

Stamford Harbor Master's Report 12/15/2015

- **Moorings.** Mooring renewal reminders will be going out soon.
 - The court case concerning the Ford North shell fish beds and the Sadik Khan mooring against the Stamford and Greenwich harbor masters has been dismissed but continues through the legal system. I have been working with all parties to try and help with an amicable solution, but this has not been helped by the intransigence of some of the personalities involved.
- **Mayor's Clean-up at Czesnik.** Well attended, collected a large amount of garbage. City operations department provided and excellent support service to load and remove materials. Mayor in attendance for a short time.
 - The annual build-up of garbage in the East Branch has started collecting around structure along the harbor.
 - The fishing floats/docks inside the hurricane barrier that I requested be removed 15-months ago remain in place. Approximately 50% has now totally degraded and/or sunk making future recovery and removal more difficult and costly. If we have another winter where the East Branch freezes over, there is substantial risk of the docks being broken free and drifting, possibility damaging boats, structure or the hurricane barrier. An owner for the docks cannot be identified and I again request removal at the earliest time.
- **Dredging at Brewers East.** Dredging is ongoing at Brewers East Marina. The companies involved are Patriot Marine and Coastline Consulting & Development, LLC. (Both companies seem to be run by ex-Brits. so we speak the 'same language'). They have all the required permits for dredging but neglected to get one for a temporary barge mooring between the Nurse Buoy and the outer breakwater. I have been in contact with both companies along with CT-DEEP, USACE and established tug operators working in the harbor and had the buoy removed. The first stage of the work has finished but will be continued later this month and again in February 2016 when the temporary mooring will again be required. CT-DEEP and USACE have both agreed that only a permit from Stamford HM will be required, a position and conditions have been agreed with all parties and temporary permits will be granted when applied for.
- **Harbor activity.** Probably due to the mild weather, recreational activity around the harbor has increased slightly from a few weeks ago when city marinas closed and boats removed from the water. This past weekend, I actually saw a group of 3 stand-up paddle boards entering the harbor from the direction of Greenwich.
- **Harbor Commission Boat.** The boat has been run on 101 days (so far) during 2015. Use has varied from a quick 'flag-showing' trip to 17 hours underway for special events and included responding to emergencies and debris recovery. A full accounting of use, fuel and running costs will be submitted at the next meeting.
- **Total expenses** outstanding (12/14/2015) are;

fuel	\$ 106.35
Stamford 421 equipment/refit	\$2416.50 (since 10/30/2015)
	\$2522.85

Payment received at meeting – now 'zero balance'

Respectfully submitted and with Holiday Wishes from

Captain Eric Knott
Captain Yale Greenman
'Lila'

State Harbor Master
Deputy State Harbor Master
Harbor Dog (*self appointed*)

