



## **Manchester-by-the-Sea** **Harbormaster**

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### **The Waterline**

**Manchester, Massachusetts** – I hope everyone finished fitting out before the rains came. No? For those not ready to splash just remember, we New Englanders are excellent rain drop dodgers. Don't worry about the weather, it is sunny somewhere.

#### **Moorings**

Moorings renewal is complete for this year and reassignment of moorings has begun. Thanks to Skip Crocker, Jack Fadden and Tom Baker many of the available unused moorings have been located and vessels are being assigned to those moorings. At this point twenty moorings have been reassigned and another twenty will follow. Updated waitlists will be posted by the end of May.

#### **Harbormaster Boat**

The new harbormaster boat is here. It is a 2003 Eastern 24' center console powered with a Honda 130HP outboard. Harbormaster lettering and the town seal are on, registration numbers will be on the boat early next week and she will go in the water. We should expect many years of service from this vessel.

#### **Rotunda Re-opening Boat Parade**

Mark Your Calendar! This Memorial Day Manchester celebrates the grand re-opening of the rotunda at Tuck's Point. To help celebrate the event, which includes live music and maybe even cannons, a boat parade is being organized. What a great way to kick-off the summer boating season! So spiff up that boat, contact the harbormaster for details and sign up for this fun community event, no pirates please.

#### **Morss Pier Renovations**

Renovations funded by the CPC are underway on the Morss Pier shelter at Masconomo Park. New red cedar shingles and a fresh coat of paint will be applied starting next week or whenever the rain stops. Many thanks to Greg Bialy for his efforts to remove the old

shingles from the shelter as well as Elise Doucette and Dominique Noriega from the high school for swinging paint brushes to freshen up the pier. Their volunteer efforts are greatly appreciated. The replacement of two broken access ladders and repair to a damaged support timber will also be completed. Other issues to be addressed include the replacement of the dilapidated crane for the fishermen's hoist, utilities to the pier and posting a safe working load for vehicles using the pier.

### **Safe Boating Course**

The Safe Boating Course is full for this year.

### **Rules, Regulations and Office Hours**

I encourage everyone to read the Harbor Rules and Regulations found on the town website. Office hours are Monday-Tuesday 8AM-4PM Thursday 8AM-7PM and Saturday 8AM-12PM through Mid-May. You may contact the harbormaster at any time by phone. For mooring, waitlist, boating and waterfront news, please check the Harbormaster website. Visit the Town website at [www.manchester.ma.us](http://www.manchester.ma.us) and click on town departments, then harbormaster. Your input is always welcome. Send e-mail to [harbormaster@manchester.ma.us](mailto:harbormaster@manchester.ma.us).

Please note. As the boating season approaches I will be away from the office frequently. Feel free to call the HM cell phone to make sure I am in the office.

Please stop by to say hello and don't forget your lifejacket.