



## Docks & Harbors

# The Tide Line

April 2015



### Port Director's Corner

For Docks & Harbors, April is the month that bridges the extremely busy winter with the nearly chaotic summer season we experience in Juneau. To help mitigate potential conflicts where multiple users (or user groups) are competing for the same resource, Docks & Harbors sponsors pre-season meetings to bring the interested public together to discuss the governance of various facilities. As a member of TBMP (Tourism Best Management Practice), we partner with the organization and its membership to seek ways to better coordinate access to facilities under Docks & Harbors management.

**On April 28th, at 5:00 pm** at the Mendenhall Library, we will be hosting a meeting for all Statter Harbor users groups. This includes recreational boaters, charters operators, commercial fisherman, and transportation companies. The staff will discuss managing Statter Harbor primarily as a transient facility, the TBMP protocols for both vessels and busses, and opportunities for off-site parking.

**On April 28th, at 9:00 am** and again on **April 29th at 2:00 pm** in the Assembly Chambers, the Docks & Harbors downtown supervisors will be briefing on the expectation for coaches, busses, shuttles, taxis and privately owner vehicles to operate in the lots managed by the department. These parking lots include Marine Park (aka Brickyard), the Cruise Ship Terminal (formerly known as the Visitor's Center), the Columbia Lot (adjacent to the Tram), the Taku Lot (adjacent to the Twisted Fish), "B zones" in the vicinity of the Red Dog and portions of the Archipelago Lot (dirt lot south of the library). **On April 28th at 10:00 am** and again on **April 29th at 3:30 pm**, there will be a voluntary meeting, again led by the downtown supervisors, to discuss the rules and expectations pertaining to the vendor booths (aka Waterfront Sales Permit). This year, as in previous years, with 2014 being an exception, there will be eleven companies selling tours from three locations along the waterfront. The permits are tightly regulated and conduct is enforced by Docks & Harbors officers.

**Statter Harbor Launch Ramp & Parking mitigation.** As mentioned above, Docks & Harbors has worked with Auke Bay Elementary School, UAS and First Student (Bus Barn) to provide additional parking to offset the losses experienced with the on-going construction project. The link below is a tri-fold produced by Docks & Harbors to help the public understand the parking options. Docks & Harbors will enforce the parking at these three locations based on agreements with each owner. In general, vehicle-only parking is allowed at the Auke Bay Elementary School & UAS campus; and, trailers (with vehicles) only at the First Student lot. Each lot has requirements for maximum lengths of stays. Do not be discouraged with the walking distance from the UAS campus - there is a short cut (shown in the tri-fold) making the walk less than 9 minutes. Below is the link to the parking tri-fold.

<http://www.juneau.org/harbors/documents/StatterParkingTrifold.pdf>

**Meetings, meetings & more meetings:** The CBJ Assembly recently approved Docks & Harbors proposed regulations affecting the fees charged to charter operators and the minimum bid amount to participate in the Vendor Booth outcry auction.

### Docks & Harbors 2015 Meetings:

#### Harbor Fee Review

Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>, at  
12:00 pm CBJ Room 224

#### Operations/Planning

Wednesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, at  
5:00 pm  
Port Field/US Customs  
Conference Room

#### Finance

Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
at 5:00 pm  
CBJ Room 224

#### Port Fee Review

Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
Immediately following the  
Finance Meeting in  
CBJ Room 224

#### Loading Zone Users

Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00  
am & April 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm  
in the Assembly Chambers

#### Vendor Booth Permit Holders

Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00  
am & April 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm  
in the Assembly Chambers

#### Statter Harbor Users

April 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm  
Mendenhall Library

#### Regular Board

Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup>,  
at 5:30 pm  
Assembly Chambers

#### Meeting agendas and minutes

can be found at:

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

**Go Green with Docks & Harbors. If you are interested in having your statement sent via email, please send an email to [dolly.raster@juneau.org](mailto:dolly.raster@juneau.org)**

At the March Docks & Harbors Board meeting, regulation changes to how fees will be collected in the management of the Auke Bay Loading Facility was approved. The proposed changes are now being reviewed by CBJ Law before commencing another public notification period of 21 days and public hearing at an upcoming Board Meeting. Those changes will then be sent to the Assembly for approval codification. The proposed changes can be found online at [www.juneau.org/harbors/](http://www.juneau.org/harbors/)

**Docks & Harbors  
Office Hours:**

**Port Office Hours**

907-586-0292  
Monday – Friday  
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

**Port/Field Office  
Hours**

907-586-5720  
May 1<sup>st</sup> – Sept 25<sup>th</sup>  
Monday – Sunday  
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

**Aurora Office Hours**

907-586-5255  
Monday – Friday  
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

**Statter Harbor (Auke  
Bay) Office Hours**

907-789-0819  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 am to 4:30 pm  
Closed 12:00 to 1:00 for  
lunch

Coffee & Doughnuts with  
the Port Director &  
Harbormaster at the  
Yacht Club 7:30- 9:00 am  
on May 1st .

You can buy your  
launch ramp permit at  
Statter Harbor,  
Aurora Harbor, or  
online at  
[www.juneauharbors.com](http://www.juneauharbors.com).  
As a reminder, launch  
ramp permits are  
issued for the calendar  
year and are required  
at all Docks & Harbors  
launch facilities.

At a March 31<sup>st</sup> Harbor Fee Review Meeting, the committee proposed a set of guidelines for managing the new Statter Harbor Launch Ramp facility and set fees at the same level as they exist now at Statter Harbor. The management guidelines and fee structure will be reviewed at April's Operations-Planning Committee, the Finance Committee, and the regular Board Meeting. On April 15<sup>th</sup>, the Harbor Fee Review Committee will begin to discuss the harbor moorage rates. The Docks Fee Review Committee will next meet on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the fees associated with coaches, busses and other users of Docks & Harbors "loading zones". Industry representatives and the public are encourage to attend and participate.

*Statter Harbor Launch Ramp project - photo by Erich Schaal*



**Aurora Harbor Rebuild:** This project continues to be on schedule for a May 31<sup>st</sup> substantial completion and Trucano Construction has demobilized as all pile driving work is complete. At a patron's request, we are researching the opportunity to bring hardwired phone lines and cable TV to the new construction. The decision not to bring wires and cables was strategically made after public meetings during the design process. Should any patron wish to weigh-in on this decision, please contact the Deputy Port Engineer ([Erich.Schaal@juneau.org](mailto:Erich.Schaal@juneau.org)).

Photo By Erich Schaal



**Social Media:** There has been social media discussion regarding the reliability of WiFi in the harbors. In response, SnowCloud is a service which started about 10 years ago and is owned by Southeast Communication Services. It was started to provide an alternate solution for AT & T's wimax that was discontinued. The service started by providing internet from a high site that looked over the Harbor. It worked so well that the service was expanded to several locations across town and to many business's and state agencies. This service is faster than DSL, and with their latest package it is cheaper. Docks & Harbor has recently engaged in discussions on colocation options to bring this network within the Harbor to be closer to their customers. (Docks & Harbors does not have any contractual relationship with SnowCloud and this is not intended as an endorsement for their services or products.)