



Docks & Harbors

The Tide Line

JUNE 2017



Port Director's Corner

With summer now upon us - May has come & gone with many items of note for Docks & Harbors. We completed three ribbon cutting ceremonies for the new Cruise Ship Dock project, the Statter Harbor Launch Ramp and the opening of Mike Pusich Douglas Harbor. We held a public meeting (aka the Boat Shelter Expo) to update those affected by reconstruction scheduled for Aurora Harbor Phase II. Additionally, Docks & Harbors was tasked with coordinating the USS O'KANE visit to our Capital City. The following has been submitted to the EMPIRE for inclusion in the Sunday's Neighbors column. Unfortunately, there simply isn't room to thank everyone so I will apologize in advance for those I couldn't get a shout out to.

Thank you to the Juneau Community. From May 13th to May 18th, the USS O'KANE visited Juneau for a port visit en route to their homeport of Pearl Harbor. Many members of the community stepped up to ensure the 330 officers and crew were treated with hospitality and kindness. Kara Tetley of Travel Juneau met the vessel at anchor and provided a thorough overview of all recreational and local activities which the sailors could partake during their visit. Over 80 Juneau individuals volunteered in the Adopt-a-Sailor program inviting over 200 sailors to their homes or other destinations as local guides. The Adopt-a-Sailor program was spearheaded by past Navy League President Murray Walsh, Janice Holst and Docks & Harbors' Administrative Assistant Jennifer Shinn.

The American Legion Post 25, led by Commander John Cooper, held a Sunday afternoon BBQ and Mariann Cummings of M&M Tours provided transportation out to the post. Tom Dawson of the VFW ensured the welcome sign was prominently displayed and provided a photographic gift which Mayor Koelsch presented to Commander Sherwood, the O'KANE's commanding officer. Donna Hurley of the Lions Club expertly organized a USS JUNEAU wreath laying ceremony with participation of CDR Sherwood and other crewmembers of the O'KANE. There were numerous opportunities for restaurant/retail and discounted excursions courtesy of the Downtown Business Association (DBA) and TBMP tour companies - thanks to Dana Herndon and Kirby Day. Erik Borass of Trail Mix, Inc coordinated a service project in which several USS O'KANE sailors volunteered to conduct trail maintenance on Rain Forest Trail which Juneau Airport Shuttle provided transportation. The Navy's San Diego-based Pacific Fleet five piece ensemble provided free concerts as part of Juneau Jazz & Classics and participated in school outreach programs. Kristen Bartlett, Juneau School District, set up numerous school tours aboard the ship and arranged for O'KANE sailors to visit JDHS and spend time with special education students. Coach Casperson also provided open gym times for the Navy to play some basketball off the ship. Docks & Harbors employees Dave Borg and Matt Creswell found a way to decorate the downtown cruise ship docks with American flags. In all, there were scores of Juneauites who made the USS O'KANE's visit memorable, including Governor and Mrs. Walker who held a reception for the ship's officers at the Governor's House. CBJ is most appreciative of all who stepped up and volunteered their time and resources.

Help stop theft in our Harbors!

If you see something, say something. Call in suspicious activity to
JPD Non-Emergency Line – 907-586-0600 and report to the Harbor Office at 907-586-5255.

Docks & Harbors Meetings:

Operations/Planning Meeting

Wednesday June 21st, 2017
at 5:00 pm
CBJ Room 224

Finance Meeting

June meeting Cancelled

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday June 22nd, 2017
at 5:00 pm
CBJ Room 224

Meeting agendas and minutes

can be found at:

[http://www.juneau.org/
harbors/board.php](http://www.juneau.org/harbors/board.php)

**Docks & Harbors
Office Hours:**

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

Port/Field Office
907-586-5720
Thursday - Monday
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

Meet the Staff: Richard Marshall is a newly hired Harbor Technician who works downtown at the Port. Richard came to Docks & Harbors after retiring as a truck driver for Alaska Marine Trucking. Originally from Iowa, he was featured in a KTOO article over Memorial Day Weekend (<http://www.ktoo.org/2017/05/29/juneau-man-shares-painful-memory-driving-trucks-iraq/>) for his service in Iraq. He is an extremely positive person and Docks & Harbor is happy to have him on the team. Please stop and say hello when you see him downtown.



Live-Aboard Community Meeting. At 5 pm on Thursday, June 15th in the Yacht Club, we will be hosting a facilitated discussion on issues pertaining to live-aboards. The purpose is to engage harbor patrons in meaningful dialogue which affects the live-aboard community. Items such as harbor services, crime and safety, fees, Alaska Clean Harbor program and other topics germane to the live-aboard community will be freely addressed. All are welcome.

Kids Don't Float. Thank you to Tom Brice and Public Employees Local 71 for donating dozens of children sized PFDs (Personal Floatation Devices - not the other kind) to the Kids Don't Float lockers located on Docks & Harbors property. Public Employees Local 71 has undertaken this initiative not only in Juneau but across Alaska. The photo is Don Etheridge, Local 71 retiree and past Harbor Board member, showing his grandchildren where the kids life jackets are at the Statter Harbor Office.



The Kids Don't Float program is a statewide injury prevention program that was developed to address Alaskan's high child and youth drowning rate. This life-jacket loaner program began in Homer, Alaska in early 1996 and has become a model for Educators and injury prevention specialists throughout the U.S. For more information go to: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/boating/kdfhome.htm>

June Docks & Harbors Regular Board Meeting. - Will be moved to June 22nd to accommodate summer travel conflicts. **Special Thanks to Board Members John Bush and David Summers** - who will be stepping off the Board at the end of June. We appreciate your civic service.

Media Links:

<http://juneauempire.com/news/2017-05-28/pusich-family-gathers-unveil-mike-pusich-douglas-harbor>
<http://juneauempire.com/local/2017-05-03/city-unveiling-new-cruise-dock-friday>
<http://www.kinyradio.com/podcasts/action-line/> [see May 24th]

2017 Launch Ramp Permits
available at Aurora & Statter Harbors, or
online at www.juneauhARBORS.com

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email, please send an email to
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