



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
HARBOR MASTER  
WETHERSFIELD, CT



April 24, 2014

**I. Moorings**

Five more moorings have been reported as being dislodged by winter ice flows and have drifted off station. Currently, subject to annual testing, there are only 12 Town moorings available for season rental. To date, six boaters have registered for a Town mooring.

**II. Channel Clearing**

Clearing will be done as needed when Cove water levels permit.

**III. Docks**

[Kathy Bagley will report on the status of the new dock system.]

**IV. Activity [Season to Date]**

Accidents –

Adrift Recoveries –

Disabled Assists –

Sunken Recoveries –

Violation Notices:

Excessive wake/speed -

Warnings:

Excessive wake/speed –

**V. Improvement Projects**

**Channel Dredging:** Dredging project has been completed to USACE specs and satisfaction.

**New Dock System:** The Town has executed the contract to allow release of BIG funds and is awaiting return of executed contract by Federal Agency. Ocean & Coastal contract is ready for execution by Town, pending receipt of contract from Feds. [Kathy Bagley will report on the current status of both]

**New Moorings and Navigation Aids:** Same as “Dock System” above. I have requested Kathy Bagley obtain a recommendation from our consultants, Ocean & coastal engineering, for more secure mooring anchors that will withstand the recent ice flows.

**VI. Harbor Management Plan:** Harbormaster is continuing to develop recommendations for regulations governing use of Wethersfield waters.

**VII. Items for Discussion/Action**

1) Patrol boat maintenance/replacement

a. Work order issued to make existing boat useable for 2014 season. Town Physical Services Dep't. promises that existing boat will be ready for start of boating season by mid-May.

b. Town Manager did not provide funding in 2014-2015 Town Budget for replacement boat for 2015 season (See copy of e-mail attached). If we don't find a source for funding a replacement boat (new or used) very soon, the harbormasters will be without a serviceable patrol boat for next season.

2) Deputy Harbormaster vacancy and qualifications

a. Harbormaster has distributed qualifications and continues to solicit help for names of interested candidates.

Charles Forsdick, Harbormaster