



Docks & Harbors

The Tide Line

November 2012



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Meetings:

Operations Meeting

November 13th, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

At the Aurora Harbor.

CIP Meeting

November 15th, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

In the Assembly Chambers

Finance Meeting

November 27th, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

In CBJ Room 224.

Regular Board Meeting

November 29th, 2012 in the CBJ

Assembly Chambers at 7 p.m.

Port Directors Corner

Docks & Harbors hosted an **Aurora Harbor open house** on October 17th. Approximately 35 harbor stakeholders participated to voice a wide range of recommendations from size of slips to lighting requirements to positioning boat houses. We request written comments be provided by November 13th and can be submitted to (gary_gillette@ci.juneau.ak.us). With the October 2nd voter approval of the General Obligation bond, \$11M has been identified for recapitalization of Aurora Harbor. Docks & Harbors will leverage the available funds with available matching grant money available from State and federal sources.

New Docks & Harbors Regular Board Meeting Start Time. The Docks & Harbors Board voted in October to begin regular board meetings at 5:30 p.m. instead of the traditional 7 p.m. start. Effective January 2013, the Board believes an earlier start time may encourage greater public participation in the Docks & Harbor processes.

USS Juneau Memorial. There will be a dedication ceremony of the newly placed USS Juneau Memorial along the Seawalk (between Franklin Dock & CBJ Taku Dock) at 12:15 pm on November 13th. Assembly Member Randy Wanamaker, Docks & Harbors staff, US Navy Petty Officer Cazemier, Lt Col Pat Travers, Col Duff Mitchell and the Juneau Community Band will participate in the event. The Visitor's Center will be open following the ceremony with coffee/hot chocolate and two grade school "story boards" will be on display. The public is invited to the ceremony which coincides with the 70th Anniversary of the sinking of the USS Juneau at the Battle of Guadalcanal. 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 that the opposing ships could not distinguish other ships until they were within a few hundred yards. By dawn, the Americans had destroyed a Japanese battleship and two destroyers and had 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. With the recent passing of crew members Frank Holmgren and Glenn Cecil, there is no one left to tell the USS Juneau story. The 687 sailors remain "on station" in the South Pacific.

Christmas Boat Lighting Contest. Last year, Docks & Harbors teamed up with the Juneau Chamber of Commerce and the Juneau Yacht Club to sponsor a Christmas Boat Lighting Contest. We are currently trying to judge the interest and enthusiasm necessary to hold another event this December. Please let me (carl_uchytil@ci.juneau.ak.us) or Cathie Roemmich (jcc@alaska.com) know whether this is an event worthy to repeat if the community would be willing to donate prizes.



Cruise Ship Terminal Staging Area - (Phase I)

The first milestone in the Cruise Ship Terminal Staging (Phase I) area has been completed by Trucano Construction with the removal and salvage of the old ferry transfer bridge.





Staff Retirement.

Frank (Ben) Merritt was born and raised in Juneau and graduated from Juneau Douglas High School. After High School Ben worked for the State of Alaska for a year and a half, and then moved to Georgia. He later moved to Maine to attend a trade school for Oil Burner Installation and Maintenance. He moved back to Juneau in the mid 70's and worked various jobs; Don Abel's, Driftwood Lodge, he went long line fishing for three years, Reliable Transfer, and 17 years at Northland. After parting ways with Northland, he lived on Shelter Island for seven years and spent six months in New Zealand before coming to work for Docks and Harbors. Ben started working for Docks and Harbors on April 21st, 2008, as a seasonal Harbor Technician. He was promoted in 2010 to a Harbor Officer and went from seasonal to full time employee in 2011. Ben has four grandchildren that live in New York and one 2 ½ year old grandchild that lives here in Juneau. Ben said, with a smile, Wednesdays are Troll night (term of endearment). Meaning that his 2 ½ year old grandchild spends the night. Ben will retire on October 31st, and he said his retirement will be spent travelling and quiet time on Shelter Island.

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

November Holiday's
November 12th, all CBJ
Offices will be closed for
Veterans Day
November 22nd and 23rd
all CBJ Offices will be
closed for Thanksgiving.

Fuel Dock Hours

Fuel is available at
Andrew's Marina call
789-1750 for appt.

Departing Docks & Harbors Employee. Please join me in wishing Ms. Ronda Davis well as she transitions to Craig, AK. Ronda has been a valued employee for 13 years working as an Administration Assistant both at Auke Bay and the Aurora Harbor Offices.

Auke Bay Loading Facility gate has been damaged. It is unknown at this time how long before this will be operating again.

On-Line Launch Ramp Permits will be available for purchase starting January 1, 2013. This will allow customers with a quick and easy purchase of a launch ramp permit. No warning tickets will be issued once this is implemented if someone decides to launch without a permit. Customers will have to print their temporary permit and display on the dash of their vehicle. If purchased on-line, there will be no refunds after purchase. Annual permit Decals will be mailed within 10 days of purchase.

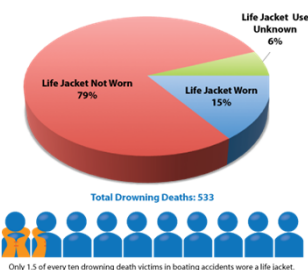
Docks & Harbors Employee of the Year. At the annual October Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators (AAHPA) Conference in Sitka, Ms. Johanna Young was recognized as the CBJ Docks & Harbors Employee of the Year. Johanna, an Administrative Assistant at Auke Bay Harbor, was cited in the following award:

Ms. Johanna Young is recognized for her dedication, attitude and willingness to provide top-notch professional service to harbor patrons. Ms. Young has been an outstanding addition to Docks & Harbors and specifically the Auke Bay staff since arriving in April 2010. She is known to many harbor customers as an extremely competent, hardworking front office Administrative Assistant. Johanna brings a very positive persona to bear when dealing with members of the public. Always projecting professionalism, she handles friendly and challenging customers, similarly and with great poise. Raised in Pelican from a fishing family, she has terrific local knowledge and passes along insight to visiting boaters looking for a SEAK adventure. An excellent scribe for the Docks & Harbors Operations Committee, Johanna delivers precise and accurate minutes. When asked to research historical documentation, she thoroughly and willingly exhausts all avenues to provide answers. Ms. Young is highly regarded and respected by all within Docks & Harbors and deserving of this recognition.

Safety Tip

Drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death for children in Alaska. Kids Don't Float is a statewide injury prevention program that was developed to address Alaska's high child and youth drowning rate. Kids Don't Float began in Homer, Alaska, in early 1996 with 15 life jacket loaner Stations in communities around Kachemak Bay. The stations, or "loaner boards," display life jackets that can be borrowed at no cost and returned after use. The public response was so positive that today there are more than 460 loaner boards placed in communities around the state, hosted by many different agencies, organizations and individuals. Below is a picture of the Amalga Harbor Kid's Don't Float loaner board. It is very important to explain to your child the importance of wearing a life jacket when on or near the water. Select an appropriately sized life jacket and demonstrate how to properly don a life jacket. Life jackets save lives and families.

2011 Recreational Boating Drownings



Boating fatalities jumped 12.8 percent in 2011 and are now at the highest level since 1998, according to the U.S. Coast Guard's just released report [2011 Recreational Boating Statistics](#).

Last year, 533 of the 758 boating fatalities resulted from drowning, with 84 percent of the drowning victims not reported as wearing a life jacket. The Coast Guard is urging recreational boaters to make sure everyone on board wears their life jacket at all times on the water



Kid's Don't Float