

## NOTICE REGARDING SHORELINE PROJECTS

Below is a brief synopsis of the projects that will take place in the waterways and waterfront commencing early September. Due to activity on the public beaches and waterways, time of year restrictions for dredging, and scheduling contractors and other participants, we will get underway immediately following the Labor Day holiday weekend. Some people will be disappointed with the timing but this schedule was designed to have the least overall impact on beachgoers, tourism, and the boating community. The projects will have the most adverse impact on the commercial boat haulers. We will get this information to both local newspapers, our website and Facebook page, Commercial Haulers, mooring permit holders, etc.

The first project will be dredging at Monument Beach. Approximately September 5th, we will begin building a de-watering pit on the public swim beach at Monument Beach. Construction will be done with an excavator and bulldozer. The beach will then be closed to the public for the duration of the project. The pit is for de-watering the spoils from dredging where the new boat ramp will go. We will also be doing additional dredging in the channel leading up to the Toby Island bridge. We have to dredge the location of the new boat ramp prior to construction. The actual dredging should take less than 5 days. Work on the beach will take place before and after the actual dredging. The dredge spoils are all suitable for beach nourishment and will be kept on the public beach.

The new boat ramp is currently out to bid. The bid opening will be September 6th. Hopefully, we will have enough funding. As you know, we had to secure an additional 75K at the spring Annual Town Meeting. When we bid the project out in February we were short 50K. Construction on the ramp should begin before the end of September. It will take 3-4 months. All construction will take place within a cofferdam. Concrete will be poured in place. Construction would take less time if we used precast concrete but our design is to construct and pour in place. The ramp will be a much more durable structure in the long run. The dinghy rack closest to the existing boat ramp will be removed prior to construction and relocated next spring. Those permitted to use that rack have been advised to use empty spots on the rack closest to the facilities building for the remainder of the boating season. The existing ramp will remain in place during construction but boaters should not plan on using the ramp once dredging activity begins in the water. The actual dredge, discharge pipe, work boat, and other associated equipment will likely impede safe use of the ramp. Once the dredge mobilizes and heads to Barlows Landing, the existing ramp will be available until the contractor brings in the construction barge and other equipment for the new ramp which will hopefully be by the end of September. There will be a short window at best when the ramp will be available.

Barlows Landing will be dredged after Monument Beach. We did not have a window to dredge because of overlapping time of year restrictions for Winter Flounder and Diamondback Terrapins. We were given a waiver and permission to dredge from October 1-14. The dredging in Barlows is twofold, maintenance dredging of the channel and dredging where the new dinghy dock will go. We are still in the permitting process for the dinghy dock. DEP had propeller wash

concerns and required us to dredge the new location prior to installing the new dock as the water levels weren't deep enough to accommodate dinghies with engines.

We will begin construction of the de-watering pit at Barlows hopefully sometime during the week of September 25th. At this time the boat ramp and the public beach will be closed for the season for all intents and purposes. There isn't enough room on the public beach for the entire de-watering pit so we will construct a portion of the pit on the beach and a portion in the parking lot. Patrons of the existing dinghy dock will be notified they need to remove their boats from the dock by September 17. We don't expect the dredging/beach nourishment project to be completed until the end of October. A fair amount of the spoils are not suitable for beach nourishment and will have to be removed from the pit and hauled offsite where they will be used in ISWM's operation. We will be using the same crew from the Monument Beach dredge project both on land and in the water so as soon as Mo Beach is completed the heavy equipment will be trailered to Barlows Landing. We are in the process of notifying boat haulers, mooring permit holders, and the general public that once construction of the pit starts the boat ramp will be closed for launching and hauling.

Barlows landing is the only ramp on the south side that can accommodate deep draft vessels. We understand this will be a substantial inconvenience for some folks but due to the time of year restrictions on dredging there was no alternative. We will allow vessels with town of Bourne mooring permits to haul their vessels out at the Taylor Point Marina one time free of charge. These vessels must have a town of Bourne mooring sticker affixed to their boat. Every Bourne mooring permit holder, customers of Monument Beach Marina, Pocasset River Marina, Taylor Point Marina, Kingman Yacht Center, Barlow's Boat Yard, and Parker's were issued mooring permit stickers. They will be eligible to haul out their boat for the season free of charge at Taylor Point Marina. If Mass DEP processes our application for the proposed new dinghy dock by late winter/early spring, we will get the new dock project out to bid and installed by June 1 or thereabouts.

Any moorings at either of the dredge locations that will interfere with the operation of the dredging equipment or will otherwise impede the projects will be temporarily relocated. Upon completion of the project(s) the moorings will be placed back in their original location or a different location as close to the original as practical. A few of the moorings may be in close proximity to the new structures and placement of the moorings will need to be adjusted accordingly. The town will contract with a mooring Installer to complete this phase of the project. There will be no cost to mooring permit holders.