

Docks and Harbors Meetings:

All meetings will be held at the locations below and via Zoom

Board Retreat
Tues. Nov. 12th
5:00pm

Operations/
Planning Committee
Wed. Nov. 13th
5:00pm-7:30pm

Regular Board
Thurs. Nov. 21st
5:00pm-7:30pm

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 **NOVEMBER 2024**

THE TIDE LINE

Port Director’s Corner: Turning the calendar from October, officially marks the end of a busy and successful summer season. With the departure of the NORWEGIAN JEWEL on October 24th, Juneau welcomed 1,677,935 passengers from large cruise vessels and 9905 passengers from the small cruise vessels. This was approximately an increase of approximately 40K passengers over 2023. We anticipate a similar volume in 2025 with the first arrival on April 14th and the last departure on October 14th. Docks & Harbors is always forward looking to see what improvements can be made to our operations and to our facilities which makes Juneau attractive to both the visitors experience and to our local patrons. This chart depicts the 2024 large cruise ship passenger numbers. The “total” category reflects the “lower berth” capacity which assumes two adults per stateroom. Since many traveling couples bring children or others on the cruise, the actual passenger counts may exceed the advertised or total capacity. The percentages listed below show that trend.

	April Capacity	May Capacity	June Capacity	July Capacity	August Capacity	September Capacity	October Capacity	Total Average
Total	20,516	291,404	313,487	351,130	335,648	264,862	29,808	1,606,855
Actual	21,834	290,619	333,820	383,902	353,410	263,587	30,763	1,677,935
	106%	100%	106%	109%	105%	100%	103%	104%

Although our seasonal staff has been released for the winter to pursue other life goals, the year-round staff and Docks & Harbors Board transitions into planning, preparation, and projects. On November 12th & 13th, the Board will be conducting a strategic retreat to focus on the needs and priorities of Docks & Harbors. The Board retreat is a Special Board meeting which is open to the public and will be held in the Port Office Conference Room and via Zoom. One desired outcome will be the prioritization of capital project needs and requests for marine passenger fees.



Wayside Park Float Dredging Project: Docks & Harbors opened bids for the project to dredge 5500 cubic yards under the Wayside Park Float on October 8th. Two bidders submitted offers and Rock-N-Road Construction of Petersburg was awarded a contract for \$797,000. The contract

requires the work be accomplished prior to the end of the year and the dredge material will be placed in Gastineau Channel off Channel Drive. This area has been permitted by ADNR and Docks & Harbors has received all necessary US Army of Engineers permits for the work. The funds for this project were provided through the 2022 1% Sales Tax Initiative.

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

Alaska Association of Harbormasters & Port Administrators (AAHPA)

Conference & EOTY: At this annual conference which brings together harbormasters and port directors from across the state, Kevin Dugan was recognized as CBJ Docks & Harbors 2024 Employee of the Year. At the Homer ceremony on October 24th, Kevin was notified, via Facetime, of this honor, in *part for his attitude, aptitude and exceptional leadership skills enabling Docks & Harbors to be successful...with a proven record of being an outstanding teammate and a major asset always going above and beyond.* In September, Kevin has stepped away from his formal duties as he focuses on recuperating from a stroke. The Docks & Harbors team has Kevin in our prayers as he continues to recover at home in Juneau.

New Boat Shelter Ownership Opportunity: Docks & Harbors is in the process of advertising to any patron wishing to construct a new boat shelter for their personal use at Aurora Harbor G Float. The requirement to submit an offer for this exclusive use can be found on our website [here](#), which includes:

- Successful applicant will be selected based on the highest sealed bid
- \$100 non-refundable application fee and minimum bid \$500
- Successful applicant must construct the boat shelter by January 2026
- Boat Shelter may not exceed the maximum length of the longest boat shelter on Float G
- Applicant must retain ownership of at least 1/2 of the Boat Shelter through January 2031

- Applicants must secure all applicable building permits through CDD

Regulations Changes: At a Docks & Harbor Special Board Hearing on October 31st, the Board approved and recommended to the Assembly to make changes to five regulations. There were no written or oral comments received to these regulation changes during the notice period or at the public hearing. The proposed regulations broadly make the following changes:

- (a) Increase the tour sales permit minimum bids by \$5,000.
- (b) Disallow moorage until all accounts with collections have been paid in full;
- (c) Require pre-payments for habitual offenders who have been sent to collections of gone through the impound process;
- (d) Establish requirements for uninsured vessels, and
- (e) Establish a fee for unauthorized moorage at the Auke Bay Loading Facility.

Of note, under (d) is the replacement of the \$0.31 per foot per month “Vessel Salvage & Disposal” Fee with an annual, Board adjustable \$1.50 per foot per month “Uninsured Vessel Surcharge”.

This change was necessitated by the large number of uninsured vessels sinking in the Juneau harbors in which Harbor Enterprise funds have been exhausted in resulting disposal costs. The Assembly will consider these recommendations at their regular meeting on November 18th at 7 pm. The public will have the opportunity to comment on these proposed recommendations.

Congratulations Harbormaster Creswell: On October 29th, Harbormaster Matt Creswell was recognized at a ceremony in Boston achieving the Port Professional Manager (PPM) credential from AAPA (American Associations of Port Authorities). He was one of nine, nationwide, who graduated with this honor at the event. The PPM program is graduate level accreditation which Matt has been working on with his cohorts since the pandemic, requiring 248 hours of specified training and a peer reviewed dissertation. We are fortunate to have Matt on the Docks & Harbors team.

