



Docks & Harbors The Tide Line December 2018



Port Director's Corner

We remain very optimistic with our ability to meet the future needs of the Juneau harbor patrons; however, we recently received notice of a couple of setbacks. **First**, the FY19 Army Corps of Engineers "work plan" was released and our request for a feasibility cost analysis to construct a new Auke Bay breakwater was not funded. We will continue to work with our federal lobbyist to ensure our proposed plan to recapitalize the Statter Breakwater remains a priority to the Washington DC decision makers. **Secondly**, after failing to secure the necessary National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) permits by November 30th, we have elected to delay advertising the dredging, rock removal and retaining wall contract until the fall of 2019. This would be the first of three contracts necessary to construct For Hire Floats at Statter Harbor. The result of the decision to delay means the floats to support the charter vessel fleet will not be available until the summer of 2021. We will continue to diligently pursue the required federal permits until success is achieved. **On the positive side of the ledger**, we did receive notice that the Army Corps of Engineers is funded to conduct maintenance dredging in Aurora and Harris Harbors as well as repairs to both breakwaters. It is anticipated that the Army Corps will invest \$6M in our two public facilities which will commence in the fall 2019. Docks & Harbors is hopeful to receive a matching ADOT Harbor Grant which will allow us to demolish the north end of Aurora Harbor and rebuild the floats following the federal dredging project in early 2020.

Archipelago Property Update: On November 19th, the Assembly (meeting as the Committee of the Whole) received a briefing on the Docks & Harbors plan to construct transportation staging and expanded waterfront deck-over in the Archipelago Lots, south of the Downtown Library. The COW voted 8-1 in favor of advancing a funding plan and developing a Purchase & Sales Agreement acquire property necessary for the public good. The Assembly is scheduled to take action on the Archipelago project at the December 17th meeting. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meeting which starts at 7 pm and public testimony is welcomed.

BUILD (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) Grant: Docks & Harbors submitted three BUILD grants to the US DOT for consideration. Since 2009, the federal DOT has offered TIGER, now referred to BUILD Grants, on an annual basis. The BUILD grants are open to a wide variety of infrastructure investments and are highly competitive on a national basis. Nonetheless, Docks & Harbors submitted three BUILD grant applications to compete for the \$1.5B program. **The three BUILD grants are:** \$25M - Juneau Fisheries Terminal Completion, \$25M - Marine Services Center, \$12M - Non-Motorized Coastal Transportation Link (Auke Bay Seawalk - Statter Harbor to ABMS). The \$25M threshold is the maximum grant which a rural community (Juneau meets this definition) without requiring a local match. We anticipate hearing the results of the BUILD grants by December 18th.

Docks & Harbors

Meetings:

Operations/Planning

Wednesday,

December 12th

at 5:00 pm

CBJ Room 224

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday,

December 20th

at 5:00 pm

Assembly Chambers

Meeting agendas and

minutes

can be found at:

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

CBJ Offices will be closed Tuesday December 25th for Christmas and Tuesday January 1st for New Years

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

Safety Innovation Award: Docks & Harbors was awarded a \$3000 Safety Innovation grant. CBJ Risk Management led the effort for this inaugural award and recognized the best management practices of Harbormaster Borg to improve daily safety practices. The BRH/CBJ/JSD Joint Safety Committee reviewed Docks & Harbors application against other CBJ submissions. It is our intentions to use the grant award to purchase personal floatation devices and personal locator beacons to reduce cold water exposure risk to Docks & Harbors employees.

 **2019 LAUNCH PERMITS** are available to purchase at Aurora and Statter Harbors or online at juneauharbors.com. They make a great Christmas gift for that special boater in your life.

**Docks & Harbors
Office Hours:**

Port Office

907-586-0292

Monday – Friday
8:00am to 4:30pm

Port/Field Office

586-5720

Closed
October – April

Aurora Office

907-586-5255

Monday – Friday
8:00am to 4:30pm

**Statter Harbor (Auke
Bay) Office** 907-789-0819

Monday - Friday

8:00am to 4:30pm

Closed 12:00 to 1:00 for
lunch

Check vessels! Docks & Harbors staff would like to encourage all boat owners to check their vessels during stormy weather. Please make sure that mooring lines are secure, pumps are operating correctly, and that your boat is not collecting rain water.

Dennis Holloway: It is with heavy heart, to announce Harbor Officer Dennis Holloway passed away from cancer on November 27th surrounded by his family. Dennis was a fifteen year employee who retired in September. He was recognized as an employee of the quarter in 2016, in part, for his masterful efforts in coordinating the relocation of vessels during major harbor construction projects. He will be missed.

BEST PRACTICES FOR WINTERIZATION WORK

- Use propylene glycol to winterize all systems except “closed” or freshwater cooling systems. Propylene glycol is less toxic then the green ethylene glycol, however it still should never be discharged! All antifreeze should be collected and disposed of properly.

- Minimize use of antifreeze where possible. Rather than using antifreeze, drain as much water from the water system as is possible. It may be possible to use air pressure to blow the lines empty. If there are traps that cannot be drained completely, use a diluted solution of water system approved antifreeze, such as propylene glycol.

- Properly store and dispose of used antifreeze. Make sure to securely store all used antifreeze in containers clearly marked “Used Antifreeze Only”. Dispose of at the harbor, or at the local landfill. Check with your harbormaster if you don’t know where to dispose of your used antifreeze. Remember that contaminated wastes (i.e. used antifreeze mixed with large amounts of water or oil, etc.) can dramatically increase the cost of disposal. This cost is paid by the harbor, and is ultimately reflected in moorage rates and other fees. Help keep costs down by properly storing and disposing of your used antifreeze and other wastes!

- Don’t drain into the bilge! Cleaning your bilge is a pain, and a contaminated bilge can lead to discharges of hazardous waste into the marine environment when your bilge pump comes on. Avoid polluting the water and hefty fines by minimizing wastes going into your bilge in the first place! Always keep a bilge sock or pillow in your bilge to absorb small spills and leaks.

- Check fittings and hoses for leaks. Make sure to inspect your systems to avoid leaks during the winter.

- Fill gas tanks to no more than 90%. In the spring, warmer weather will cause your gas to expand. Prevent fuel overflow by only filling your tanks 90%.

Boating Safety: Why File a Float Plan?: The answer is simple... there are just too many facts that need to be accurately remembered and ultimately conveyed in an emergency situation. Without a float plan you are counting on someone else, a friend, neighbor, or family member to remember detailed information that rescue personnel need in order to find you. Information that can make a difference in the outcome.

The USCG Float Plan is a state-of-the-art lifesaving device that is used by search and rescue personnel to assist in reducing the search area in order to locate you in the shortest amount of time possible. It is also the first and only float plan that guides and directs the holder of your float plan on what to do via the exclusive Boating Emergency Guide. A very detailed float plan can be found at <http://floatplancentral.cgaux.org>.