



# *Docks & Harbors*

## *The Tide Line*

### *August 2019*



#### Port Director's Corner

#### Docks & Harbors Meetings:

Operations/Planning  
Wednesday,  
August 21st  
at 5:00 pm  
Assembly Chambers

Regular Board  
Thursday,  
August 29th  
at 5:00 pm  
Assembly Chambers

Meeting agendas and  
minutes  
can be found at:

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

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)

Help stop theft in our Harbors! If you see something, say something. Call suspicious activity to JPD Non-Emergency Line at 907-586-0600 and report to the Harbor Office at 907-586-5255.

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, the Assembly Public Works and Facilities Committee failed to approve an ADF&G grant which would have advanced the Docks & Harbors Board decision to extend the Amalga Harbor boarding float and remove the fish cleaning station. The project which would have added 150 linear feet of moorage for the benefit of trailer users will not be pursued at this time. In the end, public support for new infrastructure was not strong enough to challenge the narrative that excess fish waste and carcasses were creating an unsafe situation for the Amalga residents. Docks & Harbors appreciates all who took part in the public process over the past 10 months. The Juneau EMPIRE story accurately reports the PWFC meeting: <https://www.juneauempire.com/news/public-works-committee-nixes-amalga-harbor-dock-extension/>

**Golden North Derby Weekend:** Once again Docks & Harbors will support the Territorial Sportsmen, Inc. efforts to raise scholarship money through the annual Salmon Derby which will be held August 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. To sum it all up, Docks & Harbor will ramp up staffing to provide resources to the TSI, helping the Derby run as smooth as possible. Harbormaster Borg and Deputy Harbormaster Creswell are part of the planning team and attend the pre-derby captains meetings to pass on information about changes to harbor operations during the derby.

#### Some of the Statter and Amalga Harbor commitments include:

- Provide two dedicated staff members in the launch ramp parking lot to direct trucks/trailers to empty parking spots and keep the que of vehicles waiting to launch moving.
- Provide a staff member to rove the harbor and assist with any derby issues that arise.
- Provide year-round storage of the derby float and clear a space to moor it during the derby. Tow float to its location prior to derby and then remove it afterward.
- Providing up to four free parking spots for derby volunteers.

#### Some of the Downtown/Douglas Harbors commitments include:

- Provide two staff members to assist with derby issues.
- Provide loader/operator to move ice at all harbors.
- Provide year-round storage of the derby float and clear a space to moor it during the derby. Tow float to its location prior to derby and then remove it afterward.

**Statter Harbor Phase IIIA Update:** On July 29<sup>th</sup>, the Assembly approved a \$4M project for Pacific Pile & Marine (of Seattle) to dredge and blast approximately 25K cubic yards of material in preparation for future phases to construct "for hire floats" in support of charter vessels at Statter Harbor. Pacific Pile & Marine will mobilize

as early as October 1<sup>st</sup> and will complete the dredging by May 2020. We anticipate Statter Phase IIIB to be advertised early in 2020 with construction to occur to allow charter vessel use in May 2021.



**Farewell to Gary Gillette:** After 29 years and 7 months working for CBJ, including the past 11 years for Docks & Harbors, Gary has retired. His efforts to transform the Juneau waterfront speaks for itself and is evident in over \$150M of infrastructure improvements that have been realized. He was the 2017 Alaska Municipal League (AML) Employee of the Year. Not only is he a dedicated and competent professional in his vocation, he also shares his talents throughout the community. He has volunteered on the CBJ Historic Resources Advisory Committee and is passionate about retaining the Juneau historicity. Furthermore, he is active with the Treadwell Historic Preservation and Restoration Society to stabilize, preserve and restore the existing structures and buildings of the Treadwell Mine site on Douglas Island. Under a lease agreement with the CBJ Parks & Recreation Department, Gary and his wife operate and maintain the non-profit “Last Chance Mining Museum”. This mining museum serves locals and the one million tourists who visit the Capital City every year. Finally, Gary is the caretaker of the Sentinel Island Lighthouse. In this role, he volunteers his time, skills and resources to restore this remote and historically significant 1902 lighthouse.

**Docks & Harbors  
Office Hours:**

**Port Office**

907-586-0292

Monday - Friday  
8:00am to 4:30pm

**Port/Field Office**

907-586-5720

Monday - Sunday  
8:00am to 4:30pm  
Closed 12-1pm for lunch

**Aurora Harbor Office**

907-586-5255

Monday - Friday  
8:00am to 4:30pm

**Statter Harbor Office**

Summer Hours

May 13<sup>th</sup> - Sept 13<sup>th</sup>

Monday - Friday  
8:00am to 5:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday  
8:00am to 4:30 pm

Closed 12-1pm for lunch

**Big Kudos to Harbor Employees Jesse Perry & James Miller!** Harbor Officer Perry and Harbor Technician Miller were recognized for their efforts to extinguish an arson fire along the Seawalk in July. A letter of thanks paraphrased here: *At 5 am on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 while completing the requisite security sweep along the Juneau waterfront, you alertly observed that a trash receptacle was afire and took the appropriate action to remedy. ...upon seeing the flames along the Miner’s Cove Building, the duo worked together to extinguished the fire using buckets of water and an extinguisher. When the situation was under control, JPD was notified and with assistance, JPD was able to identify and arrest an individual responsible for the arson. The actions averted serious consequence to the downtown cruise ship Seawalk, the Miner’s Cover Building and the potential partial disruption to this summer’s cruise ship economy. Upon inspection where the fire was ignited, it is obvious that had you not been diligent in your appointed rounds, the situation would have led to much more serious damage to the surrounding vicinity. You have left a positive impression to Kirby Day and others in the community who realized how much worse this situation would have been if not for your actions. Docks & Harbors and your colleagues are appreciative and the downtown waterfront is secure today because of your efforts.*

**Archipelago Project Update:** On July 29<sup>th</sup>, the Assembly approved a \$12.4M project for Trucano Construction (of Juneau) to deck-over and create additional

small bus staging area seaward of the existing land at the Archipelago Lot. Trucano Construction will be mobilizing in early August and will commence work to build a retaining wall along the MHHW elevation. Under an agreement with the private land owner (Morris Communications), the contractor will continue using the adjacent private property for staging until May 2020 at which time Trucano will relinquish use of the lot to Morris Communications. Substantial completion for Trucano to complete the public portion improvements is August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. It is anticipated that both the public and private developments will be open in May 2021.

**Alaska Vessel Registration Reminder:** Here is what one needs to know: <http://doa.alaska.gov/dmv/reg/boat.htm>

- ✓ Vessel Under 24' = no title required.
- ✓ USCG documented = no state title required
- ✓ Previous law required **all** undocumented motor boats to be registered
- ✓ New law **expands** registration to include documented boats and barges
- ✓ No registration required if in AK waters less than 90 days
- ✓ Registration = \$24 every 3 years
- ✓ Title = \$20 one-time (just like your car, or boat trailer)