Fellow Boaters:

As I write this, we are just two days away from the official "first day of summer", and as you can tell by the number of boats that appear on their moorings each day, things are in full swing. In our wake we have already left the annual RI Air National Guard Air Show, and the start of the Newport/Bermuda Race was a sight to see on Friday, June 17th. Before you know it, Jamestown's 4th of July fireworks show will be upon us – always a great waterfront event. This year the fireworks will be on Sunday night - July 3rd. If you intend to observe the fireworks by boat, please respect the safety zone around the barge, and be extra vigilant as everything aboard boats is much more difficult in the dark.

Looking ahead, I'm happy to report that the Town's Ribcraft vessel will soon be put back into service after having been repowered with a new Yamaha 4-Stroke engine. The Rib will be stationed in West Ferry which will enhance my ability to respond to that area without having to circumnavigate the island to get there.

Also, in the near future, you will see a solicitation for the Assistant Harbormaster position…keep an eye on the Jamestown website for details.

As you re-commission your moorings, I ask that you ensure that your mooring service provider has properly labeled your mooring ball with the number of your mooring in 3 inch block letters, and that they have placed your 2016 (GREEN) permit sticker on it. I know that many people have their names on their floats – and that is fine – in fact I find it helpful, but the Harbor Ordinance requires that you have the mooring number. Your cooperation in this matter would be much appreciated.

 Open communication is essential…My office number is: 401-423-7249. My cell number is 401-265-3990. 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.

See you on the water!

Be safe!

Mark Campbell
Harbormaster