



**Manchester-by-the-Sea Harbormaster**  
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**The Waterline**

Greetings Boaters,

**MASSPORT Mooring Offer**

MASSPORT representatives will be in Manchester this April, date not finalized, to present a proposal for funding the installation of environmentally friendly moorings in our eelgrass beds. As most of you know the offer will have two aspects, the replacement of existing block and chain moorings in eelgrass as well as day use transient moorings in Sand Dollar Cove.

**Waterway Permit and Waitlist Renewals**

Over four hundred waterway permit stickers for the 2013 boating season have been issued to date. **Remember that March 31<sup>st</sup> is the cut-off date for permit and waitlist renewal.** No renewals will accepted after this date without prior approval of the harbormaster. Call or stop by the office to receive your renewal forms. Payments by credit card and electronic check are now accepted by the Harbor Department.

**Hours**

Office hours starting in March will be Monday 8AM- 4PM, Wednesday 8AM- 4PM, Thursday 8AM-8PM and Friday 8AM- 4PM.

**Boater Safety Course**

An Environmental Police and NASBLA certified safe boating course will be offered in Manchester this spring. Classes will be held at Manchester High School on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> with an exam on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Safe boating certificates will be issued to all students with a passing grade.

Please contact Manchester Parks and Recreation Department at (978) 526-2019 to sign up for this important course. Class size limited to 40.

For those wishing to take the course sooner please contact the Harbormaster of Beverly or Gloucester. Baert Marine on Route #1 in Middleton is also offering the course at their facility. Courses are scheduled for March and April at these locations. Please be advised, you must be 12 years of age no later than May, 16<sup>th</sup> in order to take this course.

### **Basic Navigation Course**

Don't get lost in the fog when your GPS quits. The Manchester Parks and Recreation Department is offering a dead reckoning navigation course this May. Classes will be held at Manchester High School and your instructor will be Manchester Assistant Harbormaster Thomas Aldrich.

Please contact Manchester Parks and Recreation Department at (978) 526-2019 to sign up.

### **Updated Rules and Regulations**

The Harbor Advisory Committee and harbormaster, with the help of several citizens have finalized updates to the Manchester Waterway Rules & Regulations. The committee will present the updates to the Board of Selectmen on March 4<sup>th</sup> for approval. Please feel free to contact the harbormaster for a copy of the draft if you are interested.

### **Town Meeting Article**

The harbormaster is requesting \$6,000 to purchase and install an aluminum access ramp behind the police station. The ramp would replace the treacherous granite steps currently used to get to the dinghy dock. Funding would come from the waterway fund.

### **Lifejackets**

Anyone with serviceable lifejackets that you are replacing please consider donating them to the Manchester Harbor Department loaner program. Loaner lifejackets are distributed when the harbormaster encounters a boater with an inadequate number PFD's on his/her vessel.

Please, feel free to contact me with any and all questions.

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.

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.