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The Waterline

October 2019

Greetings Boaters,

Reminder

Paddle sport enthusiasts! Please remember that from September 15th –May 15th you are required to wear your PFD at all times when on the water.

Good advice for all boaters all year.

Visitor Center / Harbor Office

The Steering Committee is waiting for feedback from Tetra Tech, the company hired to do site evaluations for this project.

Boat Excise Tax Bills

are being prepared by the Assessors and Harbor Departments and will be sent in the coming weeks. One of the challenges faced by the two departments are the sheer number of vessels still on the Mass Environmental Police (MEP) database that have been sold, salvaged or transferred without a “Change of Status Form” being filed with the MEP.

The “Change of Status Form” must be filed with the MEP when you get rid of your vessel if do not wish to keep receiving excise bills, or potentially have some financial liability for vessels you no longer own. If you receive a bill for a vessel you no longer own please fill out the attached form and send it to the address at the top of the form for MEP, **not the Harbormaster or Assessor.**

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Renewals

will be mailed early this year, probably November. You are encouraged to use the on-line payment available on the town website home page.

Outboards and Covers

A reminder to boat owners that all outboard motors attached to boats on moorings must be covered or kept in the down position if a neighboring boat could be hit and damaged. Any damage caused by an outboard without a cover will be the responsibility of that boat owner. We have one damaged vessel already; please get those covers on so I do not have to make a call to you.

Safe Boating Class

An Environmental Police and NASBLA certified safe boating course will be offered in Manchester this fall. The course will be held at Manchester Town Hall on Friday October 18th and 25th. Class times are 4PM-9PM in Room 5, you must attend both dates. Safe boating certificates will be issued to all students with a passing grade. Paddle sport enthusiasts are encouraged to take this course as well. Safe boating isn't just for sailors and power boaters!

Public Comment

None at this time (but always welcome).

Towing Insurance

What happens when you breakdown or run out of gas or some other unforeseen event that ruins a perfectly nice boating day? If you are lucky enough to be in an area where the community allows towing by the harbor master help is nearby and probably free. Many communities including Manchester do not allow towing unless there is risk to life or property involved, otherwise you will pay large sums for towing service.

It would be wise to consider the purchase of towing insurance from your insurance company, Sea-tow or Tow Boat US. For a reasonable rate you will potentially avoid thousands in towing fees.

Waterfront Committee Meetings

Dredge Committee

Monday October 28th @5PM Location: Seaside One.

Harbor Advisory Committee

Wednesday October 2nd @6:30PM Location: Room 5 Town Hall

Helpful Links

Massachusetts Boating Law Chapter 90B:

If you ever wondered what Harbor masters and other law enforcement agencies were doing out on the water pulling over boaters here is your opportunity to understand what all the blue lights are about. The link below will take to the boating laws for the State of Massachusetts. Some snowy day reading today may keep the harbor master away.

<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90B>

Smart Boating:

is a locally produced TV show on boating. The show typically contains information to help boaters make more informed decisions, and have more fun on the water. Over the past ten years, over 200 TV shows have been produced which air locally on Cape Ann TV, Channel 12, Tuesday nights at 8pm. Currently, all shows can also be viewed at any time on the website – www.smartboatingus.com

Stand-up Paddle Boarding Safety: <https://www.boatus.com/magazine/2017/august/stand-up-paddleboarding-safety.asp>

Now Accepting Applications to Manchester Harbor Boat Club:

On behalf of the Board of Governors, thank you for taking the time to review the MHBC website. In the meantime, if you have any website questions or general comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Happy boating this 2018 season, <http://www.manchesterharborboatclub.org/main.html>

Kidde Recalls Fire Extinguishers

If you have a Kidde extinguisher on your vessel please check this take a moment to check this link.

[https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/kidde-recalls-fire-extinguishers-with-plastic-handles- due-to-failure-to-discharge-and#.WgTs91wXdXw.email](https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/kidde-recalls-fire-extinguishers-with-plastic-handles-due-to-failure-to-discharge-and#.WgTs91wXdXw.email)

Towing Services

Seatow (Yellow boat)

<https://www.seatow.com/membership>

Towboat US (Red Boat)

https://www.boatus.com/MembershipWeb_Main/Membership/personalbuytowing.aspx

Massachusetts Environmental Police “Change of Status” forms

<https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/08/nf/statuschangeform.pdf>

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:

The draw shall open on signal-

From Memorial Day through September 30 from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.;

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.

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

Call **(617) 222-6114**

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.

Marine Mammals

A beached whale, dolphin or porpoise should be reported immediately and left alone pending further instruction. Call the NOAA 24-hour Marine Animal Hotline: **(866) 755- 6622**. 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 NOAA 24-hour Marine Animal Hotline: **(866) 755-6622**. 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?
- 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 NOAA Marine Animal Hotline at **(866) 755-6622** or call your Harbormaster.

Most seals on the beach are perfectly healthy, but sometimes they do need human assistance. 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.

Community Events

I'm reaching out to the Manchester Harbor community to invite interested Harbor organizations to discuss participation and ideas for Manchester's 375th Celebration in 2020. The groups we identified include: MHBC, MSA & MHS Sailing Team, Crocker's Boat Yard, Manchester Marine, Harbor Master, the commercial fishing fleet, Misery Challenge (Josh Crosby), and Manchester's 'Cardboard Boat Race (Kim and Bon Rice Hofedt).

The target date for next year's Harbor event: Saturday - July 25th - high tide @ 3:48 - This is the best mid-summer Saturday high tide day for a fleet parade.

Some ideas that have suggested discussed include:

- Family picnic at Tucks Point
- Boats on the Gazebo and MYC floats including: 'When & If', Manchester built boats, Manchester commercial fishing boat, police/harbor master boat, coast guard, maybe a Manchester 17' if we can find one.
- Manchester fleet parade of boats - lead by the Manchester built Cocker tug, and would include everyone from fishing fleet and to a MSA tow of boats dinghies.
- Harbor tours by private boats
- Cardboard and duck tape boat race
- Nautical scavenger hunt
- Kiosk tables with information on:
 - Manchester Commercial Fishing Industry
 - Manchester Boat Industry
 - Manchester boat building history
 - Manchester Harbor Management - Safety, Environmental
 - Storm / Hurricane history - photos
 - Photo history of the harbor - post and prints for purchase
 - 365 day video view of the harbor - by the high school sailing team

Please call me if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

Emmett Holt

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TOWING POLICY

Manchester Harbormaster only tows those vessels that are in immediate danger or present a potential environmental hazard. Please contact a towing or salvage operator should you need to be towed.

October-November Harbormaster Hours

Monday 9AM-5PM
Tuesday 9AM-5PM
Wednesday 9AM-5PM
Thursday 9AM-5PM
Friday 9AM-5PM

Days and hours will vary depending on training, safe boating courses and meetings. Feel free to call before coming to the office.

The Harbormaster can be reached by cell phone or email.

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.

Boats for Sale



Orcas: 28' Sabre for Sale

Built in 1976, draws 3'8". Universal diesel engine new in 2015; replaced head 2014; new halyards 2017. Sails are in good shape @ 5 yrs. old.

Navigational equipment includes Furuno radar, VHF radio and hand held GPS. Electrical system in working order – needs updating. Lots of extras including bumpers, dock lines, life sling, jack stands, inflatable dingy that needs wooden transom replaced.

Orcas is a GREAT cruising boat. We have cruised the Maine coast on Orcas for the past 16 years.

Asking price: \$19,500. Offers welcome.

Contact owner: John Harwood 508-380-2527 or
raccoonjack@comcast.net



Stainless Steel Bow Rail for Sale

currently on a 32' BHM (blue vessel in photo) and is in very good condition. Owner has no use. Best reasonable offer. **781-640-2642**

For Sale: 2009 Sea Hunt 186 cc w/Yamaha 115 4-stroke (includes trailer and Garmin GPS)

\$16,500 or best offer

Property of current (second) owner since 2012. 18'6" ctr console. Yamaha engine; 520 hrs use. Serviced every winter and stored at Baert Marine, Middleton. All service records available. Karavan trailer. Garmin GPSMAP 541s. Moored in Manchester Harbor.

Call Jim Behnke: 781-929-5007



\$300 for the Johnson & \$400 for the Honda call
617-571-0756



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Massachusetts Environmental Police

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251 Causeway St., Suite 101, Boston, MA 02114-2153

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Motorboat, Snowmobile/OHV Status Change Form

Boat Registration #: MS

Boat Title #:

Hull ID #

OHV Registration #:

Snowmobile Registration #:

Description of Vessel/Vehicle: Year:

Manufacturer:

I hereby request the following changes be processed for the above listed vessel/vehicle

My vessel/Vehicle was sold, traded or gifted

My boat has been federally documented with the Coast Guard.
Note: Massachusetts title must be returned upon request.

My vessel/vehicle has been destroyed and is no longer useable

Change of Address. My new address is:

My vessel/vehicle has permanently moved to another state. It is now registered/titled in:

Address:

State:

City

State

Zip

My boat is no longer moored or stored in the City/Town of

My new mooring/storage City/Town is:

I (we) declare to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief, that all matters stated herein are true and correct under the pains and penalties of perjury.

Owner Name

Co-owner Name

Address

Address

Owner Signature/Date

Co-owner Signature/Date

For Official Use

FTN#	Date	Entered by:
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Instructions for Completing the Motorboat, Snowmobile/OHV Status Change Form

- Enter vehicle/vessel registration information.
- Provided vehicle/vessel description information.
- Select one of the five status change options.
- Enter Owner/Co-Owner name and address.
- Owner/Co-Owner signature.
- **Fax to the nearest Environmental Police Registration/Titling office listed below:**
 - North Shore and Boston area please fax to 617-626-1630
 - South Shore area please fax to 508-679-0066
 - Cape and the Islands please fax to 508-771-2334
 - Central Mass area please fax to 508-752-6132
 - Western Mass area please fax to 413-733-2154
- **If a fax is not available, please mail to the nearest Registration/Titling office listed below:**
 - **North Shore and Boston mail to:**
Boat, Recreation Vehicle & Snowmobile Registration Bureau
251 Causeway Street, Suite 101
Boston, MA 02114
 - **South Shore area mail to:**
Boat, Recreation Vehicle & Snowmobile Registration Bureau
218 South Main Street - 3rd Floor
Fall River, MA 02721
 - **Cape and the Islands mail to:**
Boat, Recreation Vehicle & Snowmobile Registration Bureau
60 Perseverance Way
Hyannis, MA 02601
 - **Central Mass area mail to:**
Boat, Recreation Vehicle & Snowmobile Registration Bureau
67 Millbrook Street
Suite 350, 3rd Floor
Worcester, MA 01606
 - **Western Mass area mail to:**
Boat, Recreation Vehicle & Snowmobile Registration Bureau
STCC Technology Park
1 Federal Street, Bldg. 101
Springfield, MA 01105