



Manchester-by-the-Sea Harbormaster
Harbormaster

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THE WATERLINE

Greetings Boaters,

What are you wearing for Halloween?

New Float

Assistant Tom and I finished a second new float, both are behind town hall. A third float has been offered as a gift to the town giving us a good start at replacing all the worn out floats. No more funding for floats will be available until after July 1st of next year.

The new hand rails are installed at the top of the access ramp behind town hall.

Town Floats

The Tuck's Point floats will be removed the first week of November. Please make sure you remove your dinghy before November 4th. Reed Park and Town Hall floats will remain in place until early December or threat of ice. Morss Pier commercial floats will remain in until threat of ice.

Thank You DPW

A crew of men arrived with heavy equipment and launched the two newly constructed floats and hauled a retired town float. The DPW men then cut up and removed the retired town float and trucked it away. The spines of the Harbor Department are most appreciative.

Last week DPW assisted the Harbor Department in the removal of a boat that washed up on singing beach. Couldn't do it without your help.

Stickers

2014 waterway permit stickers are in. If you are going away for the winter please renew before you leave so that you do not miss the March 31st renewal deadline. Please call or stop by the office to complete your renewal, you must speak with the harbormaster to complete the renewal.

Volunteer

Many thanks to Constance Shute for helping the harbormaster with some important bookkeeping, records research and filing projects, I am most thankful for the assistance.

Boat for Sale



Offering, a 22' Privateer with a 175hp direct injection Evinrude outboard. The boat is well equipped with Furuno Radar & GPS, Icom VHF radio, AM/FM CD stereo with new speakers and a Jabsco wash down pump.

This boat also comes with a new 5 Star/ Load Rite roller trailer with disk brakes, boat was totally rewired professionally in 2012.

This boat is in excellent shape and makes a good fishing vessel. \$15900 or best offer, must sell new boat coming!!
Call (978)490-6740.

Marine Mammals

A **beached whale, dolphin or porpoise** should be reported immediately and left alone pending further instruction. **Call the New England Aquarium's 24-hour Marine Animal Hotline: (617) 973-5247.** Please try to remain calm and leave your name and a phone number where you can be reached.

Sea turtles in our region do not typically come ashore unless they are seriously debilitated. **Call the New England Aquarium's 24-hour Marine Animal Hotline: (617) 973-5247.** Please try to remain calm and leave your name and a phone number where you can be reached.

Seals belong on the beach. It's normal. Please don't disturb them. Unlike whales or dolphins, seals are semi-aquatic and are comfortable out of the water. Most seals come onto beaches to sleep, nurse or soak up some sun.

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

Seals are cute, but they are wild animals and should not be disturbed. By getting too close, you could upset the seal or possibly get bitten.

- **Watch quietly** from at least 150 feet away.
- **Keep dogs away** from the seal.
- **Do not** offer the seal food or water.
- **Do not** pour water on the seal or try to cover it with a towel or blanket.
- **Do not** try to make the seal move.
- **Does the seal look injured or unhealthy?**

Most seals on the beach are perfectly healthy, but sometimes they do need human assistance. Does the seal have any **obvious injuries, gunky eyes, or look skinny or underweight**? If the seal does, please take notes on its location, size, coloring and behavior and call the New England Aquarium's Marine Animal Hotline at **(617) 973-5247**.

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.

Harbormaster Hours

Monday or Wednesday	8:30AM-4:30PM
Thursday	9AM-8PM
Friday	10AM-5PM
Saturday	10AM-5PM
Sunday	10AM-5PM

Due to meeting schedules Harbormaster days off will alternate each week from Tuesday and Wednesday to Monday and Tuesday. This schedule may change as need dictates. Feel free to call before coming to the office. The Harbormaster can be reached by cell phone (978) 473-2520.

The latest Local Notice to Mariner's can be found on the harbormaster portion of the town website. 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! You can follow harbor happenings on the town website under Harbormaster or Facebook at Manchester Harbormaster Department. Updated as often as is practical.