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## Harbormaster Waypoint 2/2018

Fellow Boaters: It's hard for me to believe, but June and July have sped by, and the recent weeks of sunny and hot summer weather more than made up for the miserable April we had this year! The number of boats out in the bay, and especially in Mackerel Cove on the weekend, has been amazing. Despite the large amount of waterfront activity, I am happy to report that so far this summer, there have been very few incidents or accidents.

As I write this, the Air Show, Jamestown Blessing of the Fleet, July Fireworks, Newport Folk & Jazz Festivals, and the Save the Bay Swim have all been completed successfully. The only remaining “special event” is the Fool's Rules Regatta, to be held at 0900 on Saturday, August 18.

Important information for your consideration:

1. The deadline for your mooring to be commissioned was July 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not had it commissioned, you risk losing your mooring next year. In addition, in order to keep your mooring, you must use it! The Ordinance requires that the boat you have registered to the mooring must occupy it for a minimum of 20 days per season.
2. The most common issue I am finding is improper marking of mooring balls/floats. The mooring is required to have your mooring number written in 3 inch numerals, AND the permit sticker for the current year applied. Contrary to popular belief, your name is not required to be on the ball/float, but if you want it on the mooring, it is acceptable to do so.
3. If you intend to allow a friend or relative to use your mooring when you are gone, that is permissible, but you need to let me know – preferably in writing – ahead of time. There is a 7 day limit on what I am authorized to grant. Any longer than that, and you will need to appear before the Harbor Commission. Remember that the boat you registered to the mooring must be on it for a minimum of 20 days.

If you need to contact me on the water, I always monitor channel 16 VHF. I can also be contacted through the dispatch officer at the Police Station; or by phone: Office 401-423-7249 and Cell 401-265-3990.

Smooth sailing - See you on the water!

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Harbormaster