



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

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The Waterline

Greetings Boaters,

This is an action packed edition of the Waterline. I hope you all can find time in your busy schedules to participate in some of the upcoming events in and around Manchester Harbor.

Manchester Harbor Boat Club

During the months of March, April, May, October, and November the Club meets on the first Thursday of the month. These meetings, which often feature a speaker, are good opportunities for you to meet other members. This May Harbormaster Bion Pike will give an update on harbor related projects and activities. The purpose of our club is to foster good fellowship, promote and stimulate interest in boating, and encourage the full enjoyment of Manchester Harbor. The boat club maintains 3 dinghies in the harbor for members use; 2 at the club dock at Masconomo Park and 1 at the town dinghy dock at Tuck's Point.

New members are always welcome. Applications are available at the dock and by email.
<http://www.manchesterharborboatclub.org>

Manchester Yacht Club Hosts Eelgrass and Conservation Moorings Discussion

A special pre-season event has been added to the calendar. On Thursday evening, May 8th, the MYC will host a meeting on the important local issue of eelgrass and conservation moorings. The meeting will be free and open to the public as a service to our boating community -- and we wanted you to know about it first.

Refreshments will be served at 1900 hours with the talk starting at 1930. There will be a question and answer period at the end. A lot has been happening so there's much to talk about. The program will include:

- Tay Evans, *Marine Fisheries* marine biologist and eelgrass specialist, who will share her vast knowledge of eelgrass, restoration and conservation moorings.
- Dave Merrill of ecomooringsystems.com discussing conservation moorings in detail and answering questions.
- Harbormaster Bion Pike who will address the logistics of the new moorings and share information on conservation moorings in Area F.
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You may also want to contact Salem Sound Coastwatch at 978-741-7900, or info@salemsound.org.

Gloucester Safe Boating Day!

When: 17 May 2014

Time: 9:00am to 1:30pm

Where: USCG STATION

17 Harbor Loop

Gloucester, MA

- Commercial Fishing Education
- Recreational Boating Booths
- Signal Flare and Fire Extinguisher
Demos at 1000 and 1200
- Fishing Vessel Safety Examinations
- Try out Safety Gear
- Learn about Safety Equipment
Requirements
- VHF Radio Use Class
- Rescue Boat and Police Boat Tours
- Health and Well-Being Booths
- Drop Off Your Expired Safety Flares

For more information please contact: Rick Bowen

978-283-0705 Ext. 204

www.uscgboating.org

S. S. Crocker Memorial Race

The 48th annual Crocker race will be held on Saturday July 12, 2014. Sponsored by the Manchester Yacht Club and the Manchester Harbor Boat Club the race is a fun family friendly event concluding with a great gathering and awards ceremony at the Manchester Yacht Club. A PHRF certificate is not required, the race committee will assign a rating for you if you don't have a certificate.

This years race will be full pursuit race with individualized starting times for each boat. Awards will be made for boats in Spinnaker and Cruising class as well as other divisions similar to previous years.

Racers may sign up using Regatta Management <https://www.regattaman.com> or download an entry form for the Crocker Memorial Race web site

<http://www.sscrockerrace.com/registration.html>

Additional information is available on the club web sites.

<http://www.manchesteryc.org/Club/Scripts/Home/home.asp>

<http://www.manchesterharborboatclub.org/main.html>

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.

A Safety Message For Boaters

from



Neptune LNG is a liquefied natural gas (LNG) deepwater port about 10 miles off the coast of Cape Ann. It is one of the most modern and technologically sophisticated offshore LNG ports in the world. Neptune LNG is a subsidiary of GDF SUEZ, one of the world's most experienced importers of LNG, with a proven history of safe, reliable operation and a commitment to local communities.

Turn for a map of the Neptune buoys and the ocean-floor pipeline, and also a Spanish advisory.



When boating in the area, if you:

- Smell natural gas (rotten egg smell),
- See bubbles rising to the surface of the water
or
- See anything unusual along the pipeline route or in the vicinity of the buoys

IMMEDIATELY:

1. Vacate the area
2. Call the U.S. Coast Guard
in Boston at 617 223-5750 or
Neptune LNG at 978 465-4500

Be prepared to describe the situation and location.

Le rogamos leer las advertencias en español que aparecen al dorso.

If you have questions, comments and/or concerns about the Neptune Deepwater Port, please forward them to us at our Web site, <http://www.neptunelng.com>, or by calling 978-465-4500.

Boats for Sale



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: \$99,000.

PEARSON TRITON FOR SALE \$5,000

CONTACT: edwardhand2@gmail.com, 339-225-0529 for more information.

“PS” 1960 PEARSON TRITON #139

LOA: 28’ 6

RIG: Deck-stepped Profurl in-mast roller furling main and Harken roller reefing genoa.

SAILS: Main, Genoa - 140%, and Spinnaker

ENGINE: Westerbeke 15 Hp, “4-60 Mini Diesel”

LAYOUT: Large cockpit. Approximately 6’ 2” headroom in the cabin with 2 berths.

OTHER EQUIPMENT: Danforth type and Yachtsman anchors with rode and chain. A marine radio and various recent wiring improvements. A 27 gallon water tank and head with holding tank.

“PS” was originally built for the Father of the current owner, by the Pearson Corporation, and has been in the family since then. She is in a yard in Gloucester, MA, where she can be seen.

This is a great boat for cruising or day sailing.

Peanut Class



This restored “Peanut” Class Sailboat comes complete with trailer, cushions, and oars.

Made in Oslo, Norway of mahogany and refinished in 2011. 10’ by 5’

Gorgeous and fun for a lazy summer day!

\$2,500. Call 978-852-9411

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	8:30AM-5:30PM
Tuesday	8:30AM-5:30PM
Wednesday	8:30AM-5:30PM
Thursday	8:30AM-8PM

This schedule is in effect until June 1st. 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.