



Docks & Harbors

The Tide Line

APRIL 2017



Port Director's Corner

As we turn the calendar, April brings many exciting changes and opportunities to Docks & Harbors. The first is that we welcome our Docks & Harbors seasonal employees back to another summer season. Fifteen seasonal employees will return providing security along the cruise ship docks and at Statter Harbor with four new employees in the mix. With the first cruise ship arriving on May Day, there remains much to accomplish in April including: commissioning of systems which have been winterized, cleaning and pressure washing, prepping the new constructed facilities, conducting OSHA required training and unregulated, but equally important, customer service training.

April 17th also is our target date for allowing Mike Pusich Douglas Harbor patrons the opportunity to fully utilize the new rebuilt facility. Harbormaster Dave Borg will be organizing the assignment of vessels into Douglas Harbor. As a reminder all vessels must be "qualified" to register for transient or reserved moorage. That is to say that all vessels returning to Douglas Harbor must do so under their own motive power. Please contact the Aurora Harbor Office at 586-5255 with questions.

Season Start Up - Another recurring annual April event is our pre-season meetings with the followings groups: (1) Downtown Vendor Booth permittees; (2) Downtown cruise ship dock transportation companies; and (3) Statter Harbor operations. All the meetings will be held on Tuesday, April 18th at 9 am, 10:30 am, and 5 pm respectively. The meetings pertaining to downtown operations will be held in City Hall Room 224 and the Statter Harbor meeting at the Valley Library. The purpose is to exchange information to targeted user groups with the goal of incremental safety and efficient improvements each year.

At this time, we are monitoring the efforts of the Legislature to enact **TNC (Transportation Network Company)** legislation. If approved, this would potentially open opportunities for Uber/Lyft to operate within the Docks & Harbors managed facilities.

Aurora Harbor users that have difficulty in getting to the Aurora Harbor pump-out are reminded that Docks and Harbors has a **portable sewage pump-out** cart available for use. Please contact the Aurora Harbor office during normal business hours for more information at 907-586-5255.

Docks & Harbors Meetings:

Operations/Planning Meeting

Wednesday April 19th,
2017 at 5:00 p.m.
Port Field Office

Finance Meeting

Thursday April 20th, 2017
at 5:00 pm
CBJ Room 224

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday April 27th, 2017
at 5:00 pm
CBJ Room 224

Meeting agendas and minutes

can be found at:

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

Help stop theft in our Harbors!

If you see something, say something. Call in suspicious activity to JPD Non-Emergency Line – 907-586-0600 and report to the Harbor Office at 907-586-5255.

The Docks & Harbors Board approved the final version of the **Land Use Master Plan – Bridge Park to Norway Point** (<http://www.juneau.org/harbors/documents/DRAFTMasterPlanSummaryMarch27.pdf>). This will be our blueprint to future development along the Aurora & Harris Harbors waterfront. In the near future, the Docks & Harbors Board will meet to prioritize all the demands within the department's portfolio.

Auke Bay Marine Station: CBJ and UAS are finalizing a memorandum of agreement which would put into motion dividing the old NOAA Lab property nearly in half with the University receiving the Main Building and Docks & Harbors given the remainder of the parcel. Once the MOA is signed, the property will be formally surveyed and the Government Services Administration (GSA) will execute the quitclaim deeds.



Staff Retirement: Doug Unruh, who is the Operations Maintenance Supervisor (OMS) at Statter Harbor, will retire on April 28th, after 15 years with Docks & Harbors. Doug started his career with Docks & Harbors on May 3rd, 2002 as a Harbor Officer, and was promoted to his current OMS position on May 28th, 2013. He will be moving to Wasilla with his wife Linda to be closer to their children and grandchildren. He plans to spend the rest of his years on this great planet hunting, fishing, and enjoying life. Please stop by Statter Harbor and wish Doug well on his next adventure. Fair winds and following seas.

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

**Docks & Harbors
Office Hours:**

Port Office Hours
907-586-0292
Monday – Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Port/Field Office
907-586-5720
Opens May 1st

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

Aurora Harbor Phase II (E, F & G Floats). On April 3rd, the Assembly approved awarding the next phase of Aurora Harbor to Northern Construction Services (NCS) of Junction City, Oregon for \$3.452M. The local subcontractors are Harri Plumbing & Heating, Anderson Bros Electric, and J.W. Bean Surveying. NCS was the prime contractor for phase I of Aurora Harbor and recently completed the Sitka Transient Float. The contract allows for NCS to mobilize as early as August 22nd with a substantial completion date of March 2nd, 2018. We have set May 17th at the Yacht Club for our Boat Shelter Expo event. The purpose is to bring local marine contractors, electricians, divers and engineers together with Boat Shelter owners to facilitate improvements to their structures prior to NCS mobilization.

New Cruise Ship Berths Project: Manson Construction Company has begun demobilizing from the site: collecting equipment stored at the Douglas Harbor parking lot, loading up barges anchored in Gastineau Channel and preparing the two large cranes which all will be heading south to Seattle. Harri Plumbing and Admiralty Construction will continue to work through April ensuring the Alaska Steamship Wharf is ready to receive cruise ships throughout the summer, including the work which will allow cruise ships to discharge waste water to the CBJ Treatment Plant.

The Blessing of the Fleet is scheduled for **Saturday, May 6th** at the Alaska State Fishermen’s Memorial. **The Maritime Festival** will follow the Blessing of the Fleet at 11 am at the Alaska Steamship Float.

Urban Plan Update: Corvus Design has been selected as our consultant to facilitate a process to manage the Docks & Harbors properties along the waterfront from Taku Dock to Marine Park. We anticipate a kick-off meeting in late April or May. If you would like to be placed on an email list to be periodically updated please send an email to Jennifer.Shinn@Juneau.org with “Sign Up – Urban Plan” in the subject line.

Docks & Harbors FY17 & FY18 Budgets: On Wednesday, April 12th Docks & Harbors will present to the Assembly Finance Committee updates to the FY17 and FY18 budgets. Interested members of the public are welcome to attend and will receive an overview to Docks & Harbors finances.

Ribbon Cutting Dates: Please note the May schedule of Ribbon Cutting events commemorating three Docks & Harbors successful construction projects:

Friday, May 5th at Noon – Cruise Ship Berths Project, location at the Alaska Steamship Float

Friday, May 19th at Noon – Statter Harbor Launch Ramp Facility

Friday, May 26th at Noon – Mike Pusich Douglas Harbor

**2017 Launch Ramp
Permits**
available at Aurora &
Statter Harbors, or online
at
www.juneauharbors.com

Spring brings the rainy season: Staff would like to encourage all boat owners to check their vessels during stormy weather. Please make sure that mooring lines are secure, pumps are operating correctly, and your boat is not collecting rain water. Thank You!

