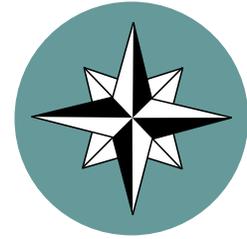




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Greetings Boaters,

Happy Thanksgiving To All!

Waterway Renewals

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Waterway renewal forms will be mailed next week. Although this is earlier than previous years renewal cutoff dates are the same. Mooring renewal is required by March 1st unless prior arrangements have been made with the harbormaster. Failure

to pay by March 1st will result in the loss of your mooring.

All other renewals are do no later than March 31st.

Payments will be collected by the Treasurer unless you are paying online.

Remember that all renewals may be done on-line through the town website!

Any information needed for your renewal will be on your form.

Bow & Stern Moorings

The Harbor Department is implementing the next round of mandatory conversions of moorings from single point to double point.

This is part of the ongoing effort to end property damage and reduce expenses related to dredging .

All moorings located on the North side of the channel from Manchester Marine to Norton's Point , (a portion of Area 3) and all of Area 4, (Whittier Cove) must be

converted.

Please reach out to your mooring service provider to arrange the mooring set up.

As part of this conversion the smaller center console vessels in Proctor cove will be relocated to Area 4 as well .

Dredging costs are going to be in the millions of dollars for future projects. Realignment of moorings will allow the town to better target dredging needs to maintain maximum navigabil-

ity through out the harbor.

Understandably there will be some concerns about this project and as ever I am happy to answer your questions and address your concerns to the best of my ability.

Points of Interest:

- Marine Mammals
- Drawbridge
- Community Events
- Public comment
- Towing Insurance
- Harbor Advisory Meeting

LNG Tanker

What surprise for Magnolia residents last Thursday! It isn't everyday we have a liquid natural gas tanker just outside the harbor.

derway for Boston.



A quick call to the Coast Guard shed some light on the arrival of our very large visitor. The tanker was under going through a routine inspection, albeit a little outside the routine inspection location. Shortly after the call the tanker got un-



Reminder:

Please remember that from September 15th – May 15th you are required to wear your PFD at all times when on the water.

Maritime Center/Harbor Office

The Steering Committee is waiting for feedback from Tetra Tech, the company hired to do site evaluations for this project.

Community Events

Santa Claus is Coming to Town! Saturday December 7th at Reed Park!

Manchester 375th planning continues.

Public Comment

Congratulations to Joe Gray. Joe was raised in Manchester and recently became an Environmental Police Officer. Joe also worked with us as an Assistant Harbormaster for a while and now he will be helping to keep us safe as a state public safety officer. We look forward to seeing him around!

Manchester Draw Hours Of Operation

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

The draw shall open from Memorial Day thru Sept. 30 from 7 a.m. to 11p.m.

From Memorial Day and from Oct.1 to Nov.1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6p.m.

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

Call (617) 222-6114



Helpful Links

Massachusetts Boating Law Chapter 90B:

<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/Part/TitleXIV/Chapter90B>

Smart Boating:

www.smartboatingus.com

Paddle Boarding Safety:

<https://www.boatus.com/>

Towing Insurance

What happens when you breakdown or run out of gas or some other unforeseen event that ruins a perfectly nice boating day? If you are lucky enough to be in an area where the community allows towing by the harbormaster help is

Marine Mammals

A beached whale, dolphin or porpoise should be reported immediately and left alone pending further instruction. **Call the NOAA 24-hour Marine Animal Hotline: (866) 755-6622.** Please leave your name and a phone number where you can be reached.

Sea turtles in our region

magazine/2017/august/stand-up-paddleboarding-safety.asp

Manchester Harbor Boat Club:

<http://www.manchesterharborboatclub.org/main.html>

Towing Services:

Sea/tow (Yellow boat)

<https://www.seatow.com/>

nearby and probably free. Many communities including Manchester do not allow towing unless there is risk to life or property involved, otherwise you will pay large sums for towing service.

It would be wise to consid-

do not typically come ashore unless they are seriously debilitated. **Call the 24-hour Marine Animal Hotline: (866) 755-6622.** Seals belong on the beach. It's normal.

What should you do if you spot a seal on the beach?

Keep people and dogs 150' away from the seal.

Does the seal look injured

membership

Towboat US (Red Boat)

https://www.boatus.com/Membership-Web_Main/Membership-personalbuytowing.aspx

Massachusetts Environmental Police Change of Status /Cancellation forms:

<https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/08/nf/statuschangeform.pdf>

er the purchase of towing insurance from your insurance company, Sea-tow or Tow Boat US. For a reasonable rate you will potentially avoid thousands in towing fees.

or unhealthy? If so please call **(866) 755-6622** or call your **Harbormaster.**

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.



Marine Animal

Hotline:

(866) 755-6622



Reminder:

Dinghies and kayaks must be removed from town floats and racks by December 1st!

October Storms

More than twenty vessels suffered some degree of damage during the Oct. 17th Nor'easter and the following gale that struck our region.

Sails were destroyed on numerous vessels, three small power boats went ashore on Long and Magnolia Beaches, four sailing vessels went adrift and either were captured and placed on moorings after colliding with other vessels or went ashore. One power vessel went ashore at Glass Head and is a total loss.

The storms were significant due to the strength and direction of the wind. Gusts were much stronger than predicted and the real trouble started for Manchester when the wind shifted out of the SW without abating.

The Harbor Department was busy throughout the day of the 17th responding to calls. I would like to acknowledge all the individuals and groups who assisted in the effort to corral and locate

some of the errant vessels and dock ramps.

- The Reed Family
- The Comb Family
- The Bullen Family
- Mike MacEachern
- Andy Vanikiotis and the MYC staff
- Crocker's Boat Yard
- Manchester Marine
- Manchester Mooring

I apologize for those I missed here. Please accept my gratitude and thanks for your help.



Advisory:

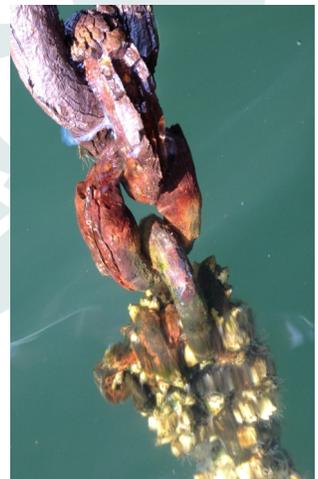
A Harbor Advisory Committee meeting will be held on December 4th at 6:30 pm, Rm. 5 Town Hall

Mooring Standards

Following the exceptional number of mooring equipment failures during the October storms expect that mooring standards will be in place before the next boating season. Discussions with the yacht club, town residents and mooring service providers will yield appropriate recommendations for the harbor regulations.

- Minimum chain size
- Pennant size & length
- # of pennants
- Minimum wear standards
- Inspection schedule

Mooring standards are long overdue in Manchester. Our harbor will be better prepared for the storms to come.



Some things to expect-

- Minimum block size

Towing Policy

Manchester Harbormaster only tows those vessels that are in immediate danger or present a potential environmental hazard. Please contact a towing or salvage operator should you need to be towed.

December-February Harbormaster Hours / Vacation—December 14th thru January 1st

Monday - Thursday 9AM-4PM

Hours will vary depending on training, Safe Boating classes and meetings. Feel free to call before coming to the office.

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.



2009 Sea Hunt 186 cc
w/Yamaha 115 4-stroke
(includes trailer and Garmin GPS)
\$16,500 or best offer
Call Jim Behnke: 781-929-5007



\$300 for the Johnson & \$400 for
the Honda call 617-571-0756

Orcas: 28' Sabre for Sale
Built in 1976, draws 3'8". Uni-
versal diesel engine new in
2015; replaced head 2014; new
halyards 2017. Sails are in good
shape @ 5 yrs. old.
Asking price: \$19,500. Offers
welcome.
Contact owner: John Harwood 508-380-
2527 or raccoonjack@comcast.net

Boats for Sale



**Stainless Steel Bow Rail
for Sale currently on a 32' BHM**
(blue vessel in photo) and is in very
good condition. Owner has no use.
Best reasonable offer.
781-640- 2642

