



Docks & Harbors

The Tide Line

October 2012



Port Director's Corner

On Wednesday, October 17th, Docks and Harbors will be hosting a public forum and soliciting input from harbor patrons as we move forward with the engineering design for Aurora Harbor. This open house forum will enable interested patrons to speak directly with engineers and Docks and Harbors representatives. Although \$18M Aurora Harbor rebuild is currently funded only at \$4M, the public gathering will consider the needs of the entire harbor. The \$4M funding is expected to be sufficient to replace "A" and "B" floats. On October 2nd, voters will be asked to decide whether to approve an additional \$7M through either general obligation bonds or the 1% Sales Tax initiative. The public Aurora Harbor "open house" will begin after the Docks & Harbors CIP/Planning committee meeting which starts at 5 p.m. Design engineers and harbor personnel will be present until 8 p.m. to answer questions and take recommendations from interested patrons. Aurora harbor was constructed in 1962, the meeting on October 17 is the first step designing a facility for the next fifty years.

Friends of the Flags will be removing the 50 state flags along Egan Drive on Sunday, September 30th. This is the 35th consecutive year that Friends of the Flags have provided this all-volunteer service. If you enjoy seeing the flags flying each summer, please consider a donation to Friends of the Flags, P.O. Box 32201, Juneau, AK 99803

Douglas Breakwater Update

The Douglas floating breakwater is now complete. Special thanks to the US Army Corps of Engineers - Alaska District and Trucano Construction for their efforts in the design and construction of this critical infrastructure project.

Statter Harbor Update

After several years of working closely with local and federal agencies, Docks and Harbors is in the process of securing the final permits. The last hurdle before soliciting for bids is a conditional use permit granted through the CBJ Planning Commission.

Harbor Office Hours have changed to reflect winter operations. This means the Harbors Offices will be open 8 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday (except holidays). For after hours emergencies Call 586-0600.

Docks and Harbors Meetings:
Operations Meeting
October 16th, 2012 at 5:00 pm at the Aurora Harbor.
CIP Meeting
October 17th, 2012 at 5:00 pm at the Yacht Club. **Aurora Harbor Public Forum follows.**
Finance Meeting
October 23rd, 2012 at 5:00 pm in CBJ Room 224.
Regular Board Meeting
October 25th at 7:00 pm in the CBJ Assembly Chambers.

Please call 586-0292 for call in options for the above meetings. **Note that CIP will meet on Wednesday October 17th due to Alaska Day celebration on October 18.**

For information on oil spill prevention and response techniques, visit

<http://www.uscg.mil/d17/D17%20Divisions/drm/DRAT/DRATpage.asp>

USS Juneau Memorial On November 13th, 1942 at the Naval Battle of Guadalcanal the light cruiser USS JUNEAU (CL-52) was torpedoed with loss of 687 sailors, including five Sullivan brothers from Waterloo, Iowa. The battle, a strategic victory for the Allied forces, is considered a turning point in the Pacific Theatre. To commemorate the seventieth anniversary, the CBJ, led by Assemblyman Randy Wannamaker, will be organizing a series of events leading up to November 13th. Docks & Harbors is in the process of rebuilding the USS Juneau flag pole memorial. Interested citizens should look for opportunities to participate in the coming weeks.





Meet the Staff

Leah Gregg was born and raised in Juneau, Alaska and graduated from Juneau Douglas High School in 2009. On February 17th, 2011, she started working for Docks and Harbors in a short term temporary administrative position at the Aurora office. With Leah being able to pick up the Harbor office procedures very quickly, having great customer service skills, and even being complimented from customers on going "the extra mile", she was hired in a seasonal Administrative Assistant I position when it became available in July of 2011. Leah is currently working in the Statter Harbor office until her last day this season on September 28th. She is attending UAS majoring in history and english with hopes to graduate in the spring of 2013. Leah says she is a huge fan of coffee and enjoys reading classical books. She says she enjoys her job with Docks and Harbors and likes the systematic procedures of the job.

Port office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Closed 12-1 for lunch
586-0292

Port/Customs Office Hours

Closed for the winter.

Aurora Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm
586-5255

Auke Bay Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm
789-0819

All Offices will be closed on October 18th in recognition of Alaska Day.

Safety Tips

The USCG has a float plan on-line for all boaters that you can fill out and leave at your office or with a neighbor or friend. Let someone know your boating plans. Below is the link to the float plan.

<http://www.floatplancentral.org/download/USCGFloatPlan.Pdf>

Have a plan for an emergency situation, designate a specific job for all individuals on a vessel. Knowing what to do will minimize confusion and provide the potential to jump straight into action if such an occasion arises.

Operator errors account for 70% of boating accidents, visit the website below for options for boating safety courses.

http://www.uscgboating.org/safety/boating_safety_courses.aspx

Citizen Heroes. At the September 17 Assembly Meeting, Mayor Botelho honored four Juneau residents for their acts of heroism, saying he was not sure that they saw themselves as heroes, but their good actions provided a moment of learning for the community. He asked **Jerry Burns, Bert Fawcett and Crystal Fawcett, and John Feller** to come forward. Mayor Botelho said that on Monday morning, August 27, Crystal and Bert Fawcett were driving away from parking lot of Yacht Club and noticed a man in rowing shell in the harbor. Crystal and Bert parked to take a cell call and she noticed the shell had stopped but did not see the occupant in the shell and thought perhaps he had capsized. What she thought was a red life jacket was blood, and she alerted Jerry Burns who was in the parking lot and called 9-1-1. Bert and Jerry rushed down the ramp, and found the boater submerged. They dove in to the water. Jerry reached the man and lifted his head out of the water. He was unconscious and not breathing. They attempted to get him back to dock, but his feet were still strapped to 24' shell. Crystal got John Feller's attention, who was on his houseboat, and he came to help. John brought a deck brush to reach out and assist the men to the dock, and Bert was able to release the victim from the straps. John performed CPR, and about 4 minutes after the 9-1-1 call, the man coughed, began breathing, and Capital City Fire and Rescue arrived and transported the man to Bartlett, where he was stabilized and released. Mayor Botelho said the boater was Bruce Denton, who was also present at the meeting. Mr. Denton came forward and spoke to the Assembly and public present, thanking his rescuers, and urging everyone in the room to take CPR training. He said he was very grateful to be able to thank his rescuers in person.

North Douglas Boarding Floats

The Auke Bay Harbor Staff is planning the annual pulling of the North Douglas Boarding Floats for the season on the 16th or 17th of October. The floats will be reinstalled in April of 2013 during the best high tide.

Commercial Fisheries Notice

Beginning October, the Coast Guard is requiring all commercial fishing vessels that operate or fish more than three miles from the territorial sea baseline to complete a mandatory Coast Guard dockside safety exam as of Tuesday, October 16th.

This regulatory change comes as a result of Congress' passing of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010. This change affects commercial fishing fleets nationwide, and the USCG is conducting outreach efforts to ensure those affected are aware of the changes with the goal of having them in compliance before the deadline.

A letter from the Coast Guard to the commercial fishing industry explaining the dockside safety exam requirements is available at www.fishsafe.info

Mustang Survival HIT Inflatable PFD Safety Alert

The United States Coast Guard strongly urges mariners and boaters alike to check their Mustang Survival PFD's. Mustang Survival is voluntarily recalling all model number MD2010 and MD2012 inflatable Personal Floatation Devices (PFD's) sold in the United States during 2011. To determine if you are impacted by this recall please go to the website below.

http://www.uscgboating.org/assets/1/workflow_staging/News/543.PDF

Nighttime Navigation

Lights are required from sunset to sunrise. Always be on the lookout for the lights of other vessels when boating at night. Several types of lights serve as navigational aids at night. There are four common navigation lights.

- Sidelights: These red and green lights are called side-lights (or combination lights) because they are visible to another vessel approaching from the side or head-on. The red light indicates a vessel's port (left) side; the green indicates a vessel's starboard (right) side.
- Stern light: This white light, which shines forward and to both sides, is located on the mast of a sailboat and is required on all motorboats. A masthead light must be displayed by all vessels under engine power at night. The absence of this light indicates a sailboat under sail.
- All-Round White Light: On power-driven vessels less than 39.4 feet in length, this light may be used to combine a masthead light and stern light into a single white light that can be seen by other vessels from any direction. When sidelights are extinguished, this light serves as an anchor light.

Marine Mammal Viewing "Code of Conduct"

1. Remain at least 100 yards from marine mammals.
 2. Time spent observing individual(s) should be limited to 30 minutes.
 3. Whales should not be encircled or trapped between boats, or boats and shore.
 4. If approached by a whale, put the engine in neutral and allow the whale to pass.
- Federal law prohibits pursuit of marine mammals.

