

Stamford Harbor Master's Report 4/18/2017

Moorings

- Mooring status (as of 4/18/2017);
 - Approved - 71
 - Under Review - 00
 - Approval on hold - 04
 - Expired, not renewed/no response - 11

Harbor Activity

- 3/27/2017 At 15:00 I received a call from USCG who had an immediate activation of an EPIRB in Stamford Harbor in the area of Dolphin Cove. The owner had been contacted who stated that he had replaced and disposed of the unit "2-Years ago". I contacted Commissioner Adelberg who reported no marine traffic in the area. I also contacted Steve Schafer of the Hemlock Oyster Company. He had no boats out but offered to get one underway within 5-minutes to "go and put eyes in the area". The USCG re-contacted me to the effect that it now appeared to be the owner's son "recycling" the unit and was a false alarm. The oyster boat was stood down with thanks from the USCG and myself.
- On 3/28/2017 I attended a planning meeting for the 2017 Harbor Fest event. Sgt. Monck (Police Harbor Unit) and Commissioner Redniss on behalf of the Commission were also present. It is shaping up to be another worthwhile event promoting the harbor. I emphasized that as on-the-water activities were added to and increased, resources must also be given to the Police Harbor Unit to ensure public safety and incident response.
- The season has not yet properly started and already we again have problems with speeding boats (from Greenwich) within the harbor. This past weekend, the Deputy Harbor Master saw a large motor yacht speeding and causing a notable wake in the west branch. Having identified himself to the operator, the errors were pointed out at which point the vessel operator was abusive and carried on. I fear that this type of behavior will increase with the limited visible presence available on the water.
- Some of you may be aware of the recent serious accident aboard the tug *Mister T*, a tug that frequently operates in Stamford Harbor. Last Thursday night in New York Harbor, while making up to a barge, a member of the deck crew got his arm trapped in a line resulting in his arm being severed below the elbow.. A USCG small boat evacuated the casualty to shore and transferred him to an ambulance within 12-minutes of the distress call. The casualty has survived but unfortunately, his arm was lost into the harbor waters. This is the type of accident which could so easily occur when tugs are making up to barges on the staging buoy. We do not have the facility to evacuate a casualty in the same short time span, so an outcome may be very different.

Garbage and Debris

- The derelict docks inside of the Hurricane Barrier have now been removed as far as possible by city operations. The appearance of this area of the harbor is much improved. The requested Danger Buoy was deployed by Sea Elumba on 3/30/2017.



Harbor Commission Boat

- The Harbor Commission (Master) boat returned from maintenance at Rex Marine, Norwalk, to service on Sunday March 27th.

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Other

- I have again accepted an invitation to attend the Stamford Yacht Club Commissioning Ceremony on May 13th and will attend as a representative of the Harbor and the Commission.
- On April 5th, I was re-appointed by the State Governor as Harbor Master for Stamford for a further term, expiring on June 30th 2020. I attach a copy of the letter for record.
- I received the attached letter concerning repair of a floating dock in Dolphin Cove. The writer had been referred to me by Commissioner Adelberg who may have more details. I am not sure if input from the Commission is needed.

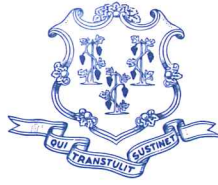
Respectfully submitted

Captain Eric Knott

State Harbor Master

Captain Yale Greenman

State Deputy Harbor Master



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GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT


April 5, 2017

Eric Knott
65 Ogden Road
Stamford, CT 06905

Dear Mr. Knott,

Pursuant to Sections 4-1 and 15-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my pleasure and privilege to reappoint you as the Harbor Master for the harbors and navigable waterways of Stamford, to serve for a term ending June 30, 2020, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

Sincerely,


Dannel P. Malloy
Governor

cc: Honorable Denise Merrill, Secretary of the State
cc: Honorable Kevin Lembo, Comptroller
cc: Messrs. John Geragosian and Robert Kane, Auditors of Public Accounts
cc: Carrie Rose, Legislative Library
cc: Commissioner Robert Klee, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
cc: Brian Thompson, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
cc: John Pinto, President, Connecticut Harbor Management Commission
cc: Dr. Damian Ortelli, Chairman, Stamford Harbor Management Commission

**Gary E. Kalan MD
261 Dolphin Cove Quay
Stamford, CT 06902**

April 15, 2017

Mr. Eric Knott
Harbor Master
Stamford Harbor Management Commission
90 Magee Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902

Dear Mr. Knot,

I am writing regarding my property at 261 Dolphin Cove Quay and my desire to replace a dock which had previously existed at my property. Please find attached a copy of the original plan and approval from the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection for a dock which was constructed by Mr. William Erdman in 1987.

This dock was subsequently replaced in 2005 by Mr. Werner Wind. I have attached a copy of the invoice which demonstrates that this dock consisted of a 6 by 16 ½ foot float which was accessed by a 32" by 36 foot aluminum ramp. At the present time there are a set of dolphin piles which remain from this dock.

It is my desire to replace this structure as it previously existed.

I appreciate your attention to this matter, and look forward to hearing back from the Harbor Management Commission.

Sincerely,

Gary Kalan