Docks & Harbors

The Tide Line
April 2012

Port Director's Corner

All are invited to come to the Aurora Harbor Office from 11am to 1pm on May 2nd to enjoy a hotdog, chips and a drink as part of Harbor Customer Appreciation Day. Come meet many of the Harbor Staff and get your boating season off to a good start. As the summer season approaches, it’s a great time to consider safety in your on water activities. Take a boating safety class through the Coast Guard Auxiliary or take advantage of the free vessel check at Western Auto Marine on April 28th and 29th. See http://a1700101.uscgaux.info/vsc.html, or call 463-2297.

Remember to always file a float plan and boat safe.

We expect to auction six impounded vessels at a public auction on May 16th at the Aurora Harbor Office. For more information see: http://www.juneau.org/harbors/documents/ImpoundedBoatAuction_002.pdf

2012 Summer Moorage Promotion

The Docks and Harbors Board adopted two promotional moorage rates for the 2012 boating season. These rates were also offered in 2010 and 2011. The rates are good in Douglas, Harris, and Aurora Harbors as space allows on a first come, first served basis.

Buy Two Months, Get One Month Free Promotion
1. Must have purchased a 2012 annual launch ramp permit to qualify.
2. Buy two months of moorage for a summer stay during May or June & receive one month free.
3. Limited to vessels with maximum LOA of 27’ (max size that can fit in a 24′ slip)

5% Discount Promotion
1. Buy three months of moorage for a summer stay during May or June get a 5% discount of published moorage rate plus two one-day permits to use a CBJ launch ramp to launch and retrieve your boat. If you pay by Friday, May 25, Moorage is good from Friday, May 25 through Monday, September 3, 2012.
2. Limited to vessels with maximum LOA of 27’ (max size fitting in a 24′ slip).

Parking Lot adjacent to the People’s Wharf

The parking lot near the downtown Alaska Steamship berth will be managed by Docks & Harbors this season. The goal will be to provided greater parking opportunities for local Juneauites picking up visitors traveling on cruise ship and for increased options to visit Franklin Street retail shops and the Mt Roberts Tram. The Board set the rate at $2.00 per hour. In 2013, this area will be transformed into the Terminal Staging Area and will be utilized by coaches and “A” permit holders. In 2013, private parking will be available at the new lot near the Twisted Fish.

Rescued Boaters

On April 12th, two sailors were rescued by employees of Trucano Construction. While drilling on the Douglas breakwater project, Jeff Trucano heard the sound of a survival whistle. Acting decisively, Jeff fired up the Tug Gambler and ordered his crew to take in lines. Racing across Gastineau Channel at flank speed to the old barge landing area where the victims were in the chilly Alaskan waters. Jeff and his crew arrived to pull the two from a capsized sailboat and provided first aid to warm the rescued duo. Jeff then retrieved the capsized sailboat securing it to the Gambler for transport back to the Douglas Harbor. This had the potential to turn out badly, but with Jeff’s alertness and quick thinking, all is well on the waterfront. Thank you Jeff and the Gambler crew.
Meet the Staff
Bob Clauder grew up in Gresham, Oregon. He served in the US Coast Guard from January 1974 to March 1982. One of Bob’s Coast Guard assignments was being stationed on buoy tenders in Juneau for 18 months. He performed several other assignments in the Coast Guard before ending his military career and moving back to Juneau. He started work at Docks and Harbors on June 1st, 1982. Since his start date, Bob has been an assistant Harbormaster, a Harbor Technician, a Harbor Officer, a Harbor Officer in Charge of Statter Harbor, Operations and Maintenance Supervisor in charge of Statter Harbor, and his current position Operation and Maintenance Supervisor, and Facility Security Officer at the Port. If he isn’t busy enough at work, he has 5 kids and 13 grandchildren to keep him busy in his off time. Bob has been employed with Docks and Harbors for almost 30 years now and is a wealth of information. He goes out of his way to help customers, co-workers, staff, and management. Stop by and meet Bob at the Aurora Harbor.

Professional Design Services for the Aurora Harbor Rebuild
Docks and Harbors is requesting proposals from qualified consultants to provide professional design services for redesign and construction of Aurora Harbor. Proposals must be received by Tuesday May 8th, 2012 by 2:00 pm. Proposal documents are available for pickup at the Port Director's Office, 76 Egan Dr, 2nd floor, or go to our website at http://www.juneau.org/harbors/proposed_regulations.php. Call Gary Gillette, Port Engineer at 907-586-0398 for more information.

Scholarship Opportunities
• Barbara Schwantes Scholarship
The Pacific Coast Congress of Harbormasters and Port Managers (PCC) is offering a $1,000.00 minimum academic scholarship to a qualified individual intending to enroll in a post secondary program in a marine related field. The PCC offers this scholarship in memory of its past and long-time executive secretary, Barbara Schwantes, a true leader and promoter of marina and port development. The deadline for submitting applications is May 3rd, 2012. http://www.pccharbormasters.org

• Barbara Schwantes Grant Opportunity
Following her passing, the PCC initiated a memorial fund in her name for worthy marine projects in support of the commercial and recreational boating public. The PCC’s Barbara Schwantes fund provides small (typically $2,000) one year grants to encourage the initiation of projects which can make a difference in coastal regions with the emphasis on types of projects that help promote the recreational and commercial boating industry and raise awareness of the PCC. http://www.pccharbormasters.org for more information.

• Capital City Fire Rescue Scholarship Opportunity
Applications are being accepted for its scholarship program for the academic year starting in fall of 2012. Applications must be postmarked by May 11, 2012. The scholarship program is open to Alaska residents planning to attend the University of Alaska (UAS), 12 scholarships are awarded for each semester. If you would like to obtain a copy of the application you may go to www.ccfr.net or www.juneau.org/ccfr/index.php. For more information contact Beth Weldon at 907-586-0259.

Maritime Festival – May 12th, 2012
The Maritime Festival planning committee and JEDC would like to thank the latest sponsors of the 3rd Annual Juneau Maritime Festival: Sealaska, ABC Stations (MIX 106, 800 KINY, Taku 105, 630 KJNO and 1330/KKJ), Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI), Alaska Marine Lines, Marine Exchange of Alaska, Alaska Glacier Seafoods, Goldbelt, the Rendezvous and Joseph W. Geldhof-Marine Engineers’ Beneficial Association. To become a sponsor, vendor or volunteer, go to www.juneaumaritimefestival.org

Commercial Fisheries News
• Fishing Labor Laws
AK Department of Labor reminds commercial fisherman that hiring youth under 16 years of age is prohibited, unless the boat is operated by a parent.

• Annual Blessing of the Fleet Ceremony
Will be held at 10 o'clock on May 5th at the Fisherman’s Memorial. Come and support your community and those who have lost loved ones in the commercial fishing industry.