



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
HARBOR MASTER
WETHERSFIELD, CT



September 25, 2014

I. Moorings

Nine of the nine rented Town moorings are occupied. Three boaters have rented mooring spaces. All of the nine WCYC mooring buoys have been made "compliant."

II. Channel Clearing

The channel remains clear of debris and any hazards to navigation.

III. Docks

New docks are projected to be installed Spring of 2015. [Kathy Bagley will report on the status of the new dock system.]

IV. Activity [Season to Date]

Accidents – 1

Adrift Recoveries –

Disabled Assists – 3

Sunken Recoveries –

Violation Notices:

Excessive wake/speed - Warnings: 5

Excessive wake/speed - 10

V. Improvement Projects

New Dock System: [Kathy Bagley will report on the status of the new dock system.] **New Moorings and Navigation Aids:** Same as "Dock System" above. I have obtained specifications from our consultants, Ocean & Coastal Engineering, for more secure mooring tackle and anchors that should withstand the recent ice flows. Those specifications have been forwarded to Park & Rec. for use in repairs to dislodged moorings.

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. Existing boat is "off-line" due to unreliable motor operation - Impact on Source to Sea Cleanup and Cove season closing.
 - b. Per Physical Services and Town Manager, present condition of boat and motor do not warrant further investment of time or money in repairs.
 - c. If we don't find a source for funding a replacement boat (new or used) very soon, the harbormasters will likely be without a serviceable patrol boat for next (2015) season.
- 2) Deputy Harbormaster vacancy and qualifications
 - a. Harbormaster has distributed qualifications and continues to solicit help for names of interested candidates. Town Clerk expects to advertise in newspaper.
- 3) Spring 2015 dock installation.

Charles Forsdick, Harbormaster