



# Docks & Harbors

## The Tide Line

### March 2018



#### Port Director's Corner

At the February 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting, Program Coordinator Jen Karnik recognized CBJ Docks & Harbors as the fifth community in the State to achieve Alaska Clean Harbor certification. This highly coveted achievement was the result of nearly two-years of efforts to implement common sense best management practices to minimize pollution within our harbors.

The program, voluntary and non-regulatory, is modeled after similar successful programs found throughout the lower 48. Leveraging Alaska Clean Harbor certification provides harbor staff and boaters with free tools and resources to reduce waste and mitigate pollution risk.

Alaska public harbors are vital economic and cultural centers in coastal and riverine communities, serving both recreational boaters and the commercial fleet. In Juneau, our coastal waters and harbors are highly visible to outside visitors, and for many, this provides their first impression of Alaskan communities. We also recognize that our harbor basins are working zones which necessitates boatyard-like activities. Options for hauling boats out for maintenance work can be limited, and necessary repair work is conducted on tidal grids and in slips within harbors.

While local, state and federal regulations exist to ensure some measure of environmental responsibility over these activities, state and federal agencies are often challenged to oversee regulatory compliance. Additionally, there are a suite of unregulated activities in boat harbors that can cause pollution.

Pollution prevention is a necessary component of harbor management and it is one of many issues that challenge harbor staff on a daily basis. The Alaska Clean Harbors program's goal is to provide free technical assistance, tools and resources to help harbor staff protect Alaska's waters while running our important harbor facilities.

Deputy Harbormaster Matt Creswell led the Docks & Harbors efforts in securing the certification and we will continue to advance incremental improvements throughout our department. Among other efforts, patrons will notice: additional informational signage addressing best management practices, an emphasis on recycling to reduce costs associated with disposal fees, opportunities addressing the illegal pumping of wastes within the harbors, and a focus on mitigating derelict vessels and vehicles in our harbors and uplands. The City & Borough of Juneau - Docks & Harbors intends to proudly fly our Alaska Clean Harbors flag at our Downtown & Statter Harbors facilities!



#### Docks & Harbors Meetings:

Operations/Planning  
Wednesday Mar 21st  
At 5pm  
CBJ Room 224

Regular Board Thursday  
Mar 29th  
At 5pm

CBJ Assembly Chambers  
Meeting agendas and  
minutes

can be found at:

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

Docks & Harbors encourages vessel owners to check your vessel during stormy weather. Heavy rainfall, strong winds and snow can do a lot of damage to your vessel.

#### Help stop theft in our Harbors!

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

#### Go Green with Docks & Harbors!

If interested in having your statement sent via email, please send an email to [harbormaster@juneau.org](mailto:harbormaster@juneau.org)



**Employee-of-the-Quarter:** Deputy Harbormaster Matt Creswell was recognized as the Docks & Harbors Employee-of-the-Quarter at the February 25<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. The citation read, in part: *Your arrival to the Docks & Harbors team marked a watershed event enabling the department to accomplish much since your first day in January 2016. In addition to being highly skilled in marine and heavy equipment operations, you have brought energy, ideas and commonsense to ALL of the Docks & Harbor offices.* The citation also spoke to Matt's exceptional customer service and his nearly singlehanded effort in achieving Alaska Clean Harbors certification for the department. Matt is the supervisor at the Don D. Statter Harbor Facility.

**Docks & Harbors  
Office Hours:**

**Port Office**

907-586-0292

Monday – Friday  
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

**Port/Field Office**

907-586-5720

Closed for winter

**Aurora Office**

907-586-5255

Monday – Friday  
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

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

907-789-0819

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

\* Hours subject to change

**2018 Launch Ramp Permits** available for purchase at the Aurora Office, Statter Office, the Port Office, and online at [juneauharbors.com](http://juneauharbors.com).

**More Awards:** The Juneau Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) awarded the Project of the Year to PND Engineers for the Docks & Harbors Cruise Ship Berth Project which was completed in May 2017. The award was presented at the Engineers Week Banquet at the Baranof Hotel on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Simultaneously in Anchorage, a statewide gathering of several engineering professionals awarded the Cruise Ship Berth Project the Alaska Engineers Week – Project of the Year. Additionally, the Douglas Harbor Reconstruction Project completed in 2017 received the Juneau Branch ASCE – Runner-Up Project of the Year.

**Aurora Harbor Phase II.** The rebuild of Main Floats “E”, “F” and “G” continue to progress. Northern Construction Service has completed all pile driving activity and is working on moving Boat Shelters to their final locations. Harri Plumbing & Heating is installing the potable waterlines and the fire suppression system. Anderson Brothers Electric is also busy installing lighting, power pedestals and electrical systems. The substantial completion date remains April 1st.

**Harris Restroom Recommissioning Project.** Docks & Harbors has contracted with Island Contractors to re-open the Harris Restroom. The substantial completion date is May 1<sup>st</sup>. It is our intentions to manage the restrooms in a manner in which harbor patrons will utilize a “key fob” for access. The two restrooms will not be designated by gender and will have a single sink, toilet and shower in each.

**Marine Park Retaining Wall – Cathodic Protection.** Docks & Harbors has also contracted with Island Contractors to install an impressed current system to provide corrosion protection to the sheet pile retaining wall at Marine Park. The contractor will be drilling wells in the vicinity of the Marine Park to provide this cathodic protection system. The final completion date is May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Pre-Season Meetings:** With the 2018 summer season fast approaching, Staff has scheduled the pre-season user group meetings for April 24<sup>th</sup> in the CBJ Assembly Chambers.

Meeting times are as follows;  
Waterfront Vendors 9:30 to 10:30  
Loading Zone User 11:00 to 12:00  
Statter Harbor Users 1:30 to 2:30

**Statewide Clean Up Day:** Alaskan Brewing Company is organizing through its Coastal CODE (Clean Oceans Depend on Everyone) initiative a clean up day which will be held on Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>. Every year in Juneau they work with Litter Free, a local organization, to put together a one-day city-wide cleanup. The focus for this cleanup is on the beaches and waterways to align with the Coastal CODE mission. Participants will be invited to a celebration at the brewery following the cleanup. For more information contact John Blasco at 907-780-5974 or email [jblasco@alaskanbeer.com](mailto:jblasco@alaskanbeer.com).