

Fellow Boaters:

Greetings! I hope you are all well as we start to gear up for the 2016 boating season. I thought it appropriate to introduce myself, and provide some information about the upcoming season.

First, I'm a New England guy - born in Maine, spending most of my childhood in Connecticut. Despite a 30 year Coast Guard career during which my family and I moved all over the country (14 different duty stations), we were able to spend 11 of those years in Rhode Island. All three of my kids graduated from North Kingstown High School – quite a feat for a seagoing officer. Following my active duty time, we settled here in Jamestown and have lived here for over five years now...and we absolutely love it! I was thrilled to be selected as the new Harbormaster for the town.

As I settle in to my new position and responsibilities, I think it's important that you know that we have many challenges ahead, for example:

- There is quite a large backlog of Relocation Requests
- Vessel size change requests are also quite numerous, and continue to come in daily
- We are putting a new boat into service – a Silver Ships “Freedom 21” center console

So, as I work my way through the rocks and shoals of the job, please understand that it will take some time, and the guiding principles that I will follow are contained in the Harbor Management Ordinance. If you aren't familiar with the ordinance, you can find it online here:

<http://www.jamestownri.gov/Home/ShowDocument?id=24905>

Open communication is essential...My office number is: 401-423-7249. If I'm out on the boat, you can hail me on VHF Channel 16, and we'll take it to another channel.

Please remember that we all share the same goal: to enjoy our time on the water in a safe and responsible way.

I look forward to meeting you all, and seeing you on the water.

Be safe!

Mark Campbell
Harbormaster