



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

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The Waterline

Manchester, Massachusetts – Memorial Day is upon us! Boatyard employees are working at a furious pace, launch ramps are crowded and harbors are filling up. What a great time of year.

Moorings

Slow and steady wins the race with new mooring assignments. Re-assignment is ongoing. Last Saturday work began to ensure moorings are being used appropriately. Good news! Every boat checked was where it belonged. Bad News! Many of you have not put your stickers on your boat. Be sure to place your stickers on the transom next time you are onboard.

Harbormaster Boat

The retired harbormaster boat is for sale. It is a 1993 Boston Whaler Guardian/ pilothouse with twin Johnson 150 outboards manufactured in 2000. Lower units must be replaced. Twin axle EZ-loader trailer included. All bids must meet the reserve minimum of \$12,000.00 set by the town. Please contact the Harbormaster for more information or to schedule a viewing, photo available upon request. Closing date for bids is 6/30/2012.

Rotunda Re-opening Boat Parade

The rotunda re-opening celebration is on for Sunday May 27, 2012. The boat parade will get underway from Area G at approximately 1445 hours; with vessels passing the rotunda by 1500 hours for a cannon salute (bring earplugs). VHF channel 9 will be used for hailing and channel 68 for communication during the parade. Interested boaters contact the harbormaster via cell phone at 978-473-2520 to sign up for the parade. Pirates are now invited, by invitation only. Join this memorable kick-off to the 2012 boating season.

Morss Pier Renovations

Last week repairs and upgrade to the electrical service at Morss Pier were completed. Thanks to the DPW crew for working with the electrician, ensuring this project was finished in a timely fashion minimizing the impact to the fishermen using the pier. Thanks guys, we appreciate your efforts! Elise and Travis from the high school continue plugging away at freshening up the paint. Keep up the good work.

Harbormaster Summer Hours

Summer work hours begin this week. The schedule will be as follows; Monday 8AM-4PM, Thursday 8AM-7PM, Friday 8AM- 5PM, Saturday and Sunday 8AM-6PM. Weekend hours may vary depending on special events or unforeseen waterfront activity. Many hours will still be committed to the assignment of new moorings, until assignments are complete, Monday, Thursday and part of Friday will be devoted to the office. This schedule may change as need dictates. The Harbormaster can be reached on VHF 9-16-68 when on the water or by cell phone (978) 473-2520.

Rules, Regulations and Office Hours

I encourage everyone to read the Harbor Rules and Regulations found on the town website. Office hours are Monday 8AM-4PM. You may contact the harbormaster at any time by phone. For mooring, waitlist, boating and waterfront news, please check the Harbormaster website. Visit the Town website at www.manchester.ma.us and click on town departments, then harbormaster. Your input is always welcome. Send e-mail to harbormaster@manchester.ma.us.

Please stop by to say hello and don't forget your lifejacket.

The Last Word

Tropical Storm Alberto formed along the East coast over the weekend. Although no impact is expected from this storm it should put us in mind of what may yet come this season. I encourage all Manchester boaters to have a storm plan in place and be prepared to implement it in the event of heavy weather in our region. Your insurance company will thank you.