

Waypoint: *“Waypoints typically mark either points along a planned route, or locations of interest”*

- The American Practical Navigator/Bowditch

Harbormaster Waypoint 3

Fellow Boaters:

Even though there are about two more good boating months ahead, it seems that summer is winding down. Labor Day is just two weeks away, kids are getting ready to go back to school, and the days are getting shorter – up to 16 minutes of lost daylight per week! But in the Harbor Office, the beat goes on. We have been working at getting the On-Line Mooring System updated and accurate. A few new permits have been offered, and our own off-season maintenance plans are being developed.

I am also happy to report that there is a new Assistant Harbormaster, and many of you probably already know him quite well. Paul Sprague, a lifelong Jamestown, local businessman, and experienced mariner has taken on the position and will be with us through the end of the heavy boating season – about mid-September. Paul already worked the “Fools Rules Regatta” on August 13th, and will be covering the days that I have off.

At the risk of jinxing things, I’ll report that both of the Harbormaster boats are up and running well. The “Freedom 21” in East Ferry, and the Ribcraft in West Ferry – totally different boats but both have unique characteristics that make them great for Harbormaster tasking.

A note of caution: we are entering the height of hurricane season. For New England, the historic peak for the risk of hurricanes is around mid-September. The next 4 weeks could be interesting. It’s probably a good idea to start thinking about your hurricane plan for your boat (and your home!) if you haven’t done so already.

Finally, as I patrol the mooring fields around the island, it’s hard not to notice the number of unoccupied/unused moorings. Reminder: the Harbor Ordinance (Sec 78-26 (m)(4)) requires that your mooring be occupied by the boat registered to it for a minimum of 20 days per season, or you risk losing the mooring. If you don’t use, haven’t used, or have no intention of using your mooring, perhaps it’s a good time to give it up and make someone on the wait list very happy!

Open communication is essential...My office number is: 401-423-7249. My cell number is 401-265-3990. If I’m out on the boat, you can hail me on VHF Channel 16, and we’ll take it to another channel.

Please remember that we all share the same goal: to enjoy our time on the water in a safe and responsible way.

See you on the water!

Be safe!

Mark Campbell
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