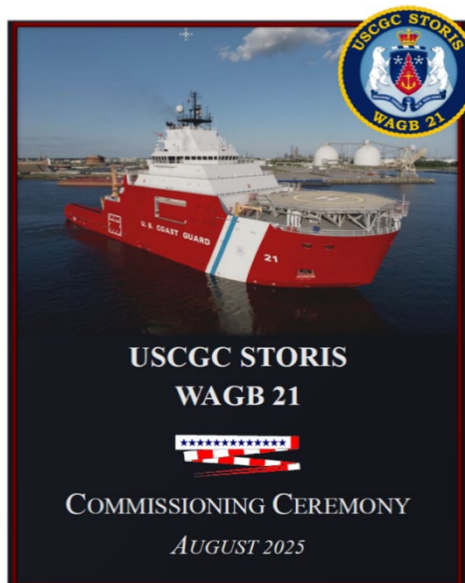


August 2025

Port Director's Corner: On August 10th, the US Coast Guard will commission the Cutter STORIS (WAGB 21) in Juneau. This is the first icebreaker acquired by the US since the USCGC HEALY in 1999. STORIS was built in Louisiana by Edison-Chouest Offshore for Royal Dutch Shell in support of Shell's drilling operations in the Beaufort Sea and Chukchi Sea. It was originally named M/V AIVIQ, which means "walrus" in the Inupiaq language. The \$150 million contract for the construction of an icebreaking anchor handling tug supply (AHTS) vessel was completed in 2011.

The original STORIS (WMEC 38), constructed in 1942, was an ice patrol tender and initially assigned to the North Atlantic during World War II, primarily participating in the Greenland Patrols. STORIS became the first U.S. registered vessel to circumnavigate the North American continent in 1957. She was homeported in Kodiak and in Juneau as was affectionately known as the "Galloping Ghost of the Alaskan Coast," with a storied history conducting icebreaking operations in Alaska and the Arctic. Storis is a Scandinavian word meaning "great ice".

Following the STORIS (WAGB 21) commissioning, she will conduct Arctic operations and return to the temporarily homeport of Seattle awaiting infrastructure improvements to Coast Guard facilities in Juneau. Recent federal appropriations have directed \$300M in funds for Juneau for shore support and other funding to construct approximately 17 other icebreakers.



Docks & Harbors Board: At the July 31st annual Board Meeting, Shem Sooter was elected as the new Board Chair and Jim Becker was appointed as Vice Chair. Nick Orr was elected as Chair of the Operations-Planning Committee with Mark Ridgway being the Vice Chair of that committee. The Board welcomed Robert Horchover as a new member as well as Mark Ridgway who returned to the Board. The public may contact the Board at any time regarding any Docks & Harbor issue HarborBoard@juneau.gov. The next Operations-Planning meeting is Thursday, August 21st and the next regular Board meeting is August 28th.

Statter Harbor Phase IIID Update: Statter Harbor Phase IIID. Dawson Construction continues to make great progress in the project to add curb, gutter, lighting, landscaping and paving. Paving for additional truck and trailer parking spots were finished before Salmon Derby Weekend. Dawson is on schedule to have the lot repaved by October.



Dawson Construction working on paving for Statter Harbor Phase IIID

Docks & Harbors
Meetings
Schedule:

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

Operations/
Planning
Committee
Thurs. August
21st

Regular Board
Meeting
Thurs. August
28th

Meeting
agendas and
minutes can be
found [here](#).

CBJ HARBOR(S) WINTER HOT BERTH SIGNUP

When:

Starting Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 8:00AM AKDT

Where:

In the Harbormaster's office (Statter or Aurora) or requests can be sent via email to harbormaster@juneau.gov, starting at 8AM AKDT. Emails sent prior to 8AM AKDT will be honored same-day after in-person sign-up and emails sent after 8AM AKDT.

What we need:

- Name/Vessel Name
- Length of vessel
- Liveaboard status (Y/N)
- Power requirements (Power must be secured through a separate AEL&P account upon assignment)
- Harbor of preference

Stalls will be assigned as they become available. Please direct any further questions inside.



Winter Hot Berth:

Sign up for Winter Hot Berth starting Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 8:00am in person at either Harbormaster's office (Statter or Aurora) or via email to harbormaster@juneau.gov. Emails sent prior to 8:00am will be honored same-day after in-person sign-up and emails sent after 8:00am. Winter hot berth is available for all transient vessels that would like a designated spot for the winter, and stallholders who would like to relocate for the winter.



Employee-of-the-Quarter: Docks & Harbors recognized Administrative Assistant Lily Thomas as our employee of the Quarter for the period ending June 30th. Since joining the team, Lily has consistently demonstrated an exceptional work ethic, upbeat attitude, and dedication to improving internal operations. Her positive demeanor makes her a pleasure to work with, and she has quickly become a valued member of the Docks and Harbors team. During this past quarter, Lily took on full responsibility for cruise ship billing and Intermediate Vessel Float (IVF) management with little formal training. Despite the steep learning curve, she has proven to be highly self-sufficient, quickly mastering the processes and relieving pressure from the Port team. Her initiative has allowed field staff to focus more effectively on other critical responsibilities, such as facility maintenance, staff training, and security operations. Lily routinely communicates with supervisors, bringing forward questions and updates, and her reliable presence has brought stability to the administrative operations of the Port office. Congratulations Lily!



D&H Staff left to right: Scott Hinton- Port Operations Supervisor, Lily Thomas- Administrative Assistant, Matt Creswell- Harbormaster, and Carl Uchtyl- Port Director

Cruise Ship Capacity Numbers for July 2025:

Total Capacity		April Capacity	May Capacity	June Capacity	July Capacity
	Total	33,620	266,574	331,184	349,678
	Actual	33,636	265,838	354,229	383,374
		100%	100%	107%	110%

Port Office
907-586-0292
Mon-Fri
8:00-4:30pm

Port Field Office
907-596-5720
Mon-Fri
8:00am-4:30pm

Aurora Harbor
907-586-5255
Mon-Fri
8:00am-4:30pm

Statter Harbor
907-789-0819
Mon-Fri
8:00am-4:30pm

All offices
closed from
12pm-1pm
for lunch

