

Westbrook Harbor Management Commission Happenings

Highlights of the September 22 HMC Meeting

- A review of the town ordinances, Section 8.5 revealed the following
 - Moorings cannot be placed without a permit
 - Moorings are to be removed and inspected every two years

Thus far the HMC has not enforced the removal and inspection requirement. Over the winter of 2020-2021 the HMC will develop and publish procedures to be followed for mooring inspections.

- Only pyramid and mushroom anchors are acceptable for use as mooring anchors. Danforth and other anchors are temporary and are not permitted for long term in the water use.

Over the winter 2020-2021 the mooring tackle Specifications will be clarified to require that no part of any mooring anchor shall be less than 2 feet below the low tide water level.

We (the HMC and the Harbormaster) are attempting to work with mooring holders to ensure a safe waterfront. Any suggestions that any person has to improve communication and safety are encouraged and should be directed to Harbormaster Harry Plaut.