



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

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THE WATERLINE

Greetings Boaters,

The end of the boating season is rapidly approaching. Mornings are getting cool, days are getting shorter and things are little quieter in the harbor. Some boaters are picking apples and drinking cider instead of boating on the weekends. The lobstermen of course keep on hauling and setting gear, they won't be done for a while yet, until the days are even shorter and cooler.

I would like to thank the boaters and residents of Manchester for helping to make this a productive and fulfilling first season for me as your Harbormaster. We accomplished some things this year. The waitlist was thoroughly updated and we have assigned many new moorings to boaters on the waitlist. Over the course of the season I received many great suggestions to help improve the boating facilities in Manchester. I very much appreciate your input, so keep it up.

Navigational Aids

Good News! On Friday afternoon I received a phone call from Prock Marine Contractors of Rockland, Maine. Prock is under contract with the United States Coast Guard to replace several missing aids to navigation in and around Salem Sound starting in October of 2012. One of those aids is the missing spindle on our very own Whaleback Ledge. I have agreed to let Prock temporarily moor their work barge in Area G while performing this work. Expect to see the barge in about a month's time.

MOORINGS

There is nothing new to report regarding the potential Massport mooring offer.

Pier Renovations

The badly deteriorated crane on the Morss Pier is scheduled to be replaced later this Fall. After decades of hard use in tough New England weather conditions the existing crane is rapidly becoming a safety and liability risk. The new crane will help ensure the safety of our fishing community.

Re-decking of the Reed Park Pier will take place this Fall after the floats have been removed.

Stop by, say hi and don't forget your lifejacket! You can follow harbor happenings on Facebook at Manchester Harbormaster Department, updated as often as is practical.