

July 2026



NEWSLETTER

July has already been a fantastic month for boating, thanks to the incredible weather we've been enjoying.

In this month's newsletter, you'll find our top tips for boating safely in the heat, along with a fascinating fact file on the recent Swan Upping. We also share details of the highlight of the Shepperton Marina calendar—our annual Berth Holder Party—including how to secure your tickets.

Finally, don't miss our helpful feature on anodes, kindly provided by Lindon Lewis Marine.

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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



Berth Holder Party – Everything You Need to Know!

We've welcomed lots of new berth holders to Shepperton Marina recently, so we thought we'd share a little more information about our favourite event of the year.

Our Annual Berth Holder Party is our way of saying thank you to all of our annual moorers for choosing Shepperton Marina. Every annual mooring is entitled to two complimentary tickets per vessel, with additional tickets available to purchase for family and friends, so everyone can join in the fun.

Best of all, your free tickets include an afternoon of buffet food, an open bar, entertainment and plenty of opportunities to catch up with fellow berth holders.

While the event is all about celebrating our marina community, it's also an important fundraiser for our Marina chosen charities – Momentum Children's Charity and Thames Sailability. Last year, thanks to the incredible generosity of our berth holders, we raised around £4,000 and this year we're hoping to do even better!

Both charities will be joining us on the day with their own stalls. Thames Sailability will be on hand to share information about the fantastic work they do, giving people of all abilities the opportunity to experience boating on the Thames. Momentum Children's Charity will be bringing along some fun games and activities, so be sure to stop by and show your support. We're also delighted to welcome back the RNLI, whose stand will once again be stocked with their ever-popular merchandise – always a favourite with boaters – while helping to support the lifesaving work they carry out.

There will once again be our popular Charity Auction, featuring sought-after prizes including CP1 Crane Packages across a range of lift bands, alongside our Charity Raffle, packed with fantastic prizes kindly donated by local businesses and supporters.

This year's celebration has a Country & Western theme, so dust off your cowboy boots and get ready for an afternoon of fun! We'll have a rodeo bull, traditional side games, and the return of the ever-popular Fabulous Francis, who will once again be leading line dancing throughout the afternoon. Add in our free bar and hot buffet, and it's all set to be another fantastic Shepperton Marina party.

If you haven't already done so, please RSVP to the Marina Office as soon as possible (mentioning any dietary requirements if applicable).

We can't wait to celebrate with you, welcome our newest berth holders into the marina community, and, together, raise even more money for three incredibly worthwhile organisations. See you there!





Every bit as unique as you are.



A Linssen Yacht is a byword for steel displacement yachts of superior quality and for continuous innovative product and process development. In each decade since the company was established, Linssen Yachts has been the driving force behind innovative ideas for modernising the yacht building process. And it remains so today! By developing a new and completely unique yacht segment, the third generation of Linssens' has made the family business future-proof. Cruisers built by Linssen Yachts have very low maintenance and running costs, enabling their owners to enjoy many years of trouble free boating. Linssen's unique Logicam technology enables them to manufacture series-produced hulls in such a way that they roll off the production line as complete individual yachts.

SUMMER *on the Thames*

LOOKING AFTER YOUR BOAT IN HOT WEATHER

Summer is one of the best times to enjoy boating on the River Thames. Longer days, warm evenings and calm water make it the perfect season to explore.

Whilst we're all making the most of the sunshine, it's worth remembering that higher temperatures can place extra demands on your boat.

A few simple checks before heading out can help prevent problems and keep you enjoying your time on the water.



1. KEEP YOUR BATTERIES HAPPY

Hot weather can accelerate battery deterioration, particularly if your boat remains connected to shore power for extended periods.

- Check terminals for corrosion.
- Ensure your charger is working correctly.
- Keep battery compartments clean and well ventilated.

A healthy battery means one less thing to worry about when it's time to cast off.



2. KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR COOLING SYSTEM

An engine works much harder in warm conditions.

Before each trip, take a minute to check:

- ✓ Coolant levels
- ✓ Drive belts and hoses
- ✓ Raw water intake for weed or debris
- ✓ Engine bay for leaks

A quick inspection now could save an inconvenient breakdown later.



3. LET YOUR BOAT BREATHE

Cabins can become surprisingly hot during the summer months.

Good ventilation helps to:

- Reduce condensation
- Prevent mould and mildew
- Protect furnishings and woodwork
- Keep your cabin feeling fresh

Open hatches when it's safe to do so and encourage airflow throughout your boat.



4. MONITOR YOUR SHORE POWER

Take a moment to inspect your shore power lead and connections.

Before plugging in, inspect:

- Cables for wear or cracking
- Plugs for corrosion
- Connections for signs of overheating

If something doesn't look right, disconnect the supply and seek advice before reconnecting.



5. CHECK YOUR ROPES & FENDERS

River levels can change quickly depending on weather conditions and lock operations.

Make sure:

- Mooring lines aren't too tight.
- There's enough slack for changing levels.
- Fenders are correctly positioned to protect your hull.
- Knots remain secure but easy to adjust if needed.



6. MAKE EVERY DROP COUNT

Whether you're away for the afternoon or enjoying a weekend cruise, fresh water is a valuable resource.

Simple ways to conserve:

- Turn taps off whilst not in use.
- Take shorter showers.
- Repair small leaks promptly.
- Fill your tank before longer cruises.



Enjoy the Season



Summer is one of the best times to enjoy the River Thames. A little preventative maintenance before every trip means you'll spend less time worrying about your boat and more time enjoying everything our beautiful stretch of river has to offer.

From everyone at Shepperton Marina, we wish you a safe and enjoyable summer on the water.

Dockmaster's Tip



Five minutes of checks before every trip can save hours of inconvenience later.



SAFE BOATS



HAPPY BOATING



ENJOY THE THAMES



ARE YOUR ANODES **HAPPY?**

FIVE WAYS TO CHECK!



01

Anodes show steady wear (that's the sacrificial part!) but are not more than 50% worn

02

They are the correct anodes for the water: magnesium for rivers and canals; aluminium for brackish water, zinc for saltwater

03

They are all still present and firmly attached - not loose or just hanging on

04

Anodes are not painted over, antifouled or covered in debris that hinders water contact

05

They all show consistent wear - one anode should not be eroded away while another is intact



INSPECTED = PROTECTED!



If your boat's sacrificial anodes haven't been inspected in the last 12 months, it's time to check they're still protecting your stern drive, propeller and other underwater metal components from costly corrosion.

ENQUIRE TODAY: 01932 247 427

Steve's Naturalist Bits: Summer Wildlife on The Thames



Summer is one of the most rewarding times to explore the River Thames. With the trees in full leaf and longer daylight hours, the river comes alive with wildlife, and many fascinating species can be seen right here around Shepperton Marina.

Flash of Blue: If you're lucky, you may catch sight of a kingfisher darting low across the water. Their brilliant blue and orange plumage makes them unmistakable, although they often disappear as quickly as they appear.

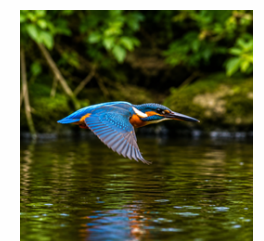
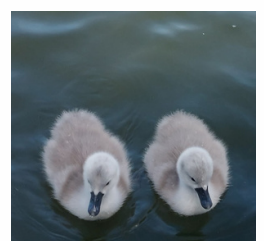
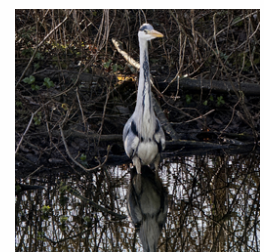
Patient Hunters: Grey herons are a familiar sight standing motionless along the riverbank before striking at fish with incredible speed. Despite their size, they're surprisingly graceful in flight.

Growing Families: Summer is when many of this year's cygnets are becoming more adventurous. Please remember to give swans and other nesting birds plenty of space, particularly if young birds are nearby.

Nature's Helicopters: Dragonflies patrol the river throughout the warmer months, helping to keep insect populations under control. Their incredible flying ability makes them one of the Thames' most fascinating insects.

Evening Visitors: As dusk falls, bats emerge to feed over the water, using echolocation to catch insects in flight. They are a wonderful reminder that the river remains busy long after the sun goes down.

A Rare Resident: Water voles have become increasingly scarce across the UK, but suitable riverside habitats continue to support local populations in some areas of the Thames. If you're fortunate enough to spot one, enjoy the moment from a distance and allow it to continue undisturbed.



Watching Wildlife Responsibly

The best wildlife encounters happen when we allow nature to behave naturally.

- Cruise at a considerate speed to minimise wash.
- Avoid approaching nesting birds.
- Never feed wildlife from your boat.
- Keep dogs under control
- Take your litter home and help keep the river clean.

Wildlife Spotting Checklist

- ☐ Kingfisher
- ☐ Grey Heron
- ☐ Swan & Cygnets
- ☐ Cormorant
- ☐ Dragonfly
- ☐ Damselfly
- ☐ Moorhen
- ☐ Coot
- ☐ Egyptian Goose
- ☐ Canada Goose
- ☐ Bat
- ☐ Water Vole (if you're very lucky!)

A Royal Tradition
ON OUR DOORSTEP

SWAN UPPING

PASSES THROUGH SHEPPERTON

Our local community were treated to a spectacular sight as the Royal Swan Upping made its way through Shepperton on its annual journey upstream along the River Thames.



Dating back more than 800 years, this is one of Britain's oldest river traditions. Today, it plays a vital role in wildlife conservation. Swan Uppers carefully gather families of mute swans so that cygnets can be weighed, measured and examined for signs of injury or disease before being safely returned to the water. The information collected provides invaluable insight into the health of the River Thames and helps protect this iconic species for future generations.



A wonderful reminder of the rich heritage and natural beauty we're privileged to enjoy on our stretch of the Thames.



SHEPPERTON
MARINA



THE FLOTILLA
PASSED THROUGH
SHEPPERTON LOCK
AT APPROXIMATELY

10.15



Swan Upping dates
back more than
800 years.



The flotilla is led by
The King's Swan Marker
and the Worshipful
Companies of Vintners
and Dyers.



This vital conservation
programme helps
monitor the health of
the Thames' mute
swan population.

Thank you to our berth holder
for kindly capturing these
wonderful photographs and
allowing us to share them.



*Here's to our river,
our wildlife and our
vibrant community.*

Cruise Control: Isla's Boating Playlist

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.



July's pick of the month is 'Road' by Nick Drake. It's a beautiful song from Pink Moon, Drake's incredible final album, released in 1972. 'Road' is best listened to on a breezy Summer's evening as you sail down the river, watching the sun dip into the horizon.



SHARE YOUR BOATING MOMENTS

Join the Shepperton Marina shared photo album

Share life at the Marina - and wherever the river takes you!

Our shared album is for all your favourite moments:

- Life around the Marina
- Days out on the Thames
- Wildlife and riverside views
- Adventures beyond the Marina
- You may see your photo printed and displayed around the Marina!



SCAN TO JOIN



FROM THE MARINA TO ADVENTURES ON THE RIVER

Wherever your boat takes you, share the journey with fellow berth holders.

Please only upload photos you are happy for other album members to view.



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SHEPPERTON MARINA FLOTILLAS

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

Last two spaces remaining.

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.



2027 Flotillas & Events

As we look each year to offer more and more of what our Customers want - please contact the Marina Office with any suggestions for flotillas or events in 2027 or email kelly@sheppertonmarina.co.uk

The Log Book

★ Best customer photo



🚤 Boating Tip of the Month

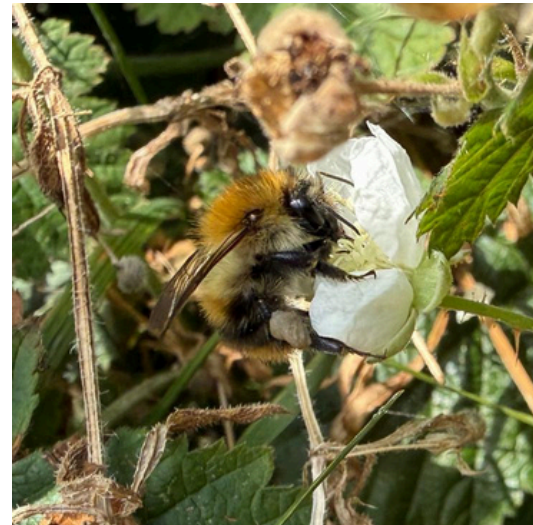
During the recent hot weather, we've found that the lock controls can become extremely hot when operating the locks on self-service. Keeping a cloth on board—or, even better, a rubber thimble—will help protect your fingers. It's certainly saved us on every trip!

🍹 Next Event

St Katherine Dock Flotilla
28/8/2026-31/8/2026
Just 2 spaces remaining! Contact the
Marina Office for more info.

Berth Holder Party
5/9/2026
Two free tickets per boat!
Dust off your cowboy boots!

🦆 Wildlife Spotting of the month



🖼️ Where is this spot?



🚦 Safety Reminder of the Month

Always keep pontoons clear of ropes, hoses, bicycles and other belongings. Even small items can become serious trip hazards, particularly at night or in wet weather. Store equipment safely aboard your vessel and ensure your mooring lines do not obstruct the walkway.



Boat for Sale



Vessel Name: 'Tillie'

Make: Broom Aquarius

Engine: 40HP Honda Outboard

Length: 6 metres

Location: Shepperton Marina

Other Information: Accompanied Viewing welcome prior to bid by appointment only.

Sealed Tender addressed to Oice Manager should be sent to Shepperton Marina, Shepperton Marina, Felix Lane, Shepperton, TW17 8NS no later than 5pm on Tuesday 1st September 2026.

Payments accepted by Bank Transfer only. Vessel is sold as seen, Payment is required immediately along with removal of the vessel within 7 days.



VOTE FOR US INLAND MARINA OF THE YEAR 2026!

Voting has now opened for Marina of the Year 2026.

Please take a moment to scan the QR code below and cast your vote. Remember to mention the team members who've made a difference to your experience this year — your words help shine a light on the people behind our success!



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VOTING OPEN UNTIL: SEPTEMBER 2026

Summer Special

Save on essential maintenance

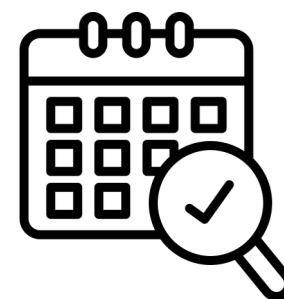
**If the marina has your boat keys,
we can sort everything!**



Labour bill

Excludes products

Hull wash & scrub

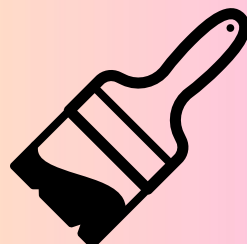


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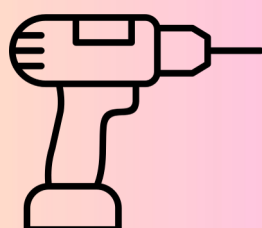
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Bolt-on anode replacement



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find honest people who
know what they're doing."**

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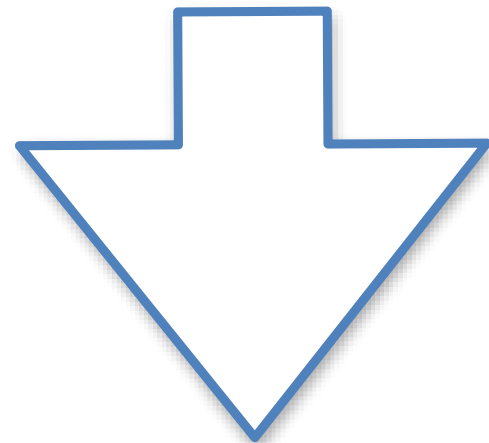
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- Regular Wash-downs
- Exterior Machine Polishing
- Canopy Cleaning & Reproofing
- Hull Cleaning & Stain Removal
- Interior Boat Cleaning

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