Docks & Harbors

The Tide Line

May 2013

Port Director’s Corner

The Juneau community is invited to attend a Statter Harbor Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 12 o’clock on May 15th. This event will commemorate the successful completion of Phase I of the Statter Harbor master plan. The Mayor and Juneau legislative delegation will be on hand to appropriately celebrate this $8.5M project which replaces Dehart’s Marina and provides needed repairs to the existing floats. This will also coincide with the annual Docks & Harbors Customer Appreciation Day – which will provide hot dogs and drinks to our harbor patrons. All are welcome to the event which is funded with volunteer donations. It is anticipated that the reserved moorage slips will be available after 4:30 pm on May 15th.

Statter Harbor Loading Zones. After several public meetings within the Docks & Harbors Board framework and separately with Docks & Harbors Staff, the Harbormaster has established the following guidelines for the loading zones:

- All harbor patrons may use the loading zones from 8am-9pm for active loading/unloading of gear, groceries or tour passengers.
- Open moorage, including overnight moorage, will be allowed from 9pm-8am in the “Horseshoe” area. (Denoted in red in drawing.)
- The bottom of the main gangway is designated 24hr active loading only and is not available for overnight moorage. (Denoted in yellow in drawing.)
- Territorial Sportsmen’s float will be utilized for scheduled fish sales only and shall not be used for loading. (Denoted in blue in drawing.)
- Vessels greater than 50 feet, with a submitted schedule to the Harbormaster, have priority use of the loading zone at the bottom of the main gangway for loading/unloading of passengers.

North Douglas Launch Ramp – Master Plans? At the May 23rd Docks & Harbors CIP/Planning Meeting, we will be investigating opportunities to improve the efficiencies at this ramp. If you have ideas, concerns or interests in the facility management at the North Douglas Launch Ramp, please attend this public meeting. Docks & Harbors CIP/Planning Meetings are held the second to last Thursday of every month at 5 pm in Assembly Chambers.

National Safe Boating Week (May 18-24, 2013) This years campaign is to spread the message of safe and responsible boating. Contact Wayne Weeks at wayne.weeks@noaa.gov if you have any questions.
Meet the Staff
John Sanchez was born in San Francisco, CA. He moved to Juneau in 1969 with his parents and attended Marie Drake Junior High School. His parents moved back to California, but John stayed in Juneau and graduated from Juneau Douglas High School. After High School, he worked several different jobs in Juneau; U.S. Post Office, State of Alaska administration jobs, and retired after working fifteen years on the Alaska Marine Highway Ferry as a Deckhand and Helmsman. After retiring, he took a couple of years off to do some traveling. One of his trips was driving to Key West Florida and back. John’s next job adventure was landscaping in Marine Park, and from 2004 to 2006 working for Docks and Harbors as a Seasonal Harbor Officer. John said he took six years off after working for Docks and Harbors to pursue his real interest, Jazz and Soul music. He currently plays in a Jazz Combo called the “Jazz Berries” and performs different places in Juneau. John is now working for Docks and Harbors again as a Seasonal Harbor Technician at the Port/Field office. He said “he didn’t come back to work just because he loves to work, but he wants to still be able to live in Juneau”. John has a great sense of humor and a positive upbeat attitude. Please stop by and meet John at the Port/Field office.

Statter Harbor Protocols: In the recent public meetings, observant harbor patrons pointed out that perhaps 20% of useable moorage is rendered impractical because boat owners fail to tie-up closely in a transient vessel facility. In order to maximize moorage and improve efficiencies at Statter Harbors, we will campaign for users to “MOVE-UP...TIGHTEN UP” when using Statter. This means encouraging patrons to use only the minimum linear feet of the float which is necessary and to actively readjust when neighboring vessels depart. So this summer at Statter Harbor remember “MOVE-UP...TIGHTEN UP” to maximize the available moorage space!

In attempt to de-conflict launch ramp users from the coaches, Statter Staff is recommending new procedures at the top of the boat launch ramp. The intent is to prevent trailers from being blocked-in. The motor coaches are directed to park parallel and in the corner closest to the old DeHart’s access. The trailer parking space lost will be provided near the drive down wall and will be marked and numbered. The red delineates where the old parking for the motor coaches used to be, and the green indicates where we would like them to back in to from now on.

Boating Safety -
The Alaska Office of Boating Safety is offering Alaska Water Wise, a boating course designed for Alaskans, May 18, 2013 at the Atwood Building in Anchorage, Alaska from 9am-6pm. Course Content includes Alaska’s Boating Legal Requirements, Cold Water Survival, Boating Operations, Boating Hazards and Emergencies, and Pre-Departure Planning. This free course may reduce your boat insurance rates. This is a National Association of Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) approved course recognized by the United States Coast Guard and nationally by those states requiring boater education. For more information or to register contact Joe McCullough at (907) 269-8704 or joseph.mccullough@alaska.gov