



Docks & Harbors

The Tide Line

October 2024



Port Director's Corner: The US Army Corps of Engineers were in Juneau September 24th and 25th to perform a "planning charette" to evaluate the replacement of the existing Statter Breakwater. In addition to Docks & Harbors personnel and Statter Harbor users, a dozen civilian employees from the Army Corps of Engineers were in person and several more participated virtually. The charette team received a detailed tour of Statter Harbor, Fishermen's Bend Marina, Auke Bay Marine Station, and Auke Bay Loading Facility. This initial planning phase is also intended to evaluate whether there is a federal navigational responsibility to move forward on behalf of the local sponsor (CBJ Docks & Harbors). This completed phase is the first of many over the next three years as part of the overall feasibility study. It was obvious to Docks & Harbors staff that the visiting charette team recognized the economic and recreational importance that the Statter Breakwater provides to the Juneau community. Over the next few weeks, Docks & Harbors will be providing financial data (revenues & costs) as well as user group information (vessel size, type, etc) to the Army Corps accountants and economists. We anticipate hearing back from the Army Corps of Engineers early in the new year regarding the early analysis to the breakwater recapitalization options.

Regulation Changes - Public Hearing: At 5 pm on October 31st, there will be a special Board meeting to conduct a hearing on proposed regulations changes affecting harbor patrons and vendor booth permits. The specific and detailed hearing notice will be posted in all libraries and on the harbor's public notice website. Broadly speaking, these regulations changes will: (1) increase the monthly vessel disposal surcharge from \$0.31 to \$1.50 per foot for uninsured vessels, including transient vessels; (2) require patrons to resolve accounts sent to CBJ Collections prior to registering for vessel mooring; (3) at the Auke Bay Loading Facility (drive down float), vessels without reservations to be assessed a full day fee for moorage; and (4) increasing the minimum bid for a tour sales permit to \$35K and adjusting this amount annually to CPI. Comments to these proposed changes may be sent to harbormaster@juneau.gov.

Annual End of Season Meetings: On September 26th at the Yacht Club, Docks & Harbors staff met with businesses engaged in tourism which touch Docks & Harbors facilities. More than 50 business owners and their representatives discussed this season's operations both downtown and at Statter Harbor. Several ideas to improve impacts to the community were discussed and will be considered over the winter.



Docks & Harbors Meetings

All meetings will be held at the locations

below and via Zoom

Special Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 15th via Zoom

At noon

(To approve contract bid results)

Operations/Planning Wednesday

October 23rd

Port Director's Office at 5pm

Special Board Meeting

Thursday, October 31st at 5pm

(Public Hearing on regulations changes)

Regular Board Thursday

October 31st

Port Director's Office (Immediately following the Special Board Meeting)

Meeting

agendas & minutes can be found [here](#)

North Douglas Launch Ramp Float gets pulled
October 16th, 17th, 18th or 19th.

Port Office

907-586-0292

Monday-Friday

8:00am-4:30pm

Port/Field Office

907-586-5720

Monday-Friday

8:00am-4:30pm

Aurora Harbor

907-586-5255

Monday-Friday

8:00am-4:30pm

Statter Harbor

907-789-0819

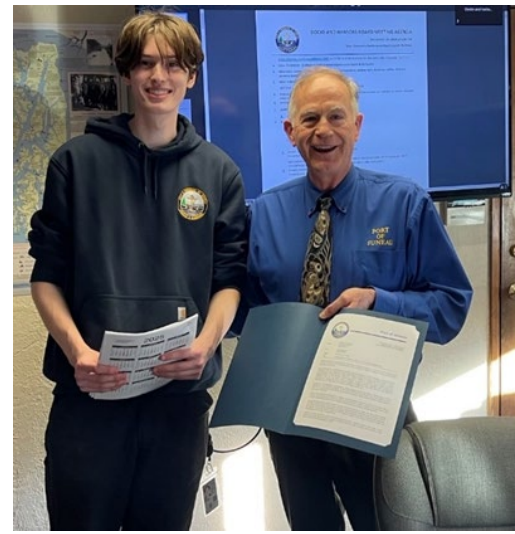
Monday-Friday

8:00am - 4:30pm

All Offices closed

12-1 for lunch

Employee-of-the-Quarter: Seasonal Harbor Officer Trenton English was recognized at the September 26th Board meeting as our employee-of-the-quarter, ending September 30th. He received a plaque, \$150 award and our thanks. The citation read in part, "Trenton also excelled in learning how to manage the Intermediate Vessel Float services for yachts, taking feedback from his supervisor, coworkers, and vessel operators to improve operations". Trenton's initiative, reliability, and positive demeanor make him a valuable member of the team, and his contributions to the department have not gone unnoticed. He is more than deserving of the Employee of the Quarter award for the third quarter of 2024.



Seasonal Docks & Harbors Workforce: For most of our seasonal workforce, their last day was September 30th, we thank the 30+ seasonal employees who have diligently worked for Docks & Harbors this summer and wish them a safe & prosperous winter off! We look forward to welcoming them back in April 2025.

2024 Cruise Ship Passengers

	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	TOTAL
	CAPACITY	CAPACITY	CAPACITY	CAPACITY	CAPACITY	CAPACITY	AVERAGE
TOTAL	20,516	291,404	313,487	351,130	335,648	262,890	1,575,075
ACTUAL	21,834	290,619	333,820	383,902	353,410	261,857	1,645,442
	106%	100%	106%	109%	105%	100%	103%

Aurora Phase IV Layout: As we move into the final design for the final phase, we are proposing a revised layout which would add additional 42-foot slips, at the expense of 32-foot slips. This would also enable us to install 24-foot slips which were not available from an earlier version. These changes are being made based upon our waitlists and our current inventory of existing slips. Anyone wishing to comment on this latest iteration may contact Carl.Uchytel@juneau.gov.

