



# Docks & Harbors

## The Tide Line

April 2016



### Port Director's Corner

#### Docks & Harbors Meetings:

##### Harbor Fee Review

Wednesday April 13th  
at 12:00 p.m.  
CBJ Room 224

##### Operations/Planning Meeting

Wednesday April 20th  
at 5:00 p.m.  
Port/Customs  
Conference Room

##### Finance Meeting

Thursday April 21st  
at 5:00 pm  
Assembly Chambers

##### Docks Fee Review Meeting

Thursday April 21st,  
Immediately following  
the Finance Meeting in  
Assembly Chambers

##### Regular Board Meeting

Thursday April 28th,  
at 5:00 pm  
Assembly Chambers

##### Meeting agendas and minutes

can be found at:

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

**FY17 rates.** The Board elected to exercise their option to not raise the moorage rates for FY17. The moorage rates will remain unchanged until July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

April brings the anticipation of the Juneau summer season and for Docks & Harbors it brings back our thirteen seasonal employees to augment our year-round staff. This year the first cruise ship (M/V Crystal Serenity) arrives on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Beginning April 4<sup>th</sup>, our full crew will be busy preparing both the harbors and docks for what is expected to be a banner and busy summer. We are anticipating the cruise ship passenger number to top 1 million for the first time since 2008. The first phase of the new cruise ship dock project will help logistically meet this increasing demand of visitors to our Capital City. The returning seasonal staff, including four new faces, will receive annual employee safety, traffic control flagger and administrative training as well as the State sponsored "Alaska Host" 8-hour customer service class. We will spend the first month commissioning winterized systems, pressure washing, and general spring cleaning at all of our facilities. On Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, we will participate in the DIG (Downtown Improvement Group) led "Clean-up Day" from 8am to noon. This will be facilitated from the pavilion at Marine Park with the main focus on trash pickup, sweeping, washing, and weeding. This year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the original Juneau cleanup was proclaimed by Mayor B.D. Stewart on April 21<sup>st</sup> 1916. The entire Juneau community is welcome and encouraged to join in.

**Pre-season Public Meetings.** Docks & Harbors, in its commitment for continual process improvement, will host three "pre-season public meetings" aimed at various user groups. The at-large public is welcomed to attend any of the meetings but the meetings are targeted in the following manner:

**Statter Harbor:** Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm in the Mendenhall Library. The purpose is to bring together the Statter Harbor charter operators, coach/bus operators and any recreational/commercial fishermen who patronage Statter Harbor. In addition to updating the launch ramp project (anticipated completion August 2016), reviewing the opportunity for off-site parking and presenting the updated Phase III plans, the meeting will consider all ideas for safety & efficiency improvements for this heavily used facility.

**Downtown Vendor Booth Meeting:** Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in CBJ Hall Room 224. This voluntarily meeting brings the vendor booth operators together to discuss the rules and expectations for the brokerage booths selling excursion on Docks & Harbors managed properties. The rotation selection will also take place at this time.

**Downtown Docks CT/AS transportation Operators:** Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in CBJ Hall Room 224. This meeting is targeted for "A & B" Loading Zone permit holders who operate transportation vehicles out of downtown Docks & Harbors managed properties. This year, there will also be a "pedicab" C Zone permit which will be authorized along the Seawalk, in addition to Downtown Juneau.

**25 Year Employee Recognition:** At a ceremony coordinated by CBJ Manager Kim Kiefer for long tenured employees, Port Engineer Gary Gillette was recognized for his service. The citation read in part: “Gary Gillette, AIA, is a stellar, model employee and workhorse for Dock & Harbors. Over the past five years, he has coordinated and project managed over \$118M in completed and awarded infrastructure projects at Statter Harbor, Downtown Cruise Ship Uplands, Aurora Harbor, Douglas Harbor and the largest CBJ project ever awarded – the new cruise ship berth project. As a visionary, he has provided facility improvement master plans greatly improving the functionality at several harbors. He fulfills his civic duty by participating on the Juneau Historic Resources Committee, maintains the Last Chance Basin Mining Museum and is the curator and chief renovator for the Sentinel Lighthouse.”



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



**Robert “Bob” Clauder Retirement.** On April 29<sup>th</sup>, Bob will retire after 33 years of service to the City & Borough of Juneau. Stop by the Aurora Office and wish him a happy retirement.

**New Cruise Ship Berths Project.** Manson Construction and its local sub-contractors Harri Plumbing, Anchor Electric and Chilkoot Surveying continue to make excellent progress toward the completion of the south berth (Cruise Ship Terminal) by May 6<sup>th</sup>. All pile driving is complete, the concrete float and ramps have been installed. We also anticipate Manson will be towing the north berth concrete float (Alaska Steamship Wharf) this June which will be anchored offshore the Aurora Harbor Breakwater until approximately February 2017 when it will be moved into place during the second phase of the project.

**Aurora Harbor “Watch Program”.** Docks & Harbors has approached the Juneau Police Department to work towards the goals of reducing the petty thefts within the Aurora Harbor community. Docks & Harbors will be proactive in the facilitation of a “Harbor Watch” program but it can only succeed with input and pro-active participation from the Aurora Harbor patrons. I am asking for volunteers to help stand up this initiative. Please contact the Harbormaster at 586-5255 to begin this conversation.

**Docks & Harbors  
Office Hours:**

**Port Office Hours**

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

**Port/Field Office  
586-5720  
Opens April 29th**

**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

**TBMP Guidelines for Auke Bay:** Marine Tour operators, in an effort to minimize wake damage to adjacent property owners in Auke Bay, agree to voluntarily navigate along the centerline of the bay. The proposed centerline is approximate to a line from the white speed buoy to the south end of Coughlin Island. Captains of vessels will agree to remain as close to this proposed centerline as practicable and as depicted in the image. Operators are reminded of their responsibility to maintain a safe speed at all times and nothing in this voluntary guideline removes the duty to follow established rules of the road.

