



Manchester-by-the-Sea Harbormaster
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The Waterline

Greetings Boaters,

Safe Boating Graduates

Fifteen individuals took some time out of their busy summer schedules and completed the NASBLA certified Massachusetts Environmental Police Safe Boating Course. I am pleased to report that all participants passed the exam and are now certified safe boaters. I am equally pleased to report that prior graduates have been observed on the water implementing safe boating practice. Well done!

Thanks also to the Environmental Police for answering all my questions and providing support.

Tropical Storm Bertha

The second named storm of the season is currently down around Puerto Rico and is expected to take a turn up the East Coast. At this time the track takes Bertha well offshore with no landfall in the United States. Implementation of the storm plan for Manchester should not be necessary but everyone should pay attention to the storm track, just in case.

Be Advised

Ticketing begins this week for all mooring boaters with an uncovered lower unit left in the raised position while on the mooring. You will also be responsible for any damage caused by your uncovered lower unit. Dinghy holders, make sure your pennant is ten feet long at the town dock. No more time out, tickets will be issued. Failure to comply with these harbor regulation will likely result in loss of your mooring and or dinghy spot.

Vessel operators are obliged to follow USCG Rules of the Road and Massachusetts Law 90B.

On one recent weekend a large sailboat under power in the channel failed to yield to another sailboat not under power, creating an illegal and dangerous situation. The large

sailboat operator claimed right of way because of the channel and was mistaken, at the time the large vessel was not restricted in maneuverability, constrained by draft or not under command, therefore the smaller sailboat had right of way. If you are not familiar with these terms you should quickly become familiar. On many occasions at low tide on busy afternoons sail boaters will sail across the channel and cause dangerous situations for larger vessels confined to the channel because of the low tide. The point here is quite simple, just because you are on your boat you do not have automatic right of way.

Pay attention to the tide and other conditions that affect not only you but every other vessel. As a captain and or operator you are responsible and should know the rules of the road, if you don't you have no business operating a vessel. Take a safe boating course.

Manchester Draw Hours of Operation

§ 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.

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!!
Call (978)490-6740.



ATLANTIC is a custom, cold molded sport fishing design modified for cruising. Designed by Eldridge McInnis, the hull is a modified Fortier 33 with a higher deck and custom sheer, allowing for greater interior volume, increased deck area, and an extremely dry ride.

Unique in appearance with striking looks, this one of a kind boat is seriously for sale.
Asking: \$89,000.

Bion, These are photos of the 12 foot Avon Hard Bottom Inflatable with a Yamaha 40 HP Jet Drive. \$4875 includes the trailer. Call 617-921-9081



Boat Partner Wanted for Summer 2015

SAILBOAT PARTNER WANTED for Sabre28' or similar, beginning Spring 2015. We have a mooring in Manchester's Inner Harbor and we are ready to acquire our next boat. Contact Bud Elliott 978-578-6659.

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

Wednesday	8:30AM-5:30PM
Thursday	8:30AM-8PM
Friday	8:30AM-5:30PM
Saturday	8:30AM-5:30PM
Sunday	8:30AM-5:30PM

This schedule is in effect until Labor Day and 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.