



Docks & Harbors

The Tide Line

October 2017



Port Director's Corner

As the summer boating, fishing and cruise ship seasons draws to a close, there is much optimism along our Juneau waterfronts. The Docks & Harbors recent infrastructure improvements have produced significant short term benefits. Additionally, the department continues to position itself into the future by ensuring long range planning is linked to all actions of the Docks & Harbors Board and staff. This summer's opening of the Statter Harbor Launch Ramp will be remembered as the most valuable Docks & Harbors investment in the past three decades. Not only has the ramp improved the launch/recover cycle time but the expanded parking capacity has enabled more efficient operations of the property formerly used by the Auke Bay Boatyard. This allowed for busses and coaches to stage in a manner which improved harbor access for local residents. We intend to pursue another agreement next year with UAS to provide long term harbor patron parking on the UAS campus. Administration of the Statter Harbor parking lots through a modest fee structure, including the launch ramp lot, has proven to be an effective tool to manage the facility and the fees are anticipated to remain for the foreseeable future. **The success of the new cruise ship berths** has enabled a record number of cruise ship passengers to disembark in the Capital City. Docks & Harbors preliminary numbers for the 2017 season is 1,046,000 passengers - up 4% from the previous year. This count surpasses the 2008 season of 1,030,000 which was the high watermark. Recent surveys of the visitors' spending habits would suggest that \$170M was spent at CBJ restaurants, retail and tour excursions. The tax revenue generated by the gross sales amounts to approximately 21% of all sales tax collected for CBJ. **Urban Design Plan Update.** At the September 28th Docks & Harbors Board meeting, the Corvus Design team briefed four viable options for the Board and public to consider. The Board was asked to provide feedback to the four options - elements which are appealing and elements which are undesirable. The next public meeting will be held at 5 pm on November 2nd at Docks & Harbors regular Board meeting in Assembly Chambers. The Urban Design Plan presentations can be found: http://www.juneau.org/harbors/hot_issues.php **Aurora Harbor Phase II Update.** Northern Construction Services, the general contractor from Junction City (OR), is busy fabricating the floats necessary to recapitalize E, F & G Floats. We anticipate NCS to arrive on or about October 11th to begin the demolition stage of the project. Anderson Bros Electrical, the local electrical subcontractor, has secured power to the floats to be rebuilt and commenced the demolition of the electrical systems. Docks & Harbors is appreciative of the efforts of the boat shelter owners who have prepared their structure to be relocated.

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Meetings:

Operations/Planning
Tuesday Oct 17th
Cancelled

Finance Meeting
Cancelled

Regular Board Meeting
Thursday Oct 26th
Moved to

Thursday Nov 2nd
5:00 pm

CBJ Assembly
Chambers

Meeting agendas and
minutes
can be found at:

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

Help stop theft in
our Harbors!

If you see something,
say something. Call
suspicious activity to
JPD Non-Emergency
Line - 907-586-0600
and report to the
Harbor Office at 907-
586-5255.

Go Green with
Docks & Harbors! If
interested in having
your statement sent
via email, please send
an email to
harbormaster@juneau.org



Employee Recognitions - 2017 CBJ Docks & Harbors Employee of the Year. Congratulations to Ms. Jennifer Shinn who will be acknowledged by the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators (AAHPA) as the CBJ Harbor Employee of the Year. Jennifer, who is an Administrative Assistant III at Aurora Harbor, is a consummate professional and the Swiss Army knife of our administrative staff. She performs regular and irregular tasks with little supervision. Independently managing the IVF reservations in the winter as well as the reservations for the PFO float and the ICT dock after the construction of

the South Berth, she has been instrumental to the department in ensuring a remarkably smooth 2017 summer operational season. Jennifer is an outstanding customer service provider and trains her staff in a similar manner. She was recognized at the September 28th Board meeting as being the recipient of this award.

Ms. Laura Slaght received a letter of appreciation for her quick response to a cruise ship passenger who was having an apparent heart attack. She called 911, secured the area, assisted the ship security guard while he was performing CPR on the individual, she provided details of the incident to paramedics which was critical to determine the best medical treatment, and retrieved needed supplies from the ambulance. Her expedient response and expert first aid skills enabled the patient to become ambulatory to receive care at Bartlett Regional Hospital.

Mr. Sean McKeown and Mr. Kenneth Davis both received a letter of appreciation for their efforts in saving a man's life. During a routine waterside patrol aboard the vessel JOE G they responded to an individual who had fallen into the water. Once on the scene, they realized the person was in a weakened state due to the cold water and they pulled the man onto the vessel and began treating him for hypothermia. The two provided the man with their own clothing and assisted in warming him up and transported him ashore to awaiting CCFR emergency response personnel. The man was treated for hypothermia and made a full recovery.

The final 1% of the Cruise Berth project is now complete. Artist Cliff Garten and crew were in town last week to install ten stainless steel sculptures that are destined to become an iconic ensemble seen in no other port around the world. It is anticipated that these lighted art sculptures will be a unique welcoming sight for visitors arriving by cruise ship as well as a local attraction on our waterfront. The name Aquilean is a mash-up of Latin for eagle and whale. The series of sculptures sets the edge of where the town meets the water and where visitors meet the town. It will define the new promenade established with the cruise ships moving offshore and elimination of the "yellow fence" that blocked access to the docks edge for many years.

**Docks & Harbors
Office Hours:**

Port Office

907-586-0292

Monday – Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Port/Field Office

907-586-5720

Closed for winter

Aurora Office

907-586-5255

Monday – Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

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

907-789-0819

Monday – Friday
8:00am to 4:30 pm

Closed 12:00 – 1:00
for lunch

* Hours subject to change



Photo by Gary Gillette

Up close the sculptures are a highly crafted structure of utmost beauty. Hand bent and welded stainless steel rods form the unique shape culminating in a whale's fluke at the top. The structures were built by Metal Arts Foundry in Lehi, Utah under the leadership of owner Kevin Maag. If you haven't been to the waterfront in downtown for a long time, please make your way down to see these unique sculptures along with numerous other improvements completed over the past few years.



Photo by Meilani Schijvens