

HARWICH HARBORMASTER DEPARTMENT

November 2020 Monthly Report

Operations

- Department boats conducted 2 tows of disabled vessels.
- Hauled seasonal Channel and No Wake buoys from Allen Harbor, Herring River and Round Cove.
- Marine 77 assisted the Chatham Harbormaster with a stranded 30' humpback whale on 11/07 & 11/08. The whale had become stranded between Morris Island and North Monomoy, approximately 200 yards east of the Stage Harbor channel. Assisted with crowd control on the 7th as the Chatham Harbormaster and members of IFAW's stranding team attempted to help the whale free its self. The attempts were unsuccessful. Returned on the 8th to assist with pulling the now deceased whale free and towing it into Stage Harbor where it was hauled out of the water
- Utilized HFD flat-bottom boat to transport officer from Harwich Police and member of Conservation Commission up the Herring River to a location where suspected illegal activity was being conducted.

Administration

- Issued Notice to Proceed to Robert B Our for the Round Cove Ramp reconstruction project.
- Sent email reminder to remove dinghies by 11/15.
- Reached out to 40 slip holders to remind them of 12/1 renewal deposit deadline.
- Entered in FY22 budget for NR and Harbor
- Went to waitlist with open mooring permit for HR (North).
- Went to waitlist with 20' slip and 30' slip
- Processed 14 transient slip reservations.

Maintenance

- Painted and renumbered Long Pond mooring buoys.
- Pressure washed all of the seasonal channel buoys.
- Shutdown and blew-out the water systems at Saquatucket (SAQ), Wychmere and Allen Harbors.
- Retrieved, emptied, and winterized portable pump-out carts and winterized the fixed pump-out system at SAQ.
- Hauled out 77A and 77B for the winter.
- Winterized the closed loop pressure washing system.
- Applied abrasive non-skid tape to the lower transition plates on the on the east and west docks at SAQ.
- Assisted Natural resources with shutting down and winterizing the Shellfish Lab.
- General building and grounds maintenance.

Meetings

- Conducted virtual meeting with Interim TA to discuss Mooring Servicing Agent contract renewals.

- Had virtual meeting with Health Director to discuss status of department COVID protocols.
- Conducted site visits with Natural Resources Director and engineers from Coastal Engineering to review plans for proposed docks at two locations on Wychmere Harbor.
- Attended meeting with two members from the Wyndemere Bluffs Association to discuss process and forecast for purchasing dredge material for beach nourishment.
- Waterways Committee Meeting (18 Nov)