



Docks & Harbors

The Tide Line

June 2019



Port Director's Corner

During the week of May 13th, Docks & Harbors celebrated “Infrastructure Week” which is a nationally recognized event primarily sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), AFL-CIO and the National Chamber of Commerce. A proclamation was prepared and adopted by the Assembly at its May 13th meeting. Earlier that day, local members of the ASCE presented an overview of the 2017 Alaska Infrastructure Report in which the State received a grade of C-. (<https://www.infrastructurereportcard.org/state-item/alaska/>).

Other media reports for Juneau Infrastructure Week includes:

<https://www.juneauempire.com/news/juneau-and-many-other-cities-are-celebrating-something-most-take-for-granted/>

<https://www.juneauempire.com/news/the-first-place-1-4-million-tourists-might-stop-downtown-is-brand-new/>

<http://www.kinyradio.com/news/news-of-the-north/city-christens-new-tourism-kiosk-in-downtown/>

Docks & Harbors is proud to have participated in **four ribbon cutting ceremonies** during the week. The projects reflect our commitment for continuous facility improvements, maintenance & repair, and vision to provide better access to the

water for the public to enjoy. We also took the opportunity to congratulate (now retired) Harold Moeser for serving 15 years as a part-time, coastal engineer with Docks & Harbors. Harold was instrumental in the successful in-house design for two of the projects recognized.

One of the design efforts was to construct a “**sewage holding barge**” to serve the boating community at the **Mike Pusich Douglas Harbor**. Previous “pump out” services at Douglas Harbor were located on the end of the launch ramp boarding float and was highly susceptible to winter damage. The new design allows for a pump cart (like in Aurora Harbor) to be brought to the requesting vessel to discharge waste. The cart is then brought to the sewage holding barge. This barge was built, under the tutelage of Harbor Operations Supervisor John Osborn, completely with in-house staff. The total cost excluding labor was \$12K. We received quotes to purchase a manufactured holding barge for \$75K without shipping to Juneau. The barge holds 500 gallons and we will contract with a local septic company to remove the waste when full.

To request the use of our portable sewage pump-out cart please contact the Harbormaster during normal business hours 8:00AM – 3:00PM, Monday through Friday @ 907-586-5255. Harbor officers can be reached during the same times on weekends @ 907-321-1115. Operations allowing, the cart should be delivered to your vessel within an hour. Under the supervision of a harbor employee, the operation of the sewage cart and removal of your vessels waste will be the owner/operators responsibility. Harbor staff will ensure safe transfer of waste from pump-out cart to barge holding tank.



Docks & Harbors Meetings:

Operations/Planning
Wednesday,
June 19th
at 5:00 pm
Assembly Chambers

Regular Board
Thursday,
June 27th
at 5:00 pm
Assembly Chambers

Meeting agendas and
minutes
can be found at:

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

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Office Hours:

Port Office

907-586-0292

Monday - Friday

8:00am to 4:30pm

Port/Field Office

Opens May 6th

907-586-5720

Monday - Sunday

8:00am to 4:30pm

Closed 12-1pm for lunch

Aurora Harbor Office

907-586-5255

Monday - Friday

8:00am to 4:30pm

Statter Harbor Office

Summer Hours

May 13th - Sept 13th

Monday - Friday

8:00am to 5:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday

8:00am to 4:30 pm

Closed 12-1pm for lunch

On May 17th, Docks & Harbors and Travel Juneau cut the ribbon for the new **Visitors Center Kiosk**. This facility will be operated by Travel Juneau through its dedicated local residents providing an integral service to the Juneau visitor industry. More than 150 locals volunteer their time at our four information centers, assisting visitors with their questions and trip planning. The Visitors Center Kiosk replaces the previous 50 year old non-code compliant, non-ADA accessible structure with a modern facility providing appropriate environmental comfort for the volunteers. The architect of record, Corey Wall of Jensen-Yorba-Wall Architects, was provided instructions: *to design the exterior of the building in a manner that is attractive and calls attention as a location for visitor information.... to be done through interesting architecture as well as simple internationally recognized signage.*



Amalga Harbor Public Hearing: Docks & Harbors held a hearing on May 30th to determine what, if any improvements, should be made to the existing boarding float at Amalga Harbor. Over 30 members of the public were in attendance with testimony heard from both sides: those who ask that the existing fishing cleaning station be removed or consider other options; and, those supporting a 75 foot boarding float extension with the potential for additional fish cleaning stations. The Docks & Harbors Board indicated a desire to absorb the nearly 3 hours of presentations and testimony before deliberating on a solution. It is anticipated the Board will consider next steps at its June 19th Operations-Planning Committee meeting.

<http://www.kinyradio.com/news/news-of-the-north/bad-odors-and-bear-activity-concern-residents/>

<https://www.juneauempire.com/news/live-city-considers-options-for-improving-amalga-harbor/>

Matt Creswell achievements: Congratulations to our Deputy Harbormaster for completing all eleven on-line UAS classes for certifications in the Career Training for Ports, Harbors & Marinas. This is a significant feat and we are fortunate to have Matt in on our team. To my knowledge, Matt is the only current Alaskan-wide harbor employee earning this credential. He was recognized by the Pacific Coast Congress of Harbormasters & Port Managers (PCC) with the designation of Certified Marina Operator. Well done Matt!

Maritime Festival: The 10th annual Maritime Festival was successfully held on May 4th. Unfortunately for the second year in a row, the tug of war competition was won by the Coast Guard – this year the Coast Guard Cutter ANACAPA beat Docks & Harbors for the championship.

Call for Docks & Harbors Board Members: The Assembly will be interviewing for three Harbor Board Members in June. The deadline to apply is June 24th, please see: <https://beta.juneau.org/clerk/boards-committees>

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