Port Director’s Corner

With the summer season in our wake, we now turn our attention to improving our facilities, procedures and fine tune regulations for the 2015 season. First an update to the Aurora Harbor Rebuild. Northern Construction Service’s subcontractor, Trucano Construction, has begun the demolition of the floats. Demolition will continue through mid November. Northern Construction Service’s continues to fabricate the new floats at their construction yard in Oregon and the floats are scheduled to arrive in Juneau in late December. Docks & Harbors and our engineering consultants (PND Engineers and Haight & Associates) are working closely with Northern Construction Service’s to ensure the project is completed on time by the end of May.

Statter Harbor Launch Ramp: We are currently soliciting bids to construct phase II of the Statter Harbor Master Plan. The bid opening date is scheduled for October 14th. Barring any extensions, it is anticipated an award will be made after the October 20 Assembly meeting. The successful low-bid contractor will begin a process to expedite sediment consolidation through “surcharging” the soil with shot rock and “wick drains”. This consolidation process over the winter months will enable the contractor to prepare the site for the double lane launch ramp and associated parking. The project is anticipated to be complete in late spring 2016.

Docks & Harbors has begun investigating local properties for short term lease for parking to help mitigate the loss of the Horton Lot.

Comprehensive Fee Reviews: The Docks & Harbors Board has commenced a review of the two enterprise funds under their purview. The publicly noticed meetings will review the fees associated with the Harbors and for the Docks. As a general rule, the Docks Enterprise fee review committee will meet following the Docks & Harbors Finance Committee meetings. The Harbor Enterprise fee review committee will meet following the Docks & Harbors Operations-Planning Committee meetings. The interested public is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Calendar Year 2015 Meeting Schedule: Beginning in January, Docks & Harbors Board elected to change the recurring meeting dates of the Operations/Planning Committee meeting dates, and the Finance Committee meeting dates. The Operations-Planning Committee meeting will be on the third Wednesday of the month and the Finance Committee meeting dates will now be the third Thursday of the month.

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

Veterinary Clinic

Rabies shot & microchip clinic for dogs
Friday, October 10th from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Juneau Yacht Club, 1301 Harbor Way.

*Special thanks to the Juneau Yacht Club for donating the space!
Employee of the Quarter
Mr. Doug Unruh was recognized at the September 25th Regular Board meeting for Employee of the Quarter in the 4th Quarter of FY14. In less than a year since assuming the role as Operations & Maintenance Supervisor, Mr. Unruh has increased productivity, efficiency and has enhanced the working environment at Statter Harbor. He led efforts to install new bull rail and corrected safety deficiencies along the Statter Harbor Breakwater. When a January storm resulted in severe damage to the “C Float”, Mr. Unruh worked with the Docks & Harbors Engineering staff, PND Engineering consultants and Trucano Construction, to plan and execute repairs just in time for the busy summer boating and commercial fishing season. Mr. Unruh is an extremely valuable and professional Docks & Harbors supervisor. He goes out of his way to provide exceptional customer service and a willingness to listen to each patron’s concerns. His service to Docks & Harbors is commendable and worthy of recognition as Employee of the Quarter.

Cruise Ship Recap:
This summer Juneau hosted 944,011 visitors from the large ships and 10,216 visitors from the pocket cruise ships. It is estimated that the economic benefit from these guests bring $170M to Juneau and CBJ collects $8M in direct sales tax. This sales tax is approximately a quarter of all sales tax in the borough.

Small Vessel General Permit Article by Tom Gemmel
On September 10, 2014, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the issuance of the final Small Vessel General Permit (sVGP). The sVGP will apply to non-military, commercial vessels that are less than 79 feet in length. Compliance with the sVGP allows vessels to meet the Clean Water Act (CWA) requirement to obtain National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit coverage for discharges incidental to normal operations. The sVGP is scheduled to come into effect on December 19, 2014, when the current moratorium expires. The following is a link to the Notice: www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-09-10/pdf/2014-21408.pdf. The sVGP, Fact Sheet and Economic Analysis can be accessed on the EPA's website at http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/npdes/vessels/Small-Vessel-General-Permit.cfm.

Day of Caring
Thursday October 2nd was United Way’s Day of Caring. The picture shows one of the groups of CBJ employees who volunteered for Day of Caring completing a gardening project at Juneau Youth Services Miller House Campus on back loop road. From left to right, Lauren Tibbitts/Purchasing, Teena Scovill/Docks & Harbors, Michelle Brown/Administration, Jessie Beck/Lands & Resources, and Anna Percival/H.R.

Don’t let winter catch you by surprise!
Winter has a way of sneaking up on us, and putting off winterizing your boat could have expensive consequences, such as cracked engine blocks, frozen plumbing, and damage to your batteries. Remember to avoid spills when winterizing. The following links are to the clean boating tip sheets on winterization and clean oil changes.