

# Stamford Harbor Master's Report 8/15/2017

## Moorings

- Mooring status (as of 7/17/2017);
  - Approved - 75
  - Under Review - 00
  - Approval on hold - 04
  - Expired - 11

## Harbor Activity

- July 27<sup>th</sup>. During the evening, a small outboard boat sank just outside of the harbor breakwater near the Cowes, depositing the 4-occupants into the water. A number of assets attended and recovered the 4-persons in the water without injury. The Stamford Marine Unit recovered the boat (figure 1) the following day to the West Beech boat ramp. Of note is the fact that the boat, operator and trailer were all legal with regards to equipment, permits and registration.
- Excessive speed and disregard for the no-wake regulations continues. Anecdotal evidence that an unknown boat travelled north past the hurricane barrier in the east branch at very high speed on one evening last week has been received from several sources. I saw the pictured boat (figure 2) at speed and planning in the main harbor during late afternoon of Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>. It had just left the SYC docks.



Figure 1



Figure 2

## Safety

- Several meetings have been attended regarding the upcoming Harbor Fest and associated fireworks display. Subject to the weather, it should be another good event for the harbor. The Harbor Commission/Master boat will be manned and available from approximately 11:00 on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> until the end of the fireworks display or as may be needed to supplement the Police Harbor Unit.
- (8/11/2017) A Buchanan tug reported a recreational vessel in the harbor had lost steering. The Police Harbor Unit responded but the vessel had reached a dock safely before they arrived.
- An anonymous complaint has been received from someone with a boat docked at Stamford Landing regarding the speed and conduct of the water taxi/ferry operating in the west branch. I have spoken to Carl Catanzaro (BLT) operators of the service who will advise the operator appropriately.
- Last Sunday (13<sup>th</sup>) saw a canoe in Westcott cove and as I approached I saw an adult male putting a PFD on a young girl also riding the canoe. When challenged, there was only that single PFD onboard. They were directed back to the shore.
- Earlier that day a center console was seen in the out bound in the harbor containing a family group (male and female adults with a child and infant (baby in arms). Neither child was wearing a PFD. When challenged, PFDs were taken from lockers and put on the children. It is noteworthy that several hours

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later the boat was seen returning to Czeskik marina, neither child wearing PFDs. I was unable to speak with the operator at that point.

- The Deputy Harbor Master and Police Harbor Unit have also dealt with multiple similar occurrences,

### Garbage and Debris

- Garbage and effluent is continuing to be noticeable around the harbor, including a large truck tire (*figure 3*) removed from the main channel to Harbor Point fuel dock for removal.

### Harbor Commission Boat

- The boat was re-fueled on 7/22/2017 at a cost of \$163.00US. A copy invoice was submitted to Frank Fedeli and the Chairman by e-mail on 7/24/2018. The account has been paid.



Figure 3

Respectfully submitted

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Captain Yale Greenman

State Harbor Master

State Deputy Harbor Master