Port Director’s Corner

Loading Zone Update at Statter Harbor. The Statter Harbor construction project continues to make progress and remains on schedule for completion on May 15th. After several meetings, soliciting input from various user groups, Docks & Harbor has established a new loading zone as a result of the new Statter Harbor “A” and “B” floats. The decision to designate the inside (shoreward) of main float and the “repair float” was decided by Board action at the March 28th Board Meeting. This area also referred as the “Horseshoe” was determined to best meet the needs of the competing interests within Statter Harbor. The designated active loading zone will be open for all users and will not be reserved for charter or commercial operations. Because this loading zone is accessed from outside the breakwater, we believe a considerable amount of traffic will be reduced inside the harbor as charter operations will be redirected away from transient and reserved moorage. The active loading zone will be available for overnight moorage and managed by a plan which will be developed by the Harbormaster. On April 17th at the Mendenhall Valley Public Library from 4 pm to 6 pm, Docks & Harbors staff will be soliciting ideas from the public on how to best manage the newly designated loading zone for all harbor users. The Harbormaster will determine rules applicable to this area - such as what constitutes “active loading” and “when shall overnight moorage commence”? Please come by anytime during this “open house” format and share your concerns and ideas with Docks & Harbors staff between 4 pm and 6 pm.

Reserved Moorage Obligation. Harbor patrons with assigned slips are obliged under 05 CBJAC 40.020 – “Reserved Moorage Policy” to notify the Harbor Office when you will be vacating your assigned slip for more than 96 hours. This enables the Harbor Staff to maximize the use by facilitating “hot berthing”.

(d) Duty to notify of departures and planned return time. Reserved moorage slip or space assignees are required to notify the Docks and Harbors Department of their departure date and expected return date when vacating their assigned slip or space for more than four consecutive days. Assignees may notify the Docks and Harbors Department by Marine VHF Channel 73, by phone at (907) 586-5255, by email at harbormaster@ci.juneau.ak.us, or by fax at (907) 586-2507. If an assignee does not notify the Docks and Harbors Department of a departure in accordance with this subsection, the Harbormaster is authorized to use the assignee’s slip or space for temporary moorage assignment and shall be allowed up to 24 hours to clear the assigned slip or space upon return of the assignee.

Notice of Proposed Changes to Regulation

Notice of Public Comment Period

CBJ Docks & Harbors Small Boat Harbor Moorage Management Regulation

Under the authority of CBJ Docks and Harbors this regulation change is proposed for adoption pursuant to CBJ 01.60 and CBJ 85.02.060, and 85.20.010. Resulting from the demolition of DeHart’s marina and construction of reserved moorage at Statter, Docks and Harbors Board is proposing to adopt amended sections of 05 CBJAC 40 & 20.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the proposed regulations which will be available at Harbor offices, at the CBJ libraries, at the CBJ Clerk’s office, and online at www.juneau.org/harbors. The Board is accepting public comments until COB on April 30. Written comments may be submitted to the Docks and Harbor Offices, to the Port Director at 155 S. Seward Street, Juneau, AK 99801 or by email to carl_uchtyil@ci.juneau.ak.us. There will be a public hearing at Docks and Harbors Regular Board meeting on April 25 at 5:30 p.m. held in the Assembly Chambers. This will go before the CBJ Assembly for review on May 13. Contact the Port Office at 586-0292 for more information.
Meet the Staff
Jenny Mejia is Docks & Harbors new Administrative Assistant I at our Aurora Harbor office. Jenny moved to Juneau with her husband, Joe, in February, and started working for Docks and Harbors on February 27th. She grew up in South Bend, Indiana and attended school at Christian Center High School. After High School she attended Indiana University in South Bend, Indiana, where she received her Associate’s Degree in general studies. She is eager to go back to college and obtain her degree in accounting. Jenny’s hobbies include fishing, hiking, jogging and cycling. She said she is enjoying working at Docks and Harbors and working with the harbor patrons. Please stop by and welcome Jenny at the Aurora Harbor.

Vessel Safety Check. The Coast Guard Auxiliary will be providing free vessel safety checks, times and locations are as follows; Saturday April 27th, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. @ Amalga Harbor, Saturday/Sunday May 4-5 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. @ Western Auto Parking Lot. Phone 907-790-2919

Aurora Harbor Approach Dock. A recent engineering inspection reveals the Aurora Harbor Approach Dock is no longer suitable for vehicular traffic. As a safety precaution, we have placed a jersey barrier preventing vehicles from driving on it. We are in the process of designing Phase I of the Aurora Harbor Rebuild Project and replacement of the approach dock is fully funded. The current schedule calls for design completion at the end of 2013 and construction completion around May 2015.

Ideas for North Douglas Boat Ramp? The North Douglas Boat Ramp is one of CBJ’s most used ramps. We are in the process of collecting ideas for improvements to the North Douglas Boat Ramp with the goal of potentially developing a long term master plan. If you would like to be involved in any future public meetings, please email Teena (Teena_Scovill@ci.juneau.ak.us) and we will make sure you are aware of upcoming scheduled discussions to improve this facility.

Expect Delays at Statter Harbor Launch Ramp. With the Statter Harbor project nearing completion, construction activities will move into the parking lot and will cause intermittent delays and congestion at the ramp. One lane could be closed at times. Parking will also be reduced until construction is complete.

Launch Ramp Permits. We encourage harbor patrons to use www.juneaularbors.com to purchase daily and annual launch ramp permits. Launch ramp permits are issued by the calendar year. Docks & Harbors employees have begun issuing tickets for violators failing to procure the necessary permits. Harbor patrons can also register multiple trailers at either the Auke Bay Harbor Office or the Aurora Harbor Office.

Safety Tip - Inspecting your EPIRB (Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon)is one of the most important tests you can provide to your vessel’s suite of safety equipment. The EPIRB is exposed to the elements at all times yet must be able to perform properly at a moment’s notice. For that reason, your EPIRB and its ancillary devices should be inspected monthly to ensure that they are always ready to work. For more information on specific EPIRB testing and inspection procedures please contact your EPIRB manufacturer. For more information on EPIRB registration and the Search & Rescue Satellite-Aided Tracking (SARSAT) system, please visit NOAA’s SARSAT website at: www.sarsat.noaa.gov, or call 301-817-4515 (toll-free at 1-888-212-7283). Additional information may also be found at the U.S. Coast Guard’s Office of Search & Rescue website at: www.uscg.mil/hq/g-o/g-opr/sar.htm or by calling 202-267-1943.