

City of Rockland

Harbor & Waterfront

Mission Statement

The Harbor and Waterfront department is currently tasked with taking care of Rockland's waterfront assets, and to perform that duty with as little cost to the taxpayer as possible.

Department Description

To that end we have a full-time harbormaster, a full-time (summer)/part-time (winter) assistant harbormaster and four summertime dock stewards at the Public Landing, and we try to balance our fees with our costs. We oversee the waterfront parks, the launching ramps, the Public Landing, all of the moorings, the commercial traffic and we are involved with responding to water related emergencies and homeland security. We are equal parts administrators, enforcers, arbitrators, welcome committee and cheerleaders for Rockland. As one of Maine's most diverse harbors, we look to keep frictions between users to a minimum, and to encourage new and growing uses. We can't do any of this by ourselves and need to work cooperatively with all of the city's other departments, and rely on their help and knowledge.

Previous Year's Accomplishments

- The wreck of the Lauren T was removed
- Cleared off the Buoy Park launch ramp (still more to do),
- Finished the permitting process for the BIG project,

Goals & Objectives

- Finally get the BIG project of floats and pilings finished at the Public Landing,
- Get the Harbormaster's building painted,
- Finalize a design for a replacement Public Landing,
- Get the wires off the Public Landing,
- Submit a Marine Construction ordinance amendment.

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5-Year Goals & Objectives

- Finish the Buoy Park launch ramp for kayaks, etc.,
- Fix the disintegrating launch ramp in Snow Marine Park
- Get a Homeland Security grant to fund a new Harbormaster boat,
- Replace the Public Landing as part of the Harbor Park redesign project,
- Rewrite the “Harbor Use Plan” to account for changes over the last few years.