

# Stamford Harbor Master's Report 2/21/2017

## Moorings

- Mooring status (as of 2/21/2017);
  - Approved - 38
  - Under Review / Awaiting Inspection - 03
  - 2017 Renewal Application Not Yet Received - 36
- E-mail reminders each containing a dedicated link to the permittee's renewal page, for 2017 permits went out on 2/3/2017 with 2 reminders since.
- Invoice/letter for SYC mooring field has been delivered to the club.
- The 2017 mooring permit stickers have been ordered by Frank Fedeli

## Harbor Activity

- On Sunday 2/12/2017 a minor oil sheen was reported at the north end of the West Branch. At the time, there were several barges at the O&G dock and a tug/oil barge was offloading at the terminal. The SFD dealt with the incident from shoreside but the outcome is presently unknown. (I also received an *anonymous* report from a member of the public that another tug had been working within the harbor and that these 'spills' occurred every several days.)
- I attended a meeting on 2/16/2017 at Soundwaters' Cove Island offices along with Sgt. Monck, the Deputy Harbormaster, John Davis of Care Free Boats, Mike Bagley of Soundwaters, regarding interaction between commercially operated recreational boats (including paddle boards and kayaks) and tug/barge traffic in the West Branch. We had a good discussion regarding their intentions and safety/operational matters including direct monitoring of and communication with tugs on vhf ch.13. We will continue working with both organizations to try and ensure safety for the coming season.

## Garbage and Debris

- With regards to the RFQ for removal of the dangerous abandoned docks in the East Branch inside of the Hurricane gates discussed at the Commission meeting of 11/15/2016, I have requested (2/7/2017) an update from City Operations (Ernie Orgera) I am still awaiting a response. 1/14/2017, no 'official' reply yet received so I have send a follow-up e-mail requesting information. A 3<sup>rd</sup> request elicited a brief response indicating that the City was no longer willing to fund, as agreed at the meeting in late 2016, removal of the safety/environmental hazard.
- Debris build-up in the East Branch is so far minimal when compared to the last couple of years. I will continue to monitor the situation.

## Harbor Commission Boat

- The Harbor Commission (Master) boat will require some pre-season maintenance;
  - Clean hull,
  - Antifouling paint
  - Change engine fuel filters and water pump impeller.

A quotation has been obtained from city vendor Rex Marine at Norwalk (copy attached to this report) of \$1624.25 US which was accounted for in the proposed budget I submitted to the commission at the January meeting. I request the Commission's approval to have the work done.

## Consideration for Re-Appointment as State Harbor Master

- As you will be aware, my appointment as State Harbor Master for Stamford officially expires on June 30<sup>th</sup> 2017. I respectfully submit myself for consideration of re-appointment to serve a further 3-year term in that position.

Respectfully submitted

Captain Eric Knott

State Harbor Master

Captain Yale Greenman

State Deputy Harbor Master

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**Subject:** RE: Request for Quotation - service work Stamford Harbor Master Boat  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 2:46:00 PM

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Don,

Thanks for the quotation.

No problems with 'speed of response', you may have noticed it's been a tad cold and Yale (Deputy HM) and myself have respectfully declined to put forth on the boat, no matter how hard the Harbor Commission Chairman (Damian) prods us with his very sharp and pointy stick!!

I will be in touch in about 2-weeks to arrange agreeable dates for the work.

Thanks for your help.

Kind regards

Eric

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Hi Eric,

Sorry I'm late getting back to you on this. We are slowly gearing back up for the season.

The charges for hauling, power washing, DEP charges and blocking the boat for painting at \$17.25 per ft. come to: \$362.25

We would use an multi season ablative paint, (EPA approved). That would cost at \$22.00 per ft.:

\$462.00

The water pump all in, (parts and labor), should be

approx.:

\$450.00

Replacing the thermostat at that time, (parts and labor), should cost:

\$160.00

Two Racor fuel filters at \$35.00 each with estimating an hour for labor:

\$190.00

Total:  
\$1,624.25

\*Mechanical labor prices are an approximate average assuming we do not encounter severe / excessive corrosion.

Thank you and Best,

*Don Atwell*

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**Subject:** Request for Quotation - service work Stamford Harbor Master Boat

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This is your friendly neighboring Harbor Master from Stamford about to throw myself on your fiscal generosity;

Can you please provide a quotation for the following work on the Stamford Harbor Master boat, a 21 ft. center console fitted with a 225hp 2-stroke Mercury Optimax outboard motor.

- Lift, hull clean (below water line) and one coat of your very best (but eco-friendly-ish) antifouling paint, color black and re-launch
- Change impeller/service water pump as needed, check thermostat (it occasionally sticks open (or at least the engine runs very cold – 75-90°F instead of the normal 130-135°F)
- Replace 2 racor fuel filters (hidden away behind the 2-stroke oil tank in the starboard quarter locker)

Work to be carried out at your premises and completed before the end of March 2017. The boat would be delivered to you by water.

Thanks for your help.

Kind regards

Eric

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