Port Director’s Corner

Happy 2015! I am confident that this year will continue major improvement to the Docks & Harbors infrastructure as well numerous initiatives to improve and update our operations. In addition to having $73M of projects underway (Cruise Ship Docks, Aurora Harbor Phase I and Statter Harbor Launch Ramp), the Docks & Harbors Board has been engaged in a multitude of public meetings in the Comprehensive Fee Review effort. We have also invested much into the review and bringing up-to-date the numerous leases which Docks & Harbors maintains. Finally, Harbormaster Dave Borg has been working to create a formal Harbor Patron/Customer Code of Conduct. The draft Code of Conduct is posted on our web site and will be an action item at the January Operations-Planning Committee and January regular Board Meetings.

One example for the need to establish a Patron/Customer Code of Conduct was displayed in December when an Aurora Harbor user threatened pet owners, through the nefarious posting of signs, suggesting dogs would be poisoned. An ongoing investigation by JPD, Gastineau Humane Society and the Harbormaster continues, anyone with information is urged to contact JPD at 586-0600. By creating a Patron/Customer Code of Conduct, Docks & Harbors will have a tool to enforce standards of behavior which is currently not available.

Docks & Harbors, in addition to amending the Mt. Roberts Tramway lease property, has been resolving numerous administrative and legal hurdles to advertisement of the property of the former Thane Ore House. We anticipate a lease offering of the 1.3 acre of the Thane Road property to the general public sometime early this spring. Most likely the process will include subjective selection criteria being established by the Board and an evaluation committee to determine the best qualified applicant to lease. This area is zoned commercial waterfront and could be utilized for a number of enterprises, in addition to a restaurant. Please contact the Port Office with questions.

Crowley Employment Opportunity – Crowley manages the Ocean Rangers program for Alaska’s Department of Environmental Conservation and is now looking for experienced USCG Licensed Marine Engineers or Safety and Environmental Degreed individuals whom travel on board cruise ships throughout the summer and act as independent observers monitoring State environmental and marine discharge requirements. This is a seasonal position running from April through late September. For more information visit: http://www.crowley.com/Careers/Seagoing-Jobs-Terminal-Labor/Seagoing-Jobs/Ocean-Ranger
**Docks & Harbor Employment Opportunity:** Docks & Harbors has three seasonal Harbor Technician positions and one seasonal Harbor Officer position available. If you are looking for summer employment, like working with people, and have an interest in working on the docks and around vessels, one of these positions may be the job for you. The City and Borough of Juneau offers benefitted positions with a competitive salary package that includes the opportunity for regular wage increases, an excellent health insurance program, leave, and retirement credit through PERS (Public Employee’s Retirement System). A completed CBJ application form, Number P001 must be received by the Human Resources & Risk Managements Department on or before the close of business (4:30 p.m. Alaska Standard Time) on February 20th. Visit [http://www.juneau.org/personnel/instruct.php](http://www.juneau.org/personnel/instruct.php) for instructions on how to submit an application via e-mail, fax to (907) 586-5392, mail to CBJ Human Resources & Risk Mgmt Department, 155 S. Seward, Juneau, AK 99801, or drop off at 101 Municipal Way, Suite 101.

**Go Green with Docks & Harbors.** If you are interested in having your statement sent via email, please send an email to dolly.raster@juneau.org

**2015 Annual launch ramp permits are available for purchase at the Statter Harbor, Aurora Harbor, or online at [www.juneauharbors.com](http://www.juneauharbors.com).**

**Coffee & Doughnuts with the Harbormaster & Port Director**

We invite the public to join us at the Yacht Club on January 30th from 7:30 am to 9 am to stop by and chat about anything related to Docks & Harbors. Savannah Worley of the Alaska Municipal League is providing doughnuts this month.

**Aurora Harbor Update** - The Aurora Harbor general contractor (Northern Construction Services) continues good progress towards completion by May 31st. Trucano Construction is now driving piling for the “C Ramp” Approach Dock and will soon begin efforts to install floats. The public meeting to educate harbor vessel owners of changes to the National Electrical Code (NEC) which MAY affect the new electrical pedestals in Aurora Harbor will be on **Wednesday, February 4th at 5 pm at the Yacht Club.** Our electrical engineering consultant (Ben Haight) and our electrical term contractor (Bill Shattenberg) will be on hand to help explain the changes to the NEC and the potential impact. Docks & Harbors has notified all the vessel owners who have moorage in the construction area with a letter - but any interested member of the public is welcomed to attend the meeting.

**Picture by Dave Borg**