



**Manchester-by-the-Sea Harbormaster**  
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THE WATERLINE

Greetings Boaters,

Labor Day is here and so is the beginning of the end of another boating season. Thanks for helping to make Manchester a safe and friendly place to go boating this season.

**Life Jacket Loaner Kiosks and Float Plan Boxes**

Thanks to efforts of Sam Creighton and his fellow Boy Scouts the Town of Manchester has loaner life jackets at each of the four town docking facilities. Sam worked for several months to secure permits, design, procure materials to construct and install the kiosks. Sam also installed boxes with float plans for those venturing out on the water. All paddle boarders and kayakers are encouraged to fill out a float plan before launching. Great work Sam, you deserve your Eagle award.

**One Hour Tie Up**

The one hour tie up regulation at all town docking facilities is still in effect after Labor Day.

**Outboards**

The new regulation regarding outboard motors is now in effect. Any mooring boater who chooses to keep his/her outboard in the up position while the vessel is on the mooring must completely cover the propeller and skeg. If you do not cover the bottom of your outboard while it is on the mooring you will be financially liable for any damage caused to adjacent vessels by your outboard. Failure to cover the bottom of your outboard may also result in the loss of mooring rights. Feel free to contact the Harbormaster with any questions.

## **Stickers**

If you did not place your Waterway permit sticker on your vessel you will be assessed a one hundred dollar fee at spring renewal time. Placing your sticker on the vessel now will not exempt you from the fee as the boating season is at its end. Your sticker must be placed on your vessel before it goes on the mooring.

## **Massport Moorings**

An agreement has been reached between the Town of Manchester and Massport regarding the replacement of existing moorings in Area G and F. Starting this Fall anyone with a traditional block and chain mooring in these areas will have the opportunity to replace it with an environmentally friendly mooring system. I will be in contact with all those eligible for a replacement.

## **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.

### **Harbormaster Hours**

Monday or Wednesday	8:30AM-4:30PM
Thursday	9AM-8PM
Friday	10AM-5PM
Saturday	10AM-5PM
Sunday	10AM-5PM

Due to meeting schedules Harbormaster days off will alternate each week from Tuesday and Wednesday to Monday and Tuesday. This schedule may change as need dictates. Feel free to call before coming to the office. The Harbormaster can be reached by cell phone (978) 473-2520.

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

<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/lnms/lnm01212013.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.