Docks & Harbors

The Tide Line

May 2014

Port Director’s Corner

Docks & Harbors welcomes the public to Customer Appreciation Day
Friday, May 9th

Following the 11 o’clock Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Archie Van Winkle Memorial (near the Mt Roberts Tramway)

Please join the City & Borough of Juneau in commemorating the completion of several downtown construction projects along the waterfront at 11 o’clock on Friday, May 9th. Senator Egan, Representative Kito and Assemblyman Jones are invited to deliver short remarks at the Ribbon Cutting ceremony which recognizes the four downtown projects – Cruise Ship Terminal Staging Area (Phase I and II), Taku Dock Reconfiguration and the Seawalk Extension (Miner’s Cove to Franklin Dock). Docks & Harbor’s annual Customer Appreciation Day will follow with dogs & drinks.

5th Annual Juneau Maritime Festival - Docks & Harbors is partnered with Juneau Economic Development Council (JEDC) in planning and executing the 5th Annual Juneau Maritime Festival. The Maritime Festival will be held from 11 am to 5 pm on Saturday, May 10th at Marine Park. From cooking contests, to children activities, a beer Garden and tug-o-wars, there is something for everyone. For more information go to www.juneaumaritimefestival.org. In addition to Saturday’s festival, the organizers are planning a fundraising dinner on May 9th. The Port to Starboard Progressive Dinner will take place at the Salt Restaurant (for appetizers); the Baranof (for diner); and, the Rockwell (for dessert & silent auction) for more information go to www.juneaumaritimefestival.org/fundraising-dinner

Statter Harbor Launch Ramp 65% Design - The public review of the Statter Harbor Launch Ramp 65% Design will be held on Monday May 12th at 6 pm in Room 222 at the UAS Egan Library. This will be the first agenda item of the Auke Bay Plan Steering Committee which has been meeting monthly since November. We anticipate advertising and bid award early this summer with the successful bidder mobilizing soon after the Salmon Derby Weekend. The projected completion date will be December 2015.
Meet the Staff
Mario Singh grew up in the town of Lodi, which is located in the northern portion of California’s Central Valley. After graduation, he attended Sacramento State College for three years completing his pre-requisites and taking some art classes. He left college, moved to Colorado and got a job in construction for a year. He then started coming to Alaska to commercial fish summers out of Sitka and each year he came back saying he would come back earlier and stay later. Traveling in his off time to Latin America and Southeast Asia, he moved with his wife and two boys, ages four and two from Sitka to Juneau last August. Being away from home for five months at a time commercial fishing, he decided to look for another line of work. Being around Alaska’s harbors for the last 15 years, he thought it would be a good fit to apply for the Docks & Harbor position. Mario came to work for Docks & Harbors on April 7th, 2014. He said on his time off, he enjoys playing with his boys, hiking once a week, and has been involved with his oldest son’s headstart program. Mario works at the Aurora Harbor and invites you to stop by and say hi.

Statter Harbor “C” Float Update - Docks & Harbors has contracted with Bellingham Marine to manufacture four floats which were structurally damaged in a winter storm this year. The floats are scheduled to arrive Juneau on May 12th. Trucano Construction will remove the damaged floats and install the new floats anticipated to be complete by June 1st.

Docks & Harbors Board - The Docks & Harbors Board will be conducting a Strategic Planning Session from 8 am to noon on Saturday, May 10th at the Port-Customs Building (near the Mt. Roberts Tram). The meeting has been noticed as required under the Alaska Open Meetings Act. Any interested members of the public are welcome to attend any part of this Board meeting. CBJ Human Resource & Risk Management Director Mila Cosgrove will be facilitating the Strategic Planning Session.

Aurora Harbor Phase I Update – Docks & Harbors has delayed the bid opening date to May 15th in order to respond to questions from prospective bidders. The original bid opening date was May 8th. We anticipate the contractor to mobilize in mid-September with a completion date of April 30, 2015.

Paid Parking - May starts the boating season which also includes the management of the Statter Parking lot and the downtown Taku Parking lot. Docks & Harbors uses a “pay & display” policy which requires users to purchase time at the APARC Kiosk and display the receipt on the dashboard. The daily rate for Statter Harbor is $5/day. The Taku Lot is limited to 3 hours per calendar day at $2/hour. The decision to limit the Taku Lot was based on public input that Docks & Harbor needed to provide parking for locals who need to use the downtown waterfront on an irregular basis.

Tourism Best Management Practices - Docks & Harbors has joined forces with Tourism Best Management Practices (TBMP) to develop guidelines for busses/coaches who use the Statter Harbor Parking lot and also charter boat operators who operate within the public harbor facility. Any harbor patrons with suggestions to improve the safety or efficiency of the harbor operations should contact Harbormaster Dave Borg at 586-5255.

Safety
The U.S. Coast Guard estimates that life jackets could have saved the lives of over 80 percent of boating fatality victims. As a boat operator, you’re in command of the safety of your passengers, but accidents can, and do happen with terrifying speed on the water. There’s rarely time to reach stowed life jackets. The U.S. Coast Guard challenges you and your passengers to wear your life jacket all the time while underway. Life Jacket World Record Day Event is on May 17th, 2014. “Ready, Set, Wear It!” events can still be registered until May 16th, 2014. For more information go to http://www.readysetwearit.com/2013/06/05/2013-results/