



Manchester 375^{th(+1)} July 4th Boat Parade

Event Date: Sunday, July 4, 2021 – Low Tide 2:08pm High Tide 8:28pm



TOWN OF MANCHESTER 375^{th(+1)} JULY 4th FLEET PARADE

Fleet Parade is open to all vessels from the Manchester Harbor community able to maintain 5 knots under mechanical power without assistance. Vessels will register in advance by emailing Mike Opal (mopal@live.com) including Vessel Name, description, contact information for the Captain and where the vessel will go following the parade, this is important for placement.

Registration will close end of day Thursday, July 1st and the Order of March will be sent out via email Friday July 2nd. Depending on the COVID-19 situation we would like to have will either 1 or 2 have Skippers Meeting & Protocol Briefing in person or via Zoom before the 4th.

On Sunday July 4th the Manchester 375th Fleet will muster just past Channel Marker, Green 5, outside the outer mooring field (Area7) assembled in rows of 10-15 boats to facilitate each vessel finding it's assigned muster spot (Exhibit A, these rows signified by the red lines). The Order of March will specify the exact placement/number for each vessel in the parade. The first row (#1 – #15) will assemble in a line furthest from Manchester and closest to Misery Island, the lead boat in Row 1 will be The Harbormaster, Bion Pike, who will both lead the Fleet in and set the parade pace which will be followed by the Fleet. Each row will have a lead boat (TBD) and we will proceed in order, row by row, starting with those closest to Misery Island.

In order to maximize safety for all involved, and minimize congestion, our the Order of March will front load vessels that will end up in Area 1 (Inner harbor, north of Railroad Bridge) Inner harbor, north of Railroad Bridge, followed by Area 2 (Head of main harbor, east of line between Westerly end of Masconomo Park and pier of railroad drawbridge), Area 3 (Central harbor, extending westward from Area B to line between the Westerly end of Reed's Park and the Southerly end of Norton's Point), Area 4 (Whittier's Cove, Tuck's Point), Area 5 (Proctor's Cove), Area 6 (west of Bow Bell Ledge Nun #12) and finally Area 7 (Off West Manchester) and vessels moored outside of Manchester. (Exhibit B)

Pre-Event Calendar

- Thursday, July 1: Vessel Registration Closes (End of Day)
- Friday, July 2: Order of March distributed to all participating vessels and event stakeholders
- Saturday, July 3: Skippers Meeting & Protocol Briefing TBD

Saturday, July 4th – Day of Event Timeline

- **10:00am - 3:00pm**
Mike Opal will be available at (781) 354-4654 to take any participants through the protocol, help them understand where to go and when as well as answer any additional or last-minute questions



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3:00pm

Participating vessels should be getting underway, recognizing the MYC and Tucks Point docks will NOT BE AVAILABLE for loading and un-loading and launch services will likely be overwhelmed, Captains will need to take these factors into account and plan their timeline accordingly.

- **3:30pm**

Manchester 375th Fleet will muster just past Area 7, assembled in rows of 10-15 boats with each vessel arriving to its assigned muster spot as specified by Order or March. When you locate your vessel at your assigned muster point you will check in by hailing “KAHALA” on Channel 68. VHF Channel 68 is the channel we will use for the 375th Fleet Parade. When you check in on Channel 68 you will also identify how many souls are aboard your vessel. VHF should also be used if you have any issues locating your assigned muster spot, again hail KAHALA on Channel 68. If you can also call Mike Opal’s cell phone at 781-354-4654, he will be located on vessel KAHALA.

- **4:00pm**

When the Fleet is fully assembled KAHALA will hail the Fleet on Channel 68, signaling this as the time all vessels are welcome to sound signal with either a cannon shot, prolonged horn blast, or other noise making device. When this is complete KAHALA will hail the Harbormaster on Channel 68 and the Harbormaster will initiate the parade. From the lead boat (vessel #1 in the Order of March) The Harbormaster will get the parade underway, setting a safe and appropriate pace. The fleet will maintain a single file procession for the parade and there will be no passing whatsoever. We intend to keep the radio quiet but if you have concerns or issues arise relative to the Parade hail “MANCHESTER HARBORMASTER” on Channel 68.

While there is no specific guidance in terms of how much space should left between boats, it is expected that each Captain will maintain a safe and prudent spacing while being cognizant that leaving too great a distance is also hazardous as it encourages non-parade boats to cut across in-between parade boats. As you pass Tucks Point you are encouraged to either dip your flag, or sound a horn and cannon again in recognition of this important milestone for our Town and Harbor.

- **5:00pm**

After passing Tucks Point the parade will conclude, it is important for vessels mooring in Areas 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 to proceed directly back to their mooring or dock as this will create the needed space for vessels moored in Area 6 and 7 or out of town who will need room to safely turn around and exit the harbor.

Be aware that MYC and Tucks Point Town docks will NOT BE AVAILABLE for use or unloading and that there will be a crush of demand on launch service, we encourage you to allow extra time after the parade and invite you to enjoy the rare view of the fully dressed harbor.



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Exhibit A

Parade Muster (Red) Parade Route (Dark Blue) and vessels proceeding to mooring (Light Blue)

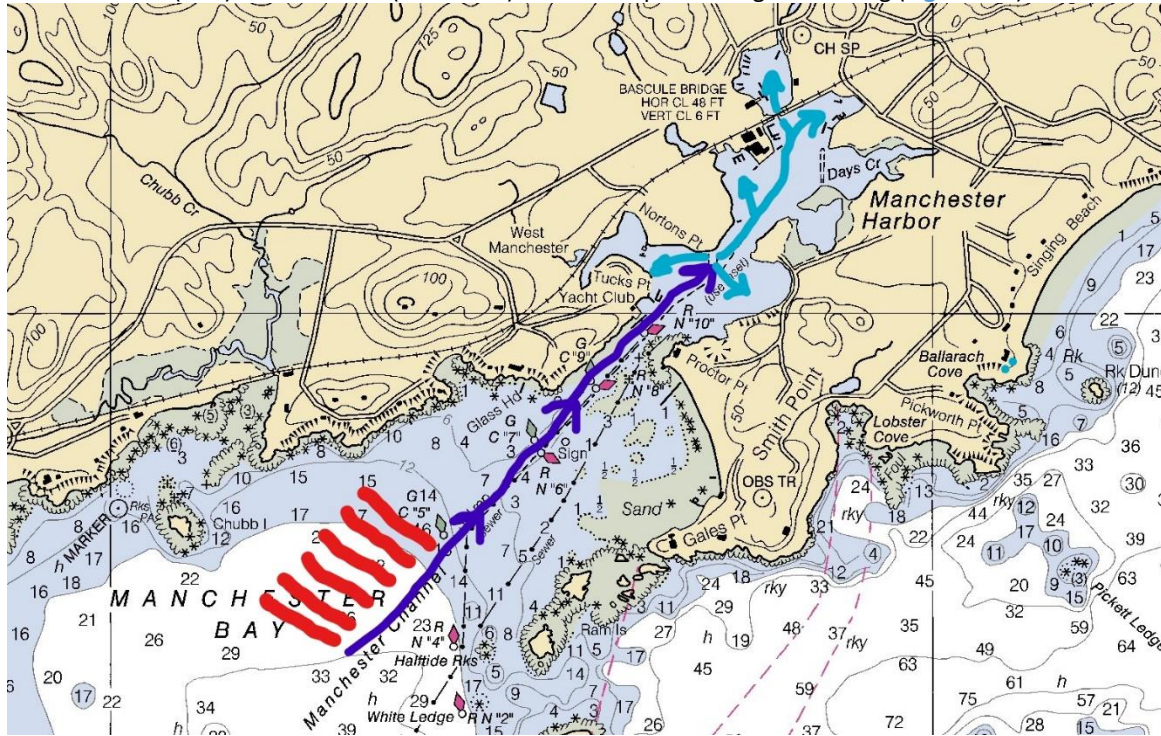


Exhibit B

Manchester Harbor Mooring Area Designations

