



**Manchester-by-the-Sea Harbormaster**  
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The Waterline

Greetings Boaters,

**MASSPORT MOORINGS**

I received a call from MASSPORT last Friday and the offer for any and all conservation moorings has been rescinded. During an earlier conversation with MASSPORT I stated that at this time the offer for transient moorings in Sand Dollar Cove would not have broad enough support and could cause divisions in the harbor, something none of us want. MASSPORT's legal department is revisiting the draft proposal and it is unclear if an offer will be resubmitted. MASSPORT will not be appearing at Tuesday's BOS meeting.

**Reed Park Pier**

Renovation and repair of the Reed Park Pier is underway. Replacement of failed cross bracing and decking should begin this week. Upon completion of repairs the ramp will be installed for the season and visits to Captain Dusty's can commence.

**Safe Boating Day USCG Station Gloucester**

- 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, Police Boat, and Cutter

- Tours
- Health and Well-Being Booths
  - **Drop Off Your Expired Safety Flares**

**USCG  
STATION  
GLOUCESTER**

Safe Boating Day!  
For more information please  
Contact: Rick Bowen  
978-283-0705 Ext. 208  
[www.uscgboating.org](http://www.uscgboating.org)

**When: 18 May 2013**  
**Time: 9:00am to**  
**1:30pm**  
**Where: 17 Harbor Loop**  
**Gloucester, MA**

**Boater Safety Course**

An Environmental Police and NASBLA certified safe boating course will be offered in Manchester this spring. Classes will be held at Manchester High School on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> with an exam on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Safe boating certificates will be issued to all students with a passing grade.

Please contact Manchester Parks and Recreation Department at (978) 526-2019 to sign up for this important course. Class size limited to 40.

**Basic Navigation Course**

Don't get lost in the fog when your GPS quits. The Manchester Parks and Recreation Department is offering a dead reckoning navigation course this May. Classes will be held at Manchester High School and your instructor will be Manchester Assistant Harbormaster Thomas Aldrich.

Please contact Manchester Parks and Recreation Department at (978) 526-2019 to sign up.

**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.

## **Hours**

Office hours starting in March will be Monday 8AM- 4PM, Wednesday 8AM- 4PM, Thursday 8AM-8PM and Friday 8AM- 4PM. The Harbormaster will be out of the office on Friday April 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/lrms/lrm01082013.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.