



## Manchester-by-the-Sea Harbormaster Harbormaster

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THE WATERLINE

Greetings Boaters,

### Memorial Day Weekend

Well it looks like a slow wet start to the 2013 boating season. We will look forward to the drier days ahead.

Assistant Harbormaster Tom and I will be starting our annual check for stickers this weekend. If you have launched your boat or dinghy and failed to put on your sticker please put it on the next time you go to the boat. Please observe tie-up regulations at all of the town floats.

### MYC Boat Safety Inspections

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 [cnewhall@gmail.com](mailto:cnewhall@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.

### **Hours**

Monday	8AM-5PM
Thursday	8AM-8PM
Friday	8AM-5PM
Saturday	8AM- 5PM
Sunday	8AM- 5PM

Hours may vary depending on special events. 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.