

Harbormaster's Report to the Waterfront Committee

September 2024

What I've been up to:

1. **Marina Hours & Staffing** – I've reduced our hours down to 8:00am – 4:00pm daily. No extended hours on weekends. It simply doesn't make economic sense. If there are boats who haven't checked in by the time we leave, we reach out to them to make sure they know where their slip is and offer them the bathroom code. We're down to our normal skeleton crew (me, Asst. Madison, two high schoolers, and Fred (a seasonal who's been pulling a few shifts a week). I fly solo a couple of days a week which normally isn't a problem ... plus I get my "steps" in.
2. **Boat Traffic** – Whoa. It never ceases to amaze me how boat traffic hits a wall after Labor Day. There are still some folks out there cruising and, of course, we have the traffic going to the Boatyard.
3. **Swimming Buoys** – The swimming buoys will be recovered for winter by Tom Donley when he pulls the harbor entrance buoys.
4. **Water Levels** – The water level is down at least 6" from the peak at the end of July. If anyone has a boat on a hoist, keep an eye on that dropping water level.
5. **Leelanau UnCaged** – From the looks of the reservations and my waiting list, we're going to have another full marina for UnCaged. This is always a challenging weekend for us and our minimal crew.
6. **Incidents:**

No incidents to report.

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