Port Director’s Corner

Please join us for a presentation of the 35% design for the Statter Harbor Launch Ramp. The meeting will be Thursday, March 13th at 6 pm at the Chapel by the Lake (near the UAS campus). Attendees will hear a presentation on the history of the project and plans/scheduling for the newest infrastructure improvement for Statter Harbor. After the presentations, the public will be encouraged to provide input (written or oral) to the proposal. Docks & Harbors has posted the engineering drawings on our web site at [www.juneau.org/harbors/documents/StatterHarborPhaseII35design.pdf](http://www.juneau.org/harbors/documents/StatterHarborPhaseII35design.pdf) for those unable to make the meeting. The rendering on the back page provides the view from 180 feet above the Auke Bay Towers Condominium with mature vegetative cover. The launch ramp when fully realized will provide 100 truck & trailer parking stalls, 84 standard vehicle parking stalls and a “sea walk” amenity along the perimeter. We anticipate a project start in September 2014 with a completion in late fall of 2015. This is phase II of the Statter Harbor master plan and is fully funded from a variety of sources including Docks & Harbors, Alaska Department of Transportation Municipal Harbor grant, Alaska Department of Fish & Game, 1% sales tax, and Alaska Legislative grant sponsored by Rep Munoz and Sen Egan.

Launch Ramp Permits. All harbor patrons who use any of the CBJ owned launch ramp facilities (Douglas, North Douglas, Harris, Statter, Amalga, and Echo Cove) are reminded to procure your annual (or daily) launch ramp permit. The 2014 decal is required as of January 1st. Patrons can obtain permits on-line at [www.junecauharbors.com](http://www.junecauharbors.com) CBJ Harbor officers have begun enforcement for this season.

Statter Harbor “C” Float Damage. In January, during the same storm which severely damaged the Gustavus breakwater, a segment of the Statter Harbor “C” float was rendered unusable for moorage. The storm episode created a situation where two concrete floating modules failed in compression resulting in loss of structural integrity. The floats, installed in 1987, are held together with “post-tensioned cables” which run through the floats and anchors/ chains which provide lateral resistance to the float system. Docks & Harbors realizes not having “C” Float fully functional for the summer is not acceptable and we are treating the situation with emergency actions. Harbor patrons are asked not to use the portion of the floats which are affected by the damage.
New CBJ Harbormaster: Docks & Harbors is pleased to announce the selection of David Borg to fill the Harbormaster position which has been vacant since November. Mr. Borg has been a Juneau resident for seven years and is currently employed by the Coast Guard District as a civilian Recreational Boating Safety Analyst. Originally from Florida, he has 28 years of experience in hands-on maritime operations, personnel and leadership, administration, project & financial management and customer service. He is an avid boater and will begin his career with Docks & Harbors on March 26th.

A hiring panel, consisting of three Docks & Harbor Board members and the Port Director, conducted a nationwide search and interviewed candidates from Washington State and Alaska. Receiving 20 applications, the hiring panel conducted telephonic interviews with 10 candidates resulting in a finalist pool of 5. The finalists (3 locals/2 Washingtonians) were evaluated on writing samples, a face-to-face interview and a 15 minute oral presentation to the full Docks & Harbors Board at a Special Board meeting. The hiring panel selected David Borg and he accepted a job offer on February 25th.

Cruise Ship Terminal Staging Area Management Plan: As Miller Construction continues towards completion on May 2nd of the upland parking lots adjacent to the Mt. Roberts Tramway, Docks & Harbors has been engaged in meeting with various stakeholders who will benefit with the new investments. Docks & Harbors, in partnership with the TBMP (Tourism Best Management Practice), has developed a management plan which balances the requirements to move the maximum number of cruise passengers to tourist destinations with the opportunity for local entrepreneurs to compete fairly for revenue from this industry. On May 9th, we are anticipating a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the successful completion of not only the Cruise Ship Terminal Staging Area but also last year’s Ferry bridge “deck over project” and the expansion of the Taku Dock which was completed in February.

Downtown Vendor Sale Booth Outcry Auction: Docks & Harbors held its annual vendor booth auction on February 20th for three one-year permits allowing business to sell tours from three designated locations along the CBJ management cruise ship waterfront. The three successful bidders were Mendenhall Taxi, Capital City Sightseeing, and Experience Juneau paying $23K, $24K and $25K respectively for the privilege to sell tours along with six other companies which had multi-year permits. Since two multi-year permits were returned prior to the auction, the Docks & Harbor established the number of vendor booths available for 2014 at nine total at each of the three locations.