



# Docks & Harbors

## The Tide Line

April 2018



### Port Director's Corner

April in Juneau brings many signs of spring. For Docks & Harbors, we welcome back our 20 seasonal employees who will augment our full time harbor staff and stand-up our downtown operations supporting the cruise ships. We will expand our customer facing administrative staff at Statter Harbor to operate 7 days a week starting mid-May. The 15 downtown docks personnel will provide security for 291 CBJ owned dock calls from cruise ship visits beginning on April 30<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the physical security responsibilities for the Cruise Ship Terminal, Alaska Steamship and the Port Field Office Lightering Float, the docks personnel will manage the coach, bus and private vehicle parking lots along South Franklin Street. We are also charged with enforcement along the Seawalk as it pertains to the Vendor Brokerage Booths, commercial activity and cleanliness. Of our seasonal employees, 12 are returning and 8 are new hires. Our supervisors will invest significant time in April to ensure our employees receive the appropriate HR, safety, operations and customer service training to be successful meeting our Docks & Harbors mission.

Photo by Dan Hubert



**Docks & Harbors  
Meetings:  
Special Board  
and  
Operations/Planning  
Wednesday April 18th  
At 5pm  
Port Field Office**

**Regular Board Thursday  
April 26th  
At 5pm**

**CBJ Assembly Chambers  
Meeting agendas and  
minutes  
can be found at:**

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

**Aurora Harbor Phase II.** Northern Construction Services (NCS) has completed the second phase of our multi-phase plan to rebuild Aurora Harbor. NCS and its local subcontractors (Anderson Brothers Electric, Hari Plumbing & Heating, J.W. Bean Surveying) substantially completed the project on time and under budget. Docks & Harbors staff is coordinating the orderly transition back to E, F, and G Floats, including requirements for Boat Shelter owners to have OSHA compliant electrical connections from the new 30/50 amp service. We appreciate the professionalism of NCS to complete the project with few disruptions to our operations. We are also appreciative of the efforts of our engineering consultants, PND Engineers and Haight & Associates, for their expertise and oversight in the project.

### Help stop theft in our Harbors!

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

### Go Green with Docks & Harbors!

If interested in having your statement sent via email, please send an email to [harbormaster@juneau.org](mailto:harbormaster@juneau.org)

## Public Pre-Season Meetings:

Another recurring annual April event is our pre-season meetings with the followings groups:

- (1) Downtown Vendor Booth permittees;
- (2) Downtown cruise ship dock transportation companies; and
- (3) Statter Harbor operations. All the meetings will be held in Assembly Chambers on Tuesday, April 24th at 9:30 am, 11:00 am, and 1:30 pm respectively. The purpose is to exchange information to targeted user groups with the goal of incremental safety and efficiency improvements each year.

**Docks & Harbors** encourages vessel owners to check your vessel during stormy weather. Heavy rainfall, strong winds and snow can do a lot of damage to your vessel.

The **Blessing of the Fleet** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 5th** at the Alaska State Fishermen's Memorial. The **Maritime Festival** is scheduled on **Saturday, May 12th** the Alaska Steamship Float.

### Docks & Harbors Office Hours:

#### Port Office

907-586-0292

Monday – Friday  
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

#### Port/Field Office

907-586-5720

Opens May 1<sup>st</sup>  
Monday – Sunday  
8:00 am to 4:30 pm  
Closed 12:00 -1:00  
for lunch

#### 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 – 1:00  
for lunch

- Hours subject to change

**Taku Harbor Construction.** On April 4<sup>th</sup>, Docks & Harbors will open bids to award a contract to make repairs to the floats at Taku Harbors. Many of the piles have “jacked” out of the ground due to suspected fresh water intrusion which, when freezes, causes the piling to migrate upwards. This project calls for a contractor to extract the piling and drill weep holes and then redrive the piles. There are also minor repairs which will be made to the floats.

**Cruise Ship Berth Project (16B) Presentation.** At 5:30 pm on Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, Mark Sams, P.E will present an overview of the Cruise Ship Berth construction project at the Mendenhall Valley Library. This project has received several national and regional awards, and was recognized in February as the American Society of Civil Engineers – Juneau Branch as its Project of the Year. The public is invited to hear the planning and construction challenges of this successful public works infrastructure project. This is a continuation of the efforts to bring engineering topics to the traveling Discover Tech Exhibit currently at the Library through April 6th (<https://beta.juneau.org/library/discovertech>). Mark Sams is a professional engineer with PND Engineers and was the onsite project manager for the construction project.

**First Ship Welcoming.** The first cruise ship of the year to Juneau will arrive at 11:00 am on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Travel Juneau will be coordinating a community welcoming celebration at the South Franklin Street Dock. The public is cordially invited to participate in ensuring the RUBY PRINCESS is properly given a warm welcome from the Juneau community.

**2018 Launch Ramp Permits** available for purchase at the Aurora Office, Statter Office, the Port Office, and online at [juneauhARBORS.com](http://juneauhARBORS.com).

**Spring Safety Tips.** As springtime nears, water temperatures will remain dangerously cold which means falling in the water could be quite shocking, even deadly, if you aren't prepared.

1. File a float plan; let people know where you'll be and when you plan to be back.
2. Carry communication devices; a whistle, a handheld VHF radio, flares for emergencies.
3. Lifejackets save lives **ONLY IF YOU WEAR THEM!** Bring properly fitted and age-appropriate PFD's for everybody on the vessel, including you.
4. Check weather and water temps before heading out.
5. Have proper registration, Licenses, and identification relevant to the vessel you're operating.
6. The number one reason why boats sink in the springtime is being in a hurry to get in the water. Check every engine hose and clamp. Remove leaves in scuppers and clear clogged cockpit drains. Check to see that freezing water didn't crack the sea strainer or seacock/valves. **DOCKS & HARBORS WISHES BOATERS A SAFE 2018 SEASON!**