



Docks & Harbors

The Tide Line

January 2016



Happy New Year

Port Director's Corner

Please join us as we roll out the Docks & Harbors updated master plan for the Don D. Statter Harbor. The meeting will be held at the new Mendenhall Library at 6 pm on Wednesday, January 13th as we conduct a town hall meeting to solicit input from the public for our next proposed phase of the Statter Harbor improvements. Since 2006, Docks & Harbors has been planning for four phases to improve facilities at Statter Harbor. In the past year, efforts to relocate the Harri's Commercial Marine boatyard to the Auke Bay Loading Facility has provided the opportunity to proceed directly with the design of a "commercial charter float". The proposed facility would provide approximately 800 linear feet of additional moorage specifically for the whale watching & fishing charter industry and bus/coach staging area. The project is expected to be funded primarily with head tax which is paid for through the cruise ship industry. The added benefit of this project will be the reduction of congestion within the harbor and greater segregation of the vehicular traffic into the facility. The harbor community is cordially welcome and the charter vessel operators are strongly encouraged to attend. We have an optimistic goal of executing the design and permitting this spring in order to have the new commercial charter float in place for the 2017 cruise ship season.

Harbor Fee Review

January 6th at noon
CBJ Room 224

Operations /Planning

January 20th at
5:00 p.m.
CBJ Room 224

Finance Meeting

January 21st
At 5:00 pm
CBJ Chambers

Docks Fee Review

January 21st.
immediately following
the Finance Meeting

Regular Board Meeting

January 28th, at
5:00 p.m.
CBJ Chambers

Meeting agendas and minutes link:

<http://www.juneau.org/harbors/board.php>



Following the Statter Harbor master planning meeting (around 7:30 pm - January 13th), we invite the Auke Bay charter vessel operators to remain to discuss options to minimize wakes by adopting TBMP (Tourism Best Management Practices) protocols. Our goal will be to develop navigational fairways which will reduce wake damage by also improving the navigational safety of Auke Bay.

2016 Launch Ramp Permits. In 2015, Docks & Harbors updated the Recreational and Commercial Boat Launch regulations (05 CBJAC 20.060 & 05 CBJAC 20.070). The annual recreational fee will remain at \$90 plus tax for the first trailer and two additional trailers can be registered for an administrative fee of \$5 per trailer. The daily launch ramp fee was raised by \$1 to \$15. The annual commercial fee is raised by \$25.00 to \$250.00 for each trailer. The regulations were also clarified to require trailer registrations to match the address of the applicant. All trailer users are reminded

Harbor Fee Review

Committee. The next Harbor Fee Review will be Wednesday, January 6th at noon in CBJ Hall Room 224. The regulations the Committee will be pursuing in

January/February are harbor moorage fees and assigned moorage credit. All are welcome and the agenda is provided:

<http://www.juneau.org/harbors/agendas/>

launch ramp permits are issued on a calendar year basis and the 2016 permits are due commencing January 1st.

Launch ramp permits can be obtained at our harbor offices or online at www.juneauharbors.com.

Meet the Staff. We are pleased to announce the selection of Matthew Creswell as our new Senior Harbor Officer. The Senior Harbor Officer works under the Downtown Operations Maintenance Supervisor and is responsible for managing the seasonal Docks employees providing security to the cruise ship docks and parking enforcement of the associated uplands. Matthew most recently was working for the State of Alaska - Department of Corrections. Originally from South Carolina, he has over 25 years working with the marine industry demonstrating increasing levels of competence and leadership. Please stop by the Aurora Harbor Office and welcome Matthew to the Docks & Harbors Team.

**Docks & Harbors
Office Hours:**

Port Office Hours

907-586-0292

Monday – Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

**Port/Field Office
Closed**

(for the winter)

Aurora Office Hours

907-586-5255

Monday – Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

**Statter Harbor (Auke
Bay) Office Hours**

907-789-0819

Monday - Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Closed 12:00 to 1:00
for lunch

Michael Pusich Douglas Harbor Update. Western Construction Marine has completed dredging approximately 30K cubic yards in the area of “old Douglas” harbor to minus 14 feet prior to the Christmas Holiday. They will start up again in January to place a 6 inch sand cap over the harbor as well as a sand cap over the dredge material which has been placed in Gastineau Channel. Western Construction Marine will finish the remainder of their Army Corps of Engineers contract by March. Docks & Harbors is in the process to advertise for bids to fabricate and install new floats in Douglas Harbor. We anticipate the bid opening date to be February 2nd.

Boat Registration. All boat owners are kindly reminded to notify the Harbor Office whenever there is a change of ownership of a vessel that is registered within the CBJ harbor system. We have recently had situations where vessel ownership has changed hands without notification to the State or Docks & Harbors. Patrons are reminded that individuals may be held liable for charges associated with your vessels in the event you do not have a clean, two-party agreement of the sale of your vessel.

Tax Windfall for Live Aboards. Beginning January 1, 2016 there will be a change to how CBJ sales tax is applied to moorage with patrons who are long-term residents (i.e. live aboards). Under the sales tax code, specifically 69.05.040(20), long-term residential rentals are exempt from the CBJ Sales Tax. Up until now, the sales tax office has not provided specific guidance regarding long-term (>30 days) slip rentals / moorage fees for live-aboards.

Effective January 1, 2016, the following transaction will be exempted from the CBJ Sales Tax by D&H:

- Moorage charges for periods greater than 30 days **only** when a monthly residence surcharge is also being paid/assessed.
 - Both the moorage charge and the residence surcharge will be exempted from Sales Tax, regardless of who is making the purchase (i.e. owner or resident).
- Also, effective January 1, 2016, senior citizens can no longer claim exemption on **any** D&H fees/charges using their CBJ Senior Sales Tax exemption card. Only the above long-term live-aboard situation will be exempt.

Go Green with Docks & Harbors. If you are interested in having your statement sent via email, please send an email to dolly.raster@juneau.org

Cruise Ship Berths

Work on the new cruise ship berths continues to progress. Manson Construction of Seattle is the General Contractor on the project. The south berth is scheduled to be complete in early May 2016.



**All Docks & Harbors Offices
will be closed January 19th
for day long training.**