



Manchester-by-the-Sea Harbormaster **Report to the Board of Selectmen**

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The Waterline

MOORINGS

Mooring reassignment is ongoing with approximately fifty moorings offered to date. Other undesignated moorings (4) have been identified, all in Area G, and will be added to the remaining moorings to be reassigned. Violation notices were placed on better than forty vessels for failure to display stickers, most of those vessels have since come into compliance.

Harbormaster Boats

The retired harbormaster boat is now listed for sale on the State Central Registry. A reserve of \$12,000 is in place to maximize return on the vessel. No inquiries as of yet. Installation of radar and GPS on the new vessel will be completed soon.

Public Safety

Sets of keys for both harbormaster boats have been delivered to Fire and Police. Public safety is first priority and both departments should have access to the boats. I would like to thank the Police Department for dispatching me to several on water incidents including; illegal vessel operation, boat fire, swimmers in possible distress and a vessel ashore. The Manchester waterfront is safer thanks to the PD! The Fire Department provided a new plug for the de-watering and firefighting pump on the harbormaster boat. The harbormaster will participate in some training with the FD. The goal is get the harbormaster up to speed on FD operational response expectations on the waterfront. Thanks also to the Good Samaritan who reported a kayaker heading into dangerous conditions on Sunday. Fortunately the individual returned without incident. Always feel free to contact the harbormaster if you see something of concern while on the water.

Additions to the Mooring and Waterway Regulations

Thanks to the hard work of the Harbor Advisory Committee two items will be presented to the Board of Selectmen. A temporary mooring use program for persons on the waitlists and a management plan for Morss Pier will be added to the rules and regulations if approved.

Rotunda Re-opening Boat Parade

Nineteen vessels participated in this gala event parading from Area G to the Rotunda and back. Great weather, cannon fire, live music and a stately parade of Manchester vessels made for a truly memorable event. Thanks to all the participants.

Morss Pier Renovations

Wiring repairs to the pier are complete with other electrical updates approaching completion. Volunteers are anxious to continue painting when the rain stops.

Safe Boating Course

Thirty-three folks young and old completed the Safe Boating Course and received certificates from the Massachusetts Environmental Police. Thanks to instructor Captain Ron Morin, host Manchester Yacht Club and the Environmental Police, Manchester is a safer place to go boating.