



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

Greetings Boaters,

**2013 Boat Excise Payments**

To date only 160 boaters have paid the 2013 excise bill. If you have not sent payment please do so right away. January 7<sup>th</sup> was the cut-off date to avoid the possible assessment of late fees. Failure to pay will also result in mooring rights being revoked. If you have any questions regarding your bill please give the Assessor's or Harbormaster's office a call.

**Harbor Advisory Committee**

The Harbor Advisory Committee will meet today, Thursday at Town Hall. Meeting time is 5:30PM in room 5. Harbor Advisory Committee meeting agendas and minutes are now posted under Boards and Committees on the town website.

**MASSPORT**

On December 10<sup>th</sup> the Harbor Department received word from MASSPORT that their legal department is in the early stages of drafting a proposal to the Town of Manchester in regards to environmental moorings. A formal proposal is expected after the first of the year.

**Waterway Permit and Waitlist Renewals**

Renewals are being completed at a merry clip. Twenty percent of mooring holders have already called or visited the office. Call or stop by the office to receive your renewal forms. It is all very easy, I promise. Payment by credit card and electronic check is now accepted by the Harbor Department.

**Hours**

The harbormaster will be in the office Monday, Wednesday and Thursday through the month of January. Mandatory harbormaster training may require Tuesday hours instead of Wednesday.

### **Office**

The harbormasters office is receiving a modest face-lift. I apologize for the construction zone atmosphere.

### **Lifejackets**

Anyone with serviceable lifejackets that you are replacing please consider donating them to the Manchester Harbor Department loaner program. Loaner lifejackets are distributed when the harbormaster encounters a boater with an inadequate number PFD's on his/her vessel.

### **Morss Pier**

The new crane for Morss pier has arrived. Installation while begin as soon as structural support members arrive.

Please, feel free to contact me with any and all questions.

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

<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/lnms/lnm01032013.pdf>. Be vigilant and notify the harbormaster of any missing or off station aids to navigation.

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.