



Manchester-by-the-Sea Harbormaster
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The Waterline

Greetings Boaters,

Outfall Pipe

A barge will be appearing in the harbor Monday to repair a leaking outfall pipe from the water treatment plant. The leaking effluent is treated and poses no health risk. Repairs may take as long as two weeks to complete. If you find that your mooring is inaccessible due to the location of the barge you will be allowed to use town dock space to tie up your vessel. In some cases boats may need to be placed on different moorings to allow the barge to get out of the harbor when work is complete.

Safe Boating Day USCG Station Gloucester

- Commercial Fishing Education
- Recreational Boating Booths
- Signal Flare and Fire Extinguisher
Demos at 1000 and 1200
- Fishing Vessel Safety Examinations
- Try out Safety Gear
- Learn about Safety Equipment
Requirements
- VHF Radio Use Class
- Rescue Boat, Police Boat, and Cutter
Tours
- Health and Well-Being Booths
- **Drop Off Your Expired Safety Flares**

**USCG
STATION
GLOUCESTER**

Safe Boating Day!
For more information please
Contact: Rick Bowen
978-283-0705 Ext. 208
www.uscgboating.org

When: 18 May 2013
Time: 9:00am to
1:30pm
Where: 17 Harbor Loop
Gloucester, MA

MYC Boat Safety Inspections

On the 22nd of June from 0800 - 1200 the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary will be conducting free and risk-free safety inspections at MYC. Upon successful inspection you will receive a sticker visible to the Coast Guard should they board your vessel. If your vessel fails you will not be reported and you will know what to correct. Contact Charlie Newhall at clnewhall@gmail.com to sign up. See you there!

Marine Mammals

A **beached whale, dolphin or porpoise** should be reported immediately and left alone pending further instruction. **Call the New England Aquarium's 24-hour Marine Animal Hotline: (617) 973-5247.** Please try to remain calm and leave your name and a phone number where you can be reached.

Sea turtles in our region do not typically come ashore unless they are seriously debilitated. **Call the New England Aquarium's 24-hour Marine Animal Hotline: (617) 973-5247.** Please try to remain calm and leave your name and a phone number where you can be reached.

Seals belong on the beach. It's normal. Please don't disturb them. Unlike whales or dolphins, seals are semi-aquatic and are comfortable out of the water. Most seals come onto beaches to sleep, nurse or soak up some sun.

What should you do if you spot a seal on the beach?

Seals are cute, but they are wild animals and should not be disturbed. By getting too close, you could upset the seal or possibly get bitten.

- **Watch quietly** from at least 150 feet away.
- **Keep dogs away** from the seal.
- **Do not** offer the seal food or water.
- **Do not** pour water on the seal or try to cover it with a towel or blanket.

- **Do not** try to make the seal move.
- **Does the seal look injured or unhealthy?**

Most seals on the beach are perfectly healthy, but sometimes they do need human assistance. Does the seal have any **obvious injuries, gunky eyes, or look skinny or underweight**? If the seal does, please take notes on its location, size, coloring and behavior and call the New England Aquarium's Marine Animal Hotline at (617) 973-5247.

All marine mammals are protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act. This law makes it illegal to touch, disturb, feed or otherwise harass marine mammals without authorization.

Used Lobster Gear For Sale

The harbormaster received a notice regarding used lobster gear. Anyone interested please call the harbormaster for contact information.

Hours

Harbormaster summer hours commence Thursday May 23rd. Scheduled hours will be Thursday through Monday. Scheduled office hours will be on Monday.

Click the following link for your latest Local Notice to Mariner's.

<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/lnms/lnm01082013.pdf>. Be vigilant and notify the harbormaster of any missing or off station aids to navigation. The latest Manchester Harbor Rules & Regulations are posted on the Harbormaster website.

Stop by, say hi and don't forget your lifejacket! You can follow harbor happenings on the town website under Harbormaster or Facebook at Manchester Harbormaster Department. Updated as often as is practical.