



Manchester-by-the-Sea Harbormaster **Report to the Board of Selectmen**

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THE WATERLINE

Greetings Boaters,

The month of July is in the log book and we are reaching the dog (fish) days of summer. Lots of great boating ahead so be on the lookout for fair winds and following seas!

Please give a warm welcome to Tom Aldrich, Manchester's new Assistant Harbormaster. Tom is from Manchester and comes with an impressive array of waterfront, firefighting and EMT experience. Tom looks forward to applying those skills in service to the Manchester boating public. Glad to have you aboard Tom!

MOORINGS

Reassignment of the final eight available moorings is in process. At least one other mooring will be available for reassignment before the end of August. Total reassigned mooring sites will total about seventy when all is said and done.

All vessels over forty five feet will be assigned to a mooring site on the West side of the Area-G mooring field. None of these vessels are eligible to be on the move in list and all need considerable swing room. No other vessels will be considered for this area, large vessels only. Feel free to contact the harbormaster for further clarification.

No Wake Buoys

As you leave the harbor on your next boating adventure you will notice the no-wake buoy has been relocated. Safety issues in Area G related to boat wake and persons on moored vessels is a real concern; two reports of young people being injured have been received this summer. Given the proximity of the mooring field to the channel it is necessary to extend the no-wake zone to ensure the safety of boaters moored in Area G. Boating law dictates a no wake zone when a vessel is operating within one hundred and fifty feet of a person, land, structures in the water or another vessel moored or underway. You are

responsible for your wake at all times. The good news is whether you are traveling at headway speed, full throttle or under sail you are still boating.

Crocker's Boat Yard has generously offered a second no-wake buoy to be placed in the spot of the original buoy. Thank you Skip!

Morss Pier Renovations

Work is underway again on the Morss Pier shelter. Shingles will make an appearance soon.

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.