



Docks & Harbors The Tide Line December 2022



Docks & Harbors Meetings

All meetings will be held at the locations below and via Zoom

Board Retreat
Dec 7th & 8th
CBJ Room 224
5pm to 8pm

Operations/Planning
Wednesday
Dec 21st

Aurora Harbor
Office
At 5pm

Regular Board
Thursday
Dec 29th
CBJ Room 224
at 5 pm

Meeting
agendas & minutes
can be found [here](https://bit.ly/3aRyTAD)
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2023 Launch Ramp Permits:

The 2023 permits are available for purchase and make great Christmas gifts. Make sure to get that special boater on your list their annual launch ramp permit. Go to www.juneauharbors.com

CBJ Offices Closed: Monday December 26th and Monday January 2nd.
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Port Director's Corner: On November 13th, Docks & Harbors was pleased to participate with American Legion Auke Bay Post 25 in recognizing the 80th anniversary of the loss of the **USS JUNEAU**. Governor Dunleavy provided the keynote address during the ceremony which memorialized the loss of 687 sailors including the five Sullivan brothers from Waterloo, Iowa. D & H is very appreciative of the American Legion and Post Commander Duff Mitchell's efforts to set up and execute the ceremony. The USS JUNEAU was destroyed by a Japanese torpedo on Friday, November 13th, 1942. The ship's loss was the fourth largest suffered by the US Navy during World War II (behind the USS Arizona, Indianapolis, and Houston) and the death of the Sullivan brothers was the largest single family loss in American combat history. The USS JUNEAU was involved in the first naval battle of Guadalcanal, one of the most ferocious battles naval conflicts of World War II. It was a crucial turning point in the Pacific when the Japanese were forced to retreat and unable to bombard Henderson Field. During the battle, the USS JUNEAU fired hundreds of shells into the Japanese fleet. At times, the smoke was so dense, and the night so dark, the opposing ships could not distinguish other ships until they were within a few hundred yards. By dawn, the Americans destroyed a Japanese battleship, two destroyers, and badly damaged two more. The Navy sacrificed four destroyers and a light cruiser. The USS JUNEAU took a torpedo hit that disabled fire control and crippled the ship's steering. The next day as the USS JUNEAU was heading for Espiritu Santo for repairs, it was hit by two torpedoes from a Japanese submarine. The ship disintegrated in a huge fireball and disappeared within a few minutes. Ultimately only ten crew members survived the sinking of the ship. Another four lived because they had been transferred to a different ship earlier in the day. The 687 sailors remain "on station" in the South Pacific. The Juneau Empire and KINY News of the North covered the November 13th, 2022 memorial ceremony: [USS Juneau memorial honors survivors, sacrifice | Juneau Empire](#), [USS Juneau remembrance held Sunday afternoon - KINY \(kinyradio.com\)](#)

The five Sullivan Brothers
Joe, Frank, Al, Matt, and George





CBJ Port Engineer Selection: D & H is pleased to announce Matthew Sill, P.E. was selected to fill the vacant Port Engineer position as of December 5th, 2022. For the past two years, Matthew served as the Deputy Port Engineer and was selected after a nationwide search. The position became open when Erich Schaal departed to assume the responsibilities of the Wasilla Public Works Director. Port Director Carl Uchtyl stated, “We are very pleased to elevate Matthew as the Port Engineer. As a youth, he worked for D & H and his family was part of the Aurora Harbor live aboard community. As a consulting waterfront engineer, he designed numerous harbor projects throughout SEAK as well as D & H recapitalization projects over the past decade. He is uniquely qualified to lead the Juneau planning and construction efforts for the next generation to enjoy.” Matthew Sill is a lifelong Juneauite and a proud graduate of both JDHS and UAF. He and Lauren have two children.



Text Messaging Notification: D & H established a SMS (Short Message Service) account which will allow harbor patrons to “opt in” for short text messages pertaining to D & H operations. Our goal is to inform the public of vital (or timely) information. This will be used to notify patrons of harbor utility outages, severe weather conditions or topical items for debate from the Harbor Board. There is no cost to sign up and interested citizens must “opt in” to receive these notification. Scan the QR code on the left to sign up.

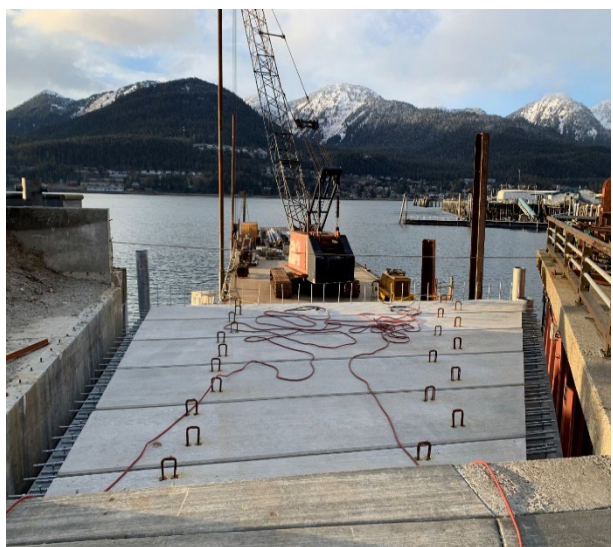


Vandalism at the Harris Harbor Restrooms: D & H continues to wrestle with vandalism at the Harris Restroom. We have elected to minimize access to the restroom from 5 am to 7 pm daily. We are also in the process to convert the showers from coin operated to tokens.



Help stop theft in our Harbors! If you see something call JPD Non-Emergency Line at 907-586-0600 and report to the Harbor Office at 907-586-5255.

The Marine Park Deckover Project: Trucano Construction is making steady progress toward completion and is on schedule. In November, the Contractor completed demolition of the old timber deck superstructure and pre-pared the old piles for removal in preparation for installing the new timber dock. The precast concrete panel dock which will support future landscaping was largely completed this month, with the installation of the four support piles, pile caps, and pre-cast concrete panels installed. The Contractor began to install piles for the cast-in-place concrete dock in late November, and is anticipated to complete pile driving for that dock in the next couple weeks. At present, six of the seventeen piles in the project have been installed. The recent cold weather has slowed progress somewhat, but the Contractor has worked through the cold weather and anticipates completing on schedule. For more information, see our project webpage at:



<https://tinyurl.com/MarineParkDeckover/>

Port Office
907-586-0292
Monday-Friday
8:00am-4:30pm
Port/Field Office
907-586-5720
Monday-Friday
8:00am-4:30pm
Aurora Harbor
907-586-5255
Monday-Friday
8:00am-4:30pm
Statter Harbor
907-789-0819
Monday-Friday
8:00am-4:30pm
All Offices closed
12-1 for lunch

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