



# Docks & Harbors

## The Tide Line

### May 2018



#### Port Director's Corner

The month of May kicks off the Juneau boating and tourism season. It also marks a national weeklong event emphasizing “infrastructure”. May 14-21, 2018, is the sixth annual Infrastructure Week ([www.infrastructureweek.org](http://www.infrastructureweek.org)), which is a national week of advocacy and education designed to raise awareness about why we need to invest in our infrastructure. To continue to ignore it puts our health and safety at risk, and our economy at risk too. Docks & Harbors will join the American Society of Civil Engineers and other trade and labor organizations commemorating the need to plan and invest in infrastructure. We have all heard the stories about tens of thousands of bridges past their useful lifespan, highways that need to be rebuilt, inland waterways that are neglected, drinking water and wastewater systems that cause public safety issues. Locally, we know that recent recapitalization projects at Douglas, Statter, and Aurora Harbors replaced floats that were in excess of 50 years old and well past their useful life. Docks & Harbors has previously recognized the need for systematic and planned improvements along the downtown waterfront leading to economic development.

Docks & Harbors  
Meetings:  
Operations/Planning  
Wednesday May 23rd  
At 5pm  
CBJ Room 224

Regular Board  
Thursday May 31st  
At 5pm  
CBJ Assembly Chambers  
Meeting agendas and  
minutes  
can be found at:  
<http://www.juneau.org/harbors/board.php>

The Juneau “**Infrastructure Week**” will take place each day of the work week and will emphasize “maintenance” as a critical element in realizing world class infrastructure. The public is cordially invited to attend any or all the scheduled Docks & Harbors events:

- Monday (5/14)** - 11 am @ Assembly Chambers (Planning, Maintaining and Harbor Infrastructure)
- Tuesday (5/15)** - noon @ Statter Harbor Breakwater (Ribbon Cutting & Ground Breaking)
- Wednesday (5/16)** – noon @ Seawalk at Library (Ribbon Cutting Waterfront Safety Improvements)
- Thursday (5/17)** – noon @ Harris Bathroom (Ribbon Cutting & Ground Breaking)
- Friday (5/18)** – noon @ Aurora Harbor “N” Ramp (Ribbon Cutting Phase II & Customer Appreciation)



**First Cruise Ship** – The Juneau community warmly welcomed the RUBY PRINCESS on April 30<sup>th</sup>, which is the first large cruise ship to visit. The RUBY PRINCESS passengers disembarking are the first of anticipated record breaking 1.15M guests to Juneau. The Anchorage CBS affiliate KTVA ran this story on April 29<sup>th</sup>:

<http://www.ktva.com/story/38069755/first-major-cruise-ship-set-to-reach-juneau-port>.

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



**Meet the Staff:** John Osborn has been selected as the Downtown Harbor Operations Supervisor. John, working under the Harbormaster, is responsible for the operations and maintenance of the three downtown harbors. Prior to coming to Docks & Harbors, John worked for 13 years with the Alaska Marine Highway System. He is originally from Oklahoma and will be a great addition to the downtown staff. The next time you are in the Aurora Harbor Office, please stop by to introduce yourself and welcome John to the job.

**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)**

**Docks & Harbors Office Hours:**

**Port Office**

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

**Port/Field Office**

907-586-5720  
 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

**Docks & Harbors awarded for environmental stewardship:** The City and Borough of Juneau Docks & Harbor Department was honored with the Environmental Stewardship Award by the [Pacific Coast Congress of Harbormasters & Port Managers](#) at its semi-annual conference in Coos Bay, Oregon on April 19.

The award acknowledged CBJ’s “commitment to improve all aspects of the marine environment.” It noted its “dedication to improving water quality and pollution prevention services for their customers,” and the Port of Juneau’s plan to “continue the reduction of nonpoint source pollution and protect all areas of the marine environment while providing boaters with a safe, proactive facility for all users.” The Pacific Coast Congress was founded in 1974. Its membership is made up of ports and harbors from California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska and British Columbia. “It’s rewarding to have professionals within the industry, throughout the Pacific Northwest, acknowledge the heavy lifting Juneau has been undertaking to improve our harbors,” said Port Director Carl Uchtyl, who was at the conference to receive the award. Uchtyl gives credit to Harbormaster Dave Borg and staff for leading the efforts to reduce pollution, increase recycling efforts, and address derelict vessels and abandoned vehicles in the harbors and adjoining uplands. Uchtyl also recognized Deputy Harbormaster Matt Creswell for his determination to [achieve Alaska Clean Harbor certification](#). Docks & Harbors received the distinction in February for waste reduction, pollution prevention and clean boating.

**Harbor Customer Appreciation Day** – The public is warmly welcomed to attend the noon Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> Ribbon Cutting Ceremony commemorating the under budget and on time completion of the Aurora Harbor Phase II project. Harbor staff will be providing hot dogs and drinks to our valued customers.

**JPD Needs Your Help.** Docks & Harbors has established a strong working partnership with the Juneau Police Department. At a recent public meeting, Chief Ed Mercer and Deputy Chief Dave Campbell briefed those in attendance the challenges and successes of crime fighting in Juneau. The Chief stressed the benefits of recruiting officers from the local community. If you know someone considering a career in law enforcement, please ask them to consider applying for a position with JPD. For more information [www.JoinJPD.com](http://www.JoinJPD.com) or 586-0600.

**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.

**Cold Water Immersion facts:** You lose body heat 32 times faster in cold water than in cold air. Swimming or treading water can shorten survival time by more than 50% so make sure to wear your life jacket.