pass.' Its infectious catchy chorus and inimitable guitar work make this the perfect summer song – pour yourself a drink, get out on the river, and enjoy!



JUNE

What's on?

Lindon
Lewis
MARINE

01932 247 427
info@pushtheboatout.com

LifeJacketClinicwiththeRNLI

Experts from RNLI Teddington will check over your life jacket(s) at the marina open day.
NO CHARGE. RNLI donations welcome

FREE

Saturday 27th June



Lifeboats



10% off



Life jackets purchased on the day

Test Ride the New Whaly 620R

Straight from Seawork exhibition, Europe's biggest rotomoulded boat is now here in Shepperton for test rides!
Booking essential: 01932 247 427

FREE

22nd - 28th June



Length: 6.20m

Width: 2.28m

Outboard: Max 115 hp

Number of persons: 12 (CAT D)

Maximum load: 1180kg (CAT D)

See you at the marina open day



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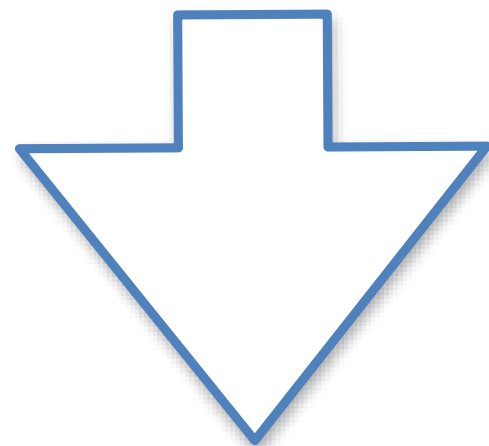
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- Exterior Machine Polishing
- Canopy Cleaning & Reproofing
- Hull Cleaning & Stain Removal
- Interior Boat Cleaning

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