



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

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### **THE WATERLINE**

Greetings Boaters,

The clock is ticking! Please be sure to renew your spot on the waitlist and / or waterway permit before March 31<sup>st</sup>. Although harbormaster hours are posted on this newsletter please call before coming to the office as I have been called for jury duty. I will try to send an e-mail if I will be out of the office during scheduled hours. See you all soon!

#### **Waterway Permit Renewal for 2014**

1. Call or Visit Harbormaster  
All mooring, float and dinghy permit holders must call or visit the harbormaster's office. Users must speak directly with the Harbormaster. This is the only way to ensure that all information in the database is accurate and up to date.
2. Provide Documentation  
Unless you intend to change your vessel of record you do not need to provide documentation or registration. This information is already in the database and file. You do not need to provide proof of payment for your excise tax. The Treasurer's Office will provide a list of paid boat excise to the Harbormaster. Any questions or problems with your excise can be discussed with the Harbormaster and/or the Assessor.
3. Harbormaster Prepares Waterway Renewal Form  
The harbormaster will update the database by gathering or confirming user contact, boat and mooring information. User will receive a form generated directly from the database. Date and time will be automatically printed on the form and a second copy printed at the same time will be permanently filed at town hall.
4. Pay Fees

All pertinent fees are included on the renewal form. Checks should be made payable to Town of Manchester. For 2013, credit card and electronic checks will be accepted through Uni-Bank. Uni- Bank does charge for this service.

The fee schedule is as follows:

<b><u>Schedule is Based on Purchase Price</u></b>		
<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Fee Amount</b>
\$1.00	\$99.99	\$2.50
\$100.00	\$199.99	\$5.00
\$200.00	\$399.99	\$10.00
\$400.00	\$699.99	\$17.50
<b>The Fee for Payment by Electronic Check is 25cents.</b>		

**Payment can be made at the Harbormaster’s Office or through the Town of Manchester website.** Upon receipt of payment, both forms will be stamped, dated and initialed by the harbormaster.

5. Waterway Usage Permit Sticker

Once the renewal is complete and payment received the user will receive a Waterway Usage Permit sticker that must be affixed to the “vessel of record”, no exceptions. Each sticker is pre-numbered by the printer and the number is recorded in the database and appears on the renewal form. If you are changing the “vessel of record” do not put the new vessel on the mooring until you contact the harbormaster to update the database and receive a new sticker. Only the “vessel of record” may be on the mooring, any other use must be approved in advance by the harbormaster, failure to observe this rule will result in revocation of your right to a mooring. Visual verification of this regulation will be ongoing during the boating season.

<b>Waitlist Process</b>
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All waitlist forms will be available on the harbormaster website and at Town Hall. The only waitlist that has a fee associated with it is the mooring waitlist (\$10).

**Manchester Draw Hours of Operation**

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

(a) The draw shall open on signal-

- (1) From Memorial Day through September 30 from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.;
- (2) From April 1 to Memorial Day and from October 1 to November 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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

(c) The owner of this bridge shall provide and keep in good legible condition, clearance gauges for each draw with figures not less than twelve (12) inches high designed, installed and maintained in accordance with the provisions of section 118.160 of this chapter.

### **NOAA Free Chart Downloads**

In an effort to go paperless NOAA is making charts available in pdf format on a trial basis for three months ending January 22nd. Charts may be found at <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/pdfcharts/>. Try downloading a chart or two and post your experience in the comment section of the NOAA website.

### **Boats 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. \$15,900 or best offer, must sell new boat coming!!  
Call (978)490-6740.



ATLANTIC is a custom, cold molded sport fishing design modified for cruising. Designed by Eldridge McInnis, the hull is a modified Fortier 33 with a higher deck and custom sheer, allowing for greater interior volume, increased deck area, and an extremely dry ride.

Unique in appearance with striking looks, this one of a kind boat is seriously for sale.

Asking: \$139,000.

## 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

Tuesday	8:30AM-4:30P
Wednesday	8:30AM-4:30PM
Thursday	9AM-8PM

This schedule is in effect until March 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.