Docks & Harbors
The Tide Line
June 2020

Port Director’s Corner:
On May 29th, the Canadian government announced closure of their ports to cruise vessels greater than 100 passengers thorough October 31th. This action all but assures that Juneau and Southeast Alaska will see no large cruise ship vessels this season. I think most believed this would be the eventual outcome but the Canadian decision provides the certainty of a lost cruise ship season. That said, we are seeing an increase in the number of yachts asking about coming to Alaska and the Capitol City. It is quite possible, especially with the latest update to Health Mandate 10 (https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-mandates) that we will see greater numbers of yachts and pleasure craft plying the SE Alaskan waters. In addition, we believe that the smaller American flagged cruise ships will sail over this summer.

Docks & Harbors Staff Assisting the EOC: Port Supervisor Scott Hinton didn’t hesitate when asked to help the Emergency Operations Command set up the COVID Screening test site at the Airport. Scott’s team brought out the yellow fence barriers and worked with the CCFR Mobile Screening and Airport Screening Task Force Leaders stand up on short notice the infrastructure necessary to meet the updated Health Mandate 10.

For those not familiar, the requirement for passengers returning from out-of-state to self-quarantine for 14-days remains. However, there is now an opportunity for those entering the state to be COVID tested resulting in reducing the time required to quarantine. CCFR is providing a test site at the Juneau International Airport which allows testing upon arrival in Juneau. Please check the link above to get the full details with FAQs on the Governor’s Health Care Mandate 10 update. Commercial fisherman should follow Mandate 17 (not Mandate 10) which specifically provides direction to those in that essential industry.

Harbor Board Opportunities: Three seats for the Docks & Harbors Board are coming due with terms beginning July 1. Applications are now being accepted through June 15 for those seats. Interviews and appointments for will take place [tentatively] at the end of June. See https://beta.juneau.org/clerk/boards-committees
Docks & Harbors Office Hours:

**Port Office**
907-586-0292
Monday - Friday
8:00am - 4:30pm

**Port/Field Office**
Closed until further notice

**Aurora Harbor Office**
907-586-5255
Monday – Friday
8:00am - 4:30pm

**Statter Harbor Office**
907-789-0819
Monday & Saturday
8:00am - 4:30pm
closed 12-1 for lunch
Tuesday – Friday
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Vessel Auction.** CBJ Docks and Harbors intends to sell M/V BIRDIE’S NEST by sealed bid auction. All bids must be received by 2:00pm on June 16th, 2020 at the Harbormaster’s Office, 1600 Harbor Way. The bids will be opened immediately following the deadline in the Harbormaster’s Office. For more information see: [https://tinyurl.com/y9aszvq6](https://tinyurl.com/y9aszvq6)

**Consultant Selected for Cruise Ship Electrification Study:** Docks & Harbors has selected the Juneau electrical engineering company, Haight & Associates, to advance efforts to install electrical power to the City owned cruise ship berths through a detailed study. It will validate assumptions that there is sufficient power available through the local utility and begin preliminary design with detailed cost estimates for the major work to be completed at a future date. This study is anticipated to be completed by April 2021.

**Downtown Waterfront Security Check Points:** Southeast Earthmovers will be completing the final elements of the cruise ship security check points later this month. The project is designed to make embarkation more efficient as large numbers of passengers return to their vessel. Docks & Harbors personnel are responsible for ensuring only ticketed passengers and those authorized are allowed to transit down the approach ramp. The concept is very similar to what TSA provides at US airports.

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

**2020 Launch Permits and Bill Pay**
available online at juneauharbors.com

**Reporting Non-violent Harbor Crimes:** Help stop theft in our Harbors! D & H continues to ask patrons who witness crime in the harbors to make reports to JPD. You can call JPD Non-Emergency Line at 907-586-0600 and report to the Harbor Office at 907-586-5255.

**2021 Moorage Rates Begin July 1st, 2020.** All moorage patrons will be receiving a postcard explaining the process to renew their assigned slip. As a reminder, moorage rates are tied to the Anchorage CPI and will increase by 1.4% on July 1st [https://tinyurl.com/ybcv7sv8](https://tinyurl.com/ybcv7sv8). Patrons will receive a 10% discount by paying the entire moorage year in advance. Those wishing to pay for half of the year in advance will receive a 5% discount. Docks & Harbors suggests harbor patrons consider using their $1000 PFD allotment, which will be made available on July 1st, to leverage this savings opportunity. Should you need additional time for the PFD to arrive, please contact the Administrative Staff at Aurora or Statter Harbor offices.

**Small Cruise Ship Infrastructure Master Plan.** Docks & Harbors hired PND Engineers to conduct a study to support the small cruise ships which operate out of Juneau. These smaller vessels are typically U.S. flagged, are under 275 feet in length and have less than 200 passengers. PND Engineers is working with the McDowell Group, Marine Exchange of Alaska and Corvus Design to develop concepts to meet the requirement by this niche maritime user group. We are anticipating that a preferred alternative will be provided to the Docks & Harbors Board at the June 25th meeting via zoom. All interested members of the public are encouraged to participate by calling 713-2140, and enter PID 370829#.