



Manchester-by-the-Sea Harbormaster **Harbormaster**

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The Waterline

Greetings Boaters,

Outfall Pipe

A barge will be appearing in the harbor during the next week 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.

Floats and Ramps

All town owned floats and ramps are in place for the season. Anyone with gear or a dinghy on the docks behind town hall must remove it this weekend. Just a reminder that town docks are not for storage. Tucks Point docks will be the focus of decking replacement in the coming weeks.

Reed Park Pier

Renovation and repair of the Reed Park Pier is complete. Thanks to Stoneworks Landscaping and Construction for another great job. A fresh coat of paint on the railings will be the finishing touch.

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**

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 2nd, 6th, 9th, 13th with an exam on the 16th. 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.

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.

Hours

Office hours in April & part of May will be Monday 8AM- 4PM, Wednesday 8AM- 4PM, Thursday 8AM-8PM and Friday 8AM- 4PM.

Click the following link for your latest Local Notice to Mariner's.
<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/lrms/lrm01082013.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.