



# Docks & Harbors The Tide Line October 2016



## Port Director's Corner

With the departure of the Holland American cruise ship VOLENDAM on October 1<sup>st</sup>, I can officially extinguish the summer tourism flame for 2016. From all accounts, it was a banner year with the commissioning of the new cruise ship berth project to anecdotal business stories of profitability to welcoming 1,005,792 visitors to our Capital City. On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Mayor Koelsch, LT Governor Mallot, and President of the Cruise Lines International Association – Alaska John Binkley ceremoniously recognized the arrival of the millionth visitor to Juneau. Ms. Wendy Yoisten of Alberta, Canada, was warmly greeted by the Yees Ku Oo dancers and presented with a gift basket, a medal and a glass trophy commemorating the occasion. This is Mr. & Mrs. Yoisten's eighth cruise to Juneau Alaska -THIS YEAR. The milestone was significant in that this is the first time Juneau has achieved the seven figure mark since 2009. Very preliminary estimates for 2017 look to grow the cruise ship passenger numbers by 4.5%. CBJ Finance Director Bob Bartholomew will be tracking the sales tax receipts in the coming weeks.



## Project Updates:

**Cruise Ship Berth Project:** Manson Construction mobilized on September 21<sup>st</sup> and is working twelve hour days – six days per week. The contractor will set piles using a vibratory device (quiet) and will ensure the proper depth is acquired through an impact pile driver, which may be loud. Manson Construction will operate under the terms of their building permit.

**Statter Harbor Launch Ramp Facility:** Miller Construction Company continues to progress with a probable completion date in late November.

**Douglas Harbor Rebuild:** Trucano Construction has mobilized and is installing the float system.

**US Army Corps of Engineers Harris/Aurora Harbor Maintenance Dredging:** The USACE is in the process of sampling sediments for the purpose of dredging certain areas to the federally mandated depths.

### Docks & Harbors Meetings:

**Harbors Fee Review**  
Wednesday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>  
at Noon  
Port Field Office

**Operations/Planning**  
Wednesday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>  
at 5:00 pm  
CBJ Room 224

**Finance Meeting**  
Thursday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>  
At 5:00 pm  
Assembly Chambers

**Docks Fee Review**  
Thursday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>  
Immediately following  
the Finance Meeting  
Assembly Chambers

**Regular Board Meeting**  
Thursday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>  
at 5:00 pm  
Assembly Chambers

Meeting agendas and  
minutes  
can be found at:

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



**Employee-of-the-Year:** Administrative Assistant Ashley Bruce was recognized at the annual meeting of the Alaska Association of Harbormasters & Port Administrators (AAHPA) as the **Juneau Harbor's Employee-of-the-Year**. Ashley works at the downtown Port Field Office and is tasked with management of much of the cruise related schedules and activities. She is recognized as providing exceptional customer service.

**Docks & Harbors  
Office Hours:**

**Port Office**

907-586-0292

Monday – Friday

8:00 am to 4:30 pm

**Port/Field Office**

586-5720

Closed

October – April

**Aurora Office**

907-586-5255

Monday – Friday

8:00 am to 4:30 pm

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

907-789-0819

Monday - Friday

8:00am to 4:30 pm

Closed 12:00 to 1:00

for lunch

\* Hours subject to change

**LEAP (Leadership Excellence Acceleration Program):** Docks & Harbors Deputy Port Engineer Erich Schaal was selected as one of 16 CBJ employees to participate in this augural pilot program. LEAP is scheduled to last for 18 months, and participation will require up to 1 - 2 days per month for classroom training, homework, reading, and participation in cross department assignments. The participants will be paired with a mentor and will participate in a skills evaluation process.

**Aurora Harbor Phase II Update:** On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Docks & Harbors Board approved the 35% Design and a proposed relocation plan for the Boat Shelters along E, F & G Floats. As the public participation was limited, Docks & Harbors staff has scheduled an additional public meeting for 6 pm on October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Yacht Club to brief interested stakeholders. Boat shelter owners and vessel owners along the stated floats are cordially invited to attend this meeting to become informed on the plans for this \$4M recapitalization project.

**Qualified Vessel Requirements:** Docks & Harbors is embarking on an organized and measured approach to ensure vessels moored within our harbors are qualified in accordance with 8.5.20.020 (Safe condition of vessel). We are aware that we have several vessels within our harbors which have not moved the requisite times as required under ordinance. The Port Director has directed the Harbormaster to work toward 100% compliance. Harbor customers may receive letters in the coming months requesting the owner to demonstrate that the vessel is seaworthy and compliant.

**Impounded Vessel Auction:** Please visit the link below for vessels available for auction. As a reminder, to be qualified for moorage in the CBJ harbors - your vessel must be capable of operating under motive power.

<http://www.juneau.org/harbors/documents/impoundsforwebsite092716.pdf>

**Marine Park Lightering Float:** At the October 19<sup>th</sup>, Docks & Harbors Operations Planning Committee meeting, the agenda will include an action item to consider removing the Marine Park Lightering Float. If the Committee affirms the request to remove the Lightering Float, the question will be brought to the full Docks & Harbors Board for deliberation.

**CBJ Offices will be closed Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup> 2016 for Alaska Day. Regular Hours will resume on Wednesday.**

**Comprehensive Fee Reviews:** The Docks & Harbors Board will take up where it left off with the comprehensive fee review of both the Docks Enterprise Fees and the Harbors Enterprise Fees. The purpose of the review is to ensure our fees are appropriate for the services provided. This is the third “winter” project in a row in which the Docks & Harbors Board has undertaken this initiative. Last year, the Board reduced some fees and proposed additional incentives to yearly reserved moorage customers. The first Harbor Fee Review will take up Resident Surcharges (05 CBJAC 20.050) at noon in the Port Field Office on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. The first Docks Fee Review will continue its discussion on Loading Zone Permit Fees (05 CBJAC 15.080) following the October 20<sup>th</sup>, 5 o'clock Docks & Harbors Finance Committee meeting in Assembly Chambers.

**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)**