



Docks & Harbors

The Tide Line



October 2015

Port Director's Corner

The last cruise ship of 2015, the M/V OOSTERDAM, sailed out of Juneau Harbor on September 24th. The total count for Juneau in 2015 is 977,157 - up 2% from last year. This number reflects "paying passengers" and if one were to consider crew and "non-revenue" visitors, we would have exceeded 1M persons arriving in Juneau. Using only the "paid passenger" formula and the McDowell Group's 2012 survey data, one can expect each paying tourist to spend \$180 and each crew member to spend \$300 resulting in nearly \$185M in gross sales to Juneau businesses.

Comprehensive Fee Review Meetings. With the summer now in our wake, the Docks & Harbors Board will once again hold special meetings to evaluate fee schedules for both the Harbor Enterprise and the Docks Enterprise. The goal is not to raise rates but rather to evaluate the fee structures we have in place to ensure our fees are fair and reasonable. The first fee review meetings will meet with the intentions to organize and focus the efforts through the winter/spring. The Docks Fee Review meeting will precede the Finance Committee meeting at 4:30 pm on October 21th. The Harbor Fee Review meeting will be at noon on October 22nd, both meetings will be in CBJ Hall Room 224.

October Committee Shuffle: Please note that due to Board member traveling conflicts, the October Finance Meeting will be Wednesday and the October Operations-Planning Meeting on Thursday, October 21st & 22nd respectively.

Photo By Dave Borg

Port Fee Review
October 21st at 4:30 p.m.
CBJ Room 224

Finance Meeting
October 21st at 5:00 p.m.
CBJ Room 224.

Harbor Fee Review
October 22nd at noon
CBJ Room 224

Operations/Planning
October 22nd at 5:00 p.m.
CBJ Room 224

Regular Board Meeting
October 29th at 5:00 p.m.
Assembly Chambers

**Meeting agendas and
minutes link:**

<http://www.juneau.org/harbors/board.php>

Douglas Harbor Update. Trucano Construction will complete the demolition of "old Douglas Harbor" by October 9th. The Army Corps of Engineers has contracted with Western Marine Construction of Seattle to begin dredging operations in mid-October to be completed by March 2016. Docks & Harbors is currently moving the new design effort forward and plan to have a construction bid package to advertise in November. The goal is to complete the rebuild project not later than November 15th, 2016.

End of Season Reviews. Docks & Harbors staff met three times in September to review three operational programs which we have regulatory oversight. The vendor booth sales and downtown parking lot management meetings both suggested pursuing more efficient processes to direct tourists to their excursions. The Statter Harbor meeting was attended by more than a dozen and largely resulted in maintaining the status quo. With one exception - to pursue free, long term parking in the Auke Bay vicinity. The Statter Harbor attendees were also briefed on proposed changes to the existing Master Plan.



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

Cruise Berth Project. Manson Construction Company (MCC) of Seattle arrived on September 16th as planned and has begun work on the South Berth (aka Cruise Ship Terminal) as part of the new cruise ship berth project (i.e. 16B project). MCC has placed anchors in Gastineau Channel and the Coast Guard has published the following:

Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners QUOTE: “Manson Construction Co. will be rebuilding the Port of Juneau cruise ship berths from September 14th, 2015 through May 15th, 2016. Operations will include but are not be limited to pile driving, steel erection and welding, timber installation, installation of concrete pontoons and floats, heavy lifting and miscellaneous marine construction. Hours of operation are up to 24 hours per day 7 days per week but will typically take place from 6 am until 6 pm daily. Marine assets may stay on location during operational and non-operational periods. Two lighted mooring buoys have been established on either side of Gastineau Channel in position 58°17.7’N, 134°24.822’W flashing white 2.5 seconds and in position 58°17.65N, 134°25.236W flashing white 1 second. The vessels involved in the project are Derrick Barges SCANDIA and ANDREW, deck barges MANSON 70, MANSON 73 and MANSON 74, tugs PETER M and HARRY M and three work skiffs. When manned and operational the vessels are monitoring VHF-FM channel 8. Derrick barges will have anchors deployed with crown buoys locating each submerged anchor. Submerged anchor cables are also present and local mariners are requested to stay at least 1000 ft. from equipment. Mariners are requested to proceed with extreme caution, provide a wide berth, operate at a slow speed and keep to the Navigation Channel while transitioning in this area.” Unquote.

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**Docks & Harbors
Office Hours:**

Port Office Hours

907-586-0292

Monday – Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

**Port/Field Office
Closed**

(for the winter)

Aurora Office Hours

907-586-5255

Monday – Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

**Statter Harbor (Auke
Bay) Office Hours**

907-789-0819

Monday - Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Closed 12:00 to 1:00
for lunch



4400 Thane Road Lease Update. The property formerly known as the Thane Ore House was recently offered for lease through a Docks & Harbors managed RFP (Request for Proposals) process. A six person selection committee consisting of four Docks & Harbors staff and two Docks & Harbors Board members evaluated three proposals from local interested businesses. The selection committee found the proposal from the Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (CCTHITA) to be the highest rated based on scoring criteria relating to economic development opportunity, financial capacity, past record of performance, etc. Upon CCTHITA receiving reasonable assurance that the project is consistent with CBJ land use code, Docks & Harbors will initiate the lease which will require Assembly approval to execute.

Boat Winterization. As a reminder, several vessels have recently taken on water due to the excessive rainy weather. Owners are reminded to diligently check the integrity of their vessel especially as we enter stormier conditions and shorter days. The Coast Guard also issued the following Local Notice to Mariners Quote: The 96 foot tug CHALLENGER sank in approximately 30 feet of water in approximate position 58°18.334’N, 134°26.632’W, about 1,000 yards North of the Juneau-Douglas bridge. The vessel is currently marked with unlit yellow boom. Mariners are requested to transit the area with caution. Questions/concerns should be directed to the Coast Guard Sector Juneau Command Center at (907) 463-2980 or on VHF/FM channel 16. Unquote.

Links to winterization: <http://www.discoverboating.com/owning/maintenance/winterizing.aspx>

Alaska Clean Harbor <http://alaskacleanharbors.org/resources/vessel-operation-management/winterization/>