



Manchester-by-the-Sea Harbormaster
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THE WATERLINE

Greetings Boaters,

Waterway Permit and Waitlist Renewals

No more mooring or waitlist renewals are being accepted unless you have already spoken with the harbormaster and been granted an extension. Revocation notices will be mailed Monday and after the appeal period of (30) thirty days, all available moorings will be re-assigned.

New Access Ramp

Thank you to the residents of Manchester for approving the funding for a new aluminum access ramp to the docks behind town hall. Waterfront users will no longer need to climb down the treacherous granite steps and swing around a pole to get to the docks. The ramp should be in place sometime in July.

Dredging

The US Army Corps of Engineers issued a permit for the disposal by open dump, of dredge spoil from Manchester Harbor. This important permit means substantial savings to the town as open dumping offshore is the most cost effective disposal method. Final permitting is still in process. Stay tuned.

Harbor Advisory Meeting 4/11//2013

MEETING LOCATION: Town Hall 6:00PM ROOM 5

Safe Boating Day USCG Station Gloucester

- Commercial Fishing Education
- Recreational Boating Booths
- Signal Flare and Fire Extinguisher
Demos at 1000 and 1200
- Fishing Vessel Safety Examinations

- Try out Safety Gear
- Learn about Safety Equipment Requirements
- VHF Radio Use Class
- Rescue Boat, Police Boat, and Cutter Tours
- Health and Well-Being Booths
- **Drop Off Your Expired Safety Flares**

**USCG
STATION
GLOUCESTER**

Safe Boating Day!
For more information please
contact: Rick Bowen
978-283-0705 Ext. 208
www.uscgboating.org

When: 18 May 2013
**Time: 9:00am to
1:30pm**
**Where: 17 Harbor Loop
Gloucester, MA**

Boater Safety Course

An Environmental Police and NASBLA certified safe boating course will be offered in Manchester this spring. Classes will be held at Manchester High School on May 2nd, 6th, 9th, 13th with an exam on the 16th. Safe boating certificates will be issued to all students with a passing grade.

Please contact Manchester Parks and Recreation Department at (978) 526-2019 to sign up for this important course. Class size limited to 40.

Basic Navigation Course

Don't get lost in the fog when your GPS quits. The Manchester Parks and Recreation Department is offering a dead reckoning navigation course this May. Classes will be held at Manchester High School and your instructor will be Manchester Assistant Harbormaster Thomas Aldrich.

Please contact Manchester Parks and Recreation Department at (978) 526-2019 to sign up.

Morss Pier Crane

The new crane for the fishermen is up and operating. Thanks to Stoneworks Construction and Manchester Electric for your professional work.

Updated Rules and Regulations

Updated rules and regulations are posted on the town website under “Harbormaster”. Please take a moment to review the document as some important cutoff dates have been added.

Lifejackets

Thanks to those who have donated used lifejackets for the loaner program. You are contributing to a safer Manchester Harbor and I thank you very much. 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.

Hours

Office hours starting in March will be Monday 8AM- 4PM, Wednesday 8AM- 4PM, Thursday 8AM-8PM and Friday 8AM- 4PM.

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

<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/lnms/lnm01082013.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.