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The Waterline

KITTERY, ME – The end of another boating season has arrived without invitation. Don't despair! Now is the time to start planning for next year. You better get cracking, the clock is ticking on the start of the 2012 season.

Despite a wet start in June the weather turned off nicely for our summer, the exception being the rude interruption by Irene. The response by Kittery boaters to warnings as Irene approached was fantastic. Thanks to Great Bay Marine, the shipyard, Kittery Point Yacht Yard, Badger Island Marina and the many individual mooring and dock owners for accommodating so many vessels seeking refuge from the storm. Irene proved her might and you proved that we can be prepared.

As many of you already know the Town of Kittery and the Kittery Port Authority are working jointly to improve the infrastructure at Pepperrell Cove. Current plans are to replace the deteriorating Frisbee Pier this winter for use by the 2012 boating season and the following year to build the BIG transient recreational boating facility with a pump out float in 2013. Completion of these two important projects will mean that all marine interests using Pepperrell Cove will have access to a modern, safe facility.

This summer a major boat wake incident occurred at Badger Island here in Kittery. Two vessels headed under the Memorial Bridge caused a "mini tsunami" as one individual stated. Significant property damage resulted, by sheer good fortune no one was injured. As a result boaters can probably expect stronger enforcement on this stretch of the river going forward. Wake and not speed are the issue. The only way to tell if you are creating a wake is to look behind you as move through the water. Imagine your children, friends or elderly relatives standing on a float being hit by a four to five foot wake and ask yourself how you would respond to the individual creating that wake. Please remember, you are responsible for your wake.

Thanks again for another great summer you boaters of Kittery, I serve the best boaters on the coast of Maine.

Office hours are Tuesday 8AM-4PM. You may contact the harbormaster at any time by phone or come see me at the pier. For boating and waterfront news, please check the Harbormaster website. Visit the Town website at www.kittery.org and click on town departments, then waterfront services. Your input is always welcome. Send e-mail to kpa@kitteryme.org.

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