



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



Greetings Boaters,

**Santa is Coming**

Santa makes his Pre- Christmas visit to Manchester this Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>. Jolly old Saint Nick lands at 1:00pm sharp on the Masconomo Park fishermen's dock so come on down and wish him a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Harbor Ice**

Several boats remain on moorings in Area A. While the temperature is warmer the next few days we have already had a freeze over. Please remove your boat from Area A so as to avoid your vessel potentially becoming trapped in the ice.

**Manchester Draw Hours of Operation**

Recently a Manchester boater experienced some difficulty in obtaining an opening of the drawbridge. After several discussions and e-mails with the MBTA as well as the Coast Guard the schedule was clarified. Below is a copy of the schedule. While for most boaters the schedule is irrelevant at this time of year it is included here for future reference. The schedule can also be found on the harbormaster website.

§ 117.603 Manchester Harbor. Effective: Tuesday, November 01, 2011 The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Bridge at mile 1.0 in Manchester, shall operate as follows:

(a) The draw shall open on signal-

- (1) From Memorial Day through September 30 from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.;
- (2) From April 1 to Memorial Day and from October 1 to November 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

(b) **At all other times**, the draw shall open on signal with at least four hours of notice.

(c) The owner of this bridge shall provide and keep in good legible condition, clearance gauges for each draw with figures not less than twelve (12) inches high designed, installed and maintained in accordance with the provisions of section 118.160 of this chapter.

### **Town Floats**

Reed Park floats will be removed Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup>. Town Hall and Morss Pier commercial floats will remain in place 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.

### **Boats 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. \$15,900 or best offer, must sell new boat coming!!  
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Unique in appearance with striking looks, this one of a kind boat is seriously for sale.

Asking: \$139,000.

### **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**

Tuesday	8:30AM-4:30P
Wednesday	8:30AM-4:30PM
Thursday	9AM-8PM

This schedule is in effect until March 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 harbormaster will be working an irregular schedule through December 13<sup>th</sup> due to participation in performances of "An 1836 Nutcracker" at the Music Hall in Portsmouth. Please feel free to call the cell number anytime and especially before you swing by the office.

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.