



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

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THE WATERLINE

Greetings Boaters,

Moorings

The annual physical survey of moorings is underway. Some moorings, particularly in Area A, are poorly marked or not marked at all. Any mooring that cannot be identified will be considered abandoned and removed. Remember also to place your 2013 sticker on your transom, several boats were observed without stickers. And one last reminder, unless your vessel is being serviced at a boatyard you should be on your own mooring.

Assignment of the 25 new mooring sites in Area G continues with two left to go. Lastly we are still waiting to hear back from Massport with a new mooring replacement proposal.

Eagle Scout Projects

Two local brothers, Sam and Andy Creighton, are poised to make Manchester a safer boating harbor this summer. Both are working toward receiving the Boy Scouts highest rank of Eagle Scout and both hope to do waterfront related projects to reach this goal. Sam is designing lifejacket loaner racks and float plan boxes for all the town piers while Andy is planning a waterfront safety day. Several hurdles still need to be cleared before the projects are approved, I am sure these young men are up to the task.

MYC Boat Safety Inspections

On the 22nd of June from 0800 - 1200 the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary will be conducting free and risk-free safety inspections at MYC. Upon successful inspection you will receive a sticker visible to the Coast Guard should they board your vessel. If your vessel fails you will not be reported and you will know what to correct. Contact Charlie Newhall at clnewhall@gmail.com to sign up. See you there!

If this time and date are inconvenient you may call Dick Salter at (978) 526-1004. He will provide a free inspection at your vessels location.

No-Wake Zone

Just a reminder that the no-wake zone in Manchester extends out to the West end of the channel. Let's make this the safest summer yet for our Area G mooring folks.

Marine Mammals

Several incidents reported in the news reflect the importance of not disturbing seals on a beach. In one case a young seal died after being removed by people trying to help. The young seal was reported to be in good health until it was removed from its mother.

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	8AM-5PM
Thursday	8AM-8PM
Friday	8AM-5PM
Saturday	8AM- 5PM
Sunday	8AM- 5PM

Hours may vary depending on special events. 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.

Click the following link for your latest Local Notice to Mariner's.

<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/lrms/lrm01212013.pdf>. 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.