



Docks & Harbors

The Tide Line

March 2019



Port Director's Corner

On April 2nd at 6 pm in the Mendenhall Valley Public Library, Docks & Harbors will be hosting a public meeting to solicit additional input to solutions to improve the safety and efficiency of the Amalga Harbor Boat Launch. This will be Docks & Harbors' third public meeting at the library. Users of the facility as well as Amalga Harbor residents are highly encouraged to attend as Docks & Harbors looks to make improvements. The April 2nd meeting will be facilitated by PND Engineers with the goal to present to the Docks & Harbors Board a recommended solution for approval at a future meeting. PND Engineers will be looking at all reasonable options including the removal of the existing fish cleaning station to adding an extension to the existing boarding float with greater amenities. The public is cordially invited to participate fully.

Alaska Association of Harbormasters & Port Administrator (AAHPA): The annual AAHPA Legislative Fly-In was held in Juneau on February 19th and 20th. AAHPA President Carl Uchtyl coordinated visits to elected officials, including Governor Dunleavy, and ADOT Commissioner MacKinnon. The AAHPA attendees represented the following communities: Juneau (Dave Borg/Carl Uchtyl), Homer (Bryan Hawkins/Rachel Lord), Seward (Norm Regis), Whittier (Kyle Sinclair), Sitka (Stan Eliason), Unalaska (Peggy McLaughlin), Cordova (Tony Schinella) and Emmonak (Martin Moore Sr). The harbormasters/port directors spoke to the importance of ports/harbors throughout the State, the ADOT Harbor Matching Grant program, challenges with derelict vessels and need to protect the municipal portion of the shared fisheries landing tax. Emmonak City Manager and former state legislator Martin Moore Sr was provided the opportunity to deliver remarks to the House on AAHPA issues.



Docks & Harbors Meetings:

Operations/Planning
Wednesday,
March 20th
at 5:00 pm
Assembly Chambers

Regular Board Meeting
Thursday,
March 28th
at 5:00 pm
Assembly Chambers

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 suspicious activity to JPD Non-Emergency Line at 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

Check vessels! Docks & Harbors would like to encourage all boat owners to check their vessels during stormy weather. Please make sure mooring lines are secure, pumps are operating correctly, and your boat is not collecting rain water.



Docks & Harbors Safety Innovation Award: Harbormaster Dave Borg was presented with a \$3,000 grant from the CBJ Safety Officer (Andy Miguel) for winning a Safety Innovation challenge. Harbormaster Borg has developed best management practices to improve safety awareness within the Docks & Harbors employees leading to the grant. The funds have been used to purchase new PFD with EPIRBs for our employees to don when conducting boat checks.

**Docks & Harbors
Office Hours:**

Port Office

907-586-0292

Monday - Friday
8:00am to 4:30pm

Port/Field Office

586-5720

Closed

October - April

Aurora Office

907-586-5255

Monday - Friday
8:00am to 4:30pm

Statter Harbor (Auke Bay)

Office 907-789-0819

Monday - Friday
8:00am to 4:30pm

Closed 12:00 to 1:00 for
lunch

New Visitor's Kiosk Contract Award: Docks & Harbors has awarded a \$164K construction contract to replace the existing structure northwest of the downtown library. Island Contractors of Juneau will be conducting the demolition and rebuild in time for Travel Juneau to operate the facility in May.



New Harbor Rates: Effective July 1st, 2019, the small boat harbor moorage rates will increase by 3%. The monthly downtown reserved moorage rate will be \$4.40/linear foot(LF), the Statter Harbor rate will be \$7.30/LF and the daily rate will be \$0.57/LF. These increases are tied to the Anchorage Consumer Price Index for the previous calendar year. This is the first rate adjustment for small boat harbors since 2015. Rates associated with charter vessels and bus parking fees will also be increasing this season.

**CBJ Offices will be closed
Monday March 25th for
Seward's Day**

Marine Park Retaining Wall Recoating Project: Purcell Painting and Coatings of Tukwila, Washington is on track to complete the sand blasting and painting project of the Marine Park Retaining Wall in mid-March. This \$260K project is the third and final phase of a corrosion project which Docks & Harbors has executed to maintain the waterfront infrastructure.

CBJ Launch Ramp

Permits: As a reminder, launch ramp permits can be purchased on-line at <http://juneauharbors.com/> and at the harbor offices. From April to October, the Statter Harbor parking kiosks can also be used to purchase daily permits. The launch ramp permits are required for the calendar year starting on January 1st.

Derelict Vessel Lumberman: Docks & Harbor has contracted with Global Diving to inspect and pump out water collected in the vessel. This is out of an abundance of caution to ensure the vessel does not sink in its current location on DNR managed submerged lands in Gastineau Channel.

Engineer's Week Banquet Awards: The Juneau Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) recognized several engineering awards at its annual Engineer's Week Banquet on February 23rd. The project of the year was awarded to Tetra-Tech Engineers for the Seawalk project to Mayor Overstreet Park. Docks & Harbor's Aurora Harbor Phase II project received an honorable mention. Ms. Laura Kelly was recognized as the ASCE Juneau Branch Engineer of the Year. Docks & Harbors' own Erich Schaal (Deputy Port Engineer) was also nominated as a finalist for this prestigious award.