

Stamford Harbor Master's Report 12/20/2016

Moorings.

- Mooring status (*as of 12/19/2016*);
 - Approved - 74
 - Awaiting inspection - 04
 - Under review - 05
 - EXPIRED Renewal not received - 06
 - Held inactive for 2016 season - 06
 - Not being renewed - 11
 - Revoked - 01
- I have now had notice from the State's Attorney's office that the Ford North shellfish bed/mooring issue has been resolved. Agreement has been reached for a mooring permit to be issued by the Greenwich Harbor Master and all action against the Stamford Harbor Master has been withdrawn.
- Buchanan Marine have already made enquiries as to when the 'system' will allow renewal of their 2017 mooring permit
- Reminders for 2017 permits will start going out to 2016 permittees in early January by e-mail.

Harbor Activity

- With the onset of colder weather, private use of the harbor has almost ceased.
- On December 1st, Commissioner Adelberg reported that the #1 green can buoy off Dolphin Cove had broken free and was adrift in the harbor. The Police Harbor Unit and City Operations Department were informed but there were no assets available on the water. The buoy has now (12/12/2017) been located on the rocks south of Rocky Point Boat Club. This is a private Aid to Navigation (ATON) and is the responsibility of the Dolphin Cove Yacht Club. They have made arrangements with Old Greenwich Marine for the recovery and reinstallation of the buoy. The USCG are aware and have issued a Local Notice to Mariners. They have asked to be kept updated.
- Report received December 6th via company circular. On 11/26/2016 a tug towing 2 laden scrap barges departed Stamford for Jersey City. On passage near Stepping Stones Light LI, one of the barges capsized emptying its cargo into the water. The barge was beached on Long Island before it sank. The cause of the incident is under investigation by USCG. This would not have been good if it had occurred in Stamford waters and gives added reason to actively monitor tug transits within the harbor.
- On December 12th I attended a Safety Committee meeting whose report is presented separately.
- We are all aware of the unintentional release of 84,000 gallons of raw sewage into the east branch of the harbor on December 13th. This occurred between 16:00 – 17:55. Low water was 16:44 so the discharge occurred around low water and the incoming tide period. I can only assume that the mitigation and cleanup extended to not only the water but the contaminated bulkhead and shoreline areas.

Garbage and Debris

- Is already beginning to congeal in the East Branch. I will monitor and report further as the winter progresses.

Expenses outstanding

- The Harbor Commission boat has been refused service at the Stamford West Marine store due to unpaid bills. This is the only local source of the required 2-stroke engine oil required for the motor.
- The status of the fuel bill from Harbor House Fuel Dock (Vinnie's) has not been able to be confirmed (12/16/2016). My last contact (about 3-weeks ago) indicated that the fuel bills dating back to June 2016 remained unpaid and that service to the Harbor Commission boat would be refused until the bills were cleared.

Respectfully submitted

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