



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

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### **The Waterline**

Greetings Boaters,

#### **Safe Boating Course Offered**

An Environmental Police and NASBLA certified one day safe boating course will be offered in Manchester this Saturday November 23rd. Class will be held at Manchester Town Hall on in Rm. 5 with an exam on the same day. Class start time will be 8:00AM. Safe boating certificates will be issued to all students with a passing grade. There is no fee for this course.

Please contact the Manchester Harbormaster at (978) 526-7832 and leave a message with a return phone number to receive a sign up form for this important course. Class size is limited to 20.

#### **Town Floats**

The Tuck's Point floats are tucked away for the season. Reed Park and Town Hall floats will remain in place until early December or threat of ice. Morss Pier commercial floats will remain in until threat of ice.

#### **Stickers**

2014 waterway permit stickers are in. If you are going away for the winter please renew before you leave so that you do not miss the March 31<sup>st</sup> renewal deadline. Please call or stop by the office to complete your renewal, you must speak with the harbormaster to complete the renewal.

## **NOAA Free Chart Downloads**

In an effort to go paperless NOAA is making charts available in pdf format on a trial basis for three months ending January 22nd. Charts may be found at <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/pdfcharts/>. Try downloading a chart or two and post your experience in the comment section of the NOAA website.

## **Boat for Sale**



Offering, a 22' Privateer with a 175hp direct injection Evinrude outboard. The boat is well equipped with Furuno Radar & GPS, Icom VHF radio, AM/FM CD stereo with new speakers and a Jabsco wash down pump.

This boat also comes with a new 5 Star/ Load Rite roller trailer with disk brakes, boat was totally rewired professionally in 2012.

This boat is in excellent shape and makes a good fishing vessel. \$15900 or best offer, must sell new boat coming!!  
Call (978)490-6740.

## **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.

The latest Local Notice to Mariner's can be found on the harbormaster portion of the town website. 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.