Port Director’s Corner
Spring has sprung, March Madness is over, and Docks & Harbors is in full gear getting ready for the boating season. On April 7th, 15 seasonal employees arrived to make preparations for our harbors and downtown cruise ship docks. The augmented staff will be pressure washing, re-commissioning seasonal water lines, cleaning parking lots and other work expected from our patrons. Supervisors within Docks & Harbors are proactively engaged in a number of training exercises, outreach with our TBMP partners and strategy meetings to improve the services we provide our patrons.

Recently, the department leadership established Docks & Harbors “Core Values”. These principles provide a guiding purpose for how our individual employees will deliver our product to the patron. The three core values are Service Excellence, Constant Improvement, and Integrity. The emphasis within Docks & Harbors is clearly to provide customer service exceeding expectations.

Our Statter Harbor launch ramp 35% design review was held on March 13th at Chapel by the Lake. Nearly fifty citizens participated in the open house session which included a historical perspective by Port Engineer Gary Gillette and a detailed engineering design brief by PND’s Dick Somerville. The next public phase, 65% design, will be held on May 12th at the UAS Egen Library Room 222 at 6 pm. The Engineering design team of PND Engineers, Haight & Associates, and Corvus Design will work with the Port Engineer and Deputy Port Engineer Erich Schaal to incorporate as many suggestions as practicable into the iterative design process.

For those who missed the March 13th presentation, the power point and drawings can be found at www.juneau.org/harbors/projects.

Cruise Ship Terminal Staging Area – Miller Construction continues their final push to complete the uplands parking lots adjacent to the Mt. Roberts Tram. Completion is anticipated to be on May 2nd in time for the first cruise ship arrivals to the Dock. Docks & Harbors is working with TBMP and tour/transportation operators to ensure an efficient and safe transition with the new lot configurations. There will be private paid vehicle parking at the Taku parking lot which is limited to three hours per calendar day. The Taku parking lot also will have free parking for Twisted Fish Restaurant patrons.

Spring Clean Up – Docks & Harbors is in the process of proactively impounding abandoned and derelict vessels within our harbor system. This is a deliberate process, guided by CBJ ordinance, which require public notice to the last owner of record and then a public sale at a minimum bid established at the back charges owed to Docks & Harbors. After the public sale, Docks & Harbors offers the vessel for sale at “private sale” or Docks & Harbors may elect to dispose of the vessel. The Juneau Empire and our web site will provide the public notification of impounded vessels available to the public.
Meet the Staff
Jerri Webster was born and raised in Cottage Grove, Oregon, and graduated from North Eugene High School. She moved to Haines in 1996 and commercial fished seasonally for four years. She moved to Juneau in 2000 and co-owned and operated a roofing business called Roof King Enterprises. She later moved to Palestine, Texas for six months and experienced hands on learning in a fabrication shop. She moved back to Juneau in 2013 and came to work for Docks & Harbors at the Aurora Harbor as a seasonal Harbor Technician. She has three girls, Emily 17, Layla 8, and Marley 6. Jerri and her mother, Roxie Starr, has been saving money to send her oldest daughter Emily to Italy & Rome for her class trip. Jerri said she is teaching her 8 year old daughter Layla safety lessons on her new pellet rifle. Jerri enjoys hiking, hunting, fishing, being outdoors, and fixing anything that is broken. Jerri started her second season with Docks & Harbors on April 7th, and will be working at the Port Field Office. She said she is glad to be back and invites you to stop by and say hi.

Port Office Hours
907-586-0292
Monday – Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Closed 12:00 to 1:00

Port/Field Office Hours
907-586-5720
May 5 - October 1
Saturday – Wednesday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Closed 12:00 to 1:00

Aurora Office Hours
907-586-5255
Monday – Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm
June through August
Monday - Saturday
7:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Closed 12:00 to 1:00

Statter Harbor (Auke Bay)Office Hours
907-789-0819
May 5 to Sept 14
Monday – Friday
7:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Closed 12:00 to 1:00

Go Green with Docks & Harbors. If you are interested in having your statement sent via email, please send an email to dolly_raster@ci.juneau.ak.us

Docks & Harbors Board Membership – The nine member Docks & Harbors Board is appointed by the Assembly to serve a three year term. This July, three positions will be appointed. The process for applying is available at www.juneau.org/clerks/boards. The Board strives to find representatives to meet the diversity of our user groups. Commercial fishermen have not been represented in the recent past, civic minded individuals with this interest are encouraged to apply.

Statter Harbor “C” Float Damage update
Replacement floats are under construction and staff is working closely with the contractor to formulate a repair procedure. Bellingham Marine Inc., has been awarded a contract to fabricate four floats which are expected to arrive May 12th.

Moorage Agreement REMINDER
It’s that time of year again, as summer is fast approaching, for CBJ annual stall renewal. Stall holders will receive their annual letter for preferential stall assignment renewal in May. Patrons must provide a current preferential moorage agreement, a parking permit agreement for two vehicles, a copy of current boat insurance, and a copy of current boat registration. In order to keep the stall assignment, the paperwork must be received in full no later than Tuesday July 1, 2014. NO EXCEPTIONS. Incomplete paperwork will result in forfeit of stall assignments. For questions regarding downtown stalls please call the Aurora office 586-5255 and for Statter Harbor please call 789-0819.

Tourism Best Management Practices (TBMP) Meetings
All Sportfishing and Whale-watching/Marine operators/companies and Captains - The meeting will take place as part of USCG Industry Day on April 29th. It will include a discussion of TBMP general guidelines for marine (on the water) businesses and also will share important NEW operating procedures at Statter Harbor. TBMP members involved in these types of businesses should attend. The presentation will take place from 8:45am to 9:15am as part of Industry Day on April 29th at the Buoy Deck in downtown Juneau. Please plan to attend if you are part of this user group.

All Vehicle/Transportation providers and operators - This is a meeting of all vehicle/transportation companies who operate in downtown and in Auke Bay's Statter Harbor. TBMP members involved in these types of businesses in these locations should attend. NEW operating procedures in Statter Harbor and the downtown waterfront will be discussed. This meeting will take place on April 23rd at 2:00pm in Assembly Chambers. Please plan to attend if you are part of either of these user groups.

Pumpout Importance!
Just like lawn fertilizers and manure, human waste contains nutrients that can unnaturally stimulate algae growth and deplete the amount of oxygen in the water. Although it is also a repulsive pollutant, our primary concern about sewage in the water is its potential for carrying disease-causing pathogens to swimmers and shellfish. Waterborne illnesses attributed to sewage pollution include hepatitis, typhoid, cholera, and gastroenteritis. Discharge of raw sewage from a vessel within the three nautical mile limit of U.S. territorial waters is illegal. For Boaters, this means that any direct flow-thru systems must be secured while a vessel is navigating inland waters or within three miles of shore.