Port Director’s Corner

As we turn the calendar into July, Docks & Harbors begins a new fiscal year and new Board year. Although we won’t know for a few more weeks the financial bottom-line for the two enterprises (Harbor/Dock) for FY18, we do know the make-up of the new Docks & Harbors Board members. Tom Donek, Tim Mosher and David Lowell will be stepping down from the Board effective July 1st to be replaced by Jim Becker, Dan Blanchard and Dave McCasland who have been appointed to serve a three-year term. Docks & Harbors was fortunate to have had Tom Donek as the Chair of the Board for the past two years. As Chair, Tom Donek capably led the organization through unprecedented success with over $80M in construction projects being completed including new cruise ship berths, new Statter Harbor launch ramp, Douglas Harbor rebuild, Aurora Harbor phase II and numerous maintenance projects. Since arriving on the Board in 2010, he helped shape the priorities, conducted numerous ordinance reviews, fee updates and shepherded Aurora Harbor phase I, Statter Harbor phase I and multiple phases of the cruise ship uplands through completion. The Juneau community thanks Tom Donek for his 8 years of service; and, Tim Mosher and David Lowell for their 3 years of serving on the Board.

Docks & Harbors Meetings:
Operations/Planning
Wednesday July 18th
At 5pm
CBJ Room 224

Regular Board
Thursday July 26th
At 5pm
CBJ Assembly Chambers

Meeting agendas and minutes can be found at:
http://www.juneau.org/harbors/board.php

At the June 28th regular Docks & Harbors Board meeting, Mr. Jamie Raymond was recognized for his actions in the early morning of May 3rd to extinguish a fire aboard a vessel in Aurora Harbor. The citation read in part:

It is my sincere honor to recognize you for your selfless actions in responding to an early morning vessel fire in Juneau on May 3rd. At three o’clock in the morning, you discovered the Sailing Vessel AMBER ablaze while moored in Aurora Harbor. After properly calling authorities to report the fire, you validated that there were no persons on board. You then collected four large fire extinguishers from throughout Aurora Harbor to attack the blaze. Your quick response resulted in extinguishing the fire prior to emergency personnel arriving on scene. Your textbook, split second decisions in addressing this potentially catastrophic situation not only saved the vessel from further damage but other adjacent vessels and our harbor floats infrastructure. Additionally had you not been there, there was the possibility of the S/V AMBER to have sunk or the release of hazardous substances into Aurora Harbor. Thank you for stepping up and answering the call in a heroic manner. Your actions are in keeping with the time honored traditions of the seafaring community.

Downtown Transportation Staging & Expanded Deckover Project Update: Docks & Harbors continues to advance a portion of the Urban Design Plan: Marine Park to Taku Dock with schematic drawings for a project to enhance the visitor and local experience along the downtown waterfront. The Docks & Harbors Board has approved a design which will be presented to the Assembly on July 11th with the goal to proceed to final design. The uplands owners of the Archipelago Lot, Archipelago Properties LLC, briefed the Chamber of Commerce on June 7th and the Docks & Harbors Board on June 8th on their retail plans. Members of the public are invited to attend the July 11th meeting with the Assembly.
Docks & Harbors Office Hours:

Port Office
907-586-0292
Monday – Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Port/Field Office
907-586-5720
Monday – Sunday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Closed 12:00 – 1:00 for lunch

Aurora Office
907-586-5255
Monday – Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Statter Harbor (Auke Bay) Office
907-789-0819
Monday – Sunday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Closed 12:00 – 1:00 for lunch

June 7th aboard Windstar Cruises Star Legend, which is a luxury cruise ship, was a Plaque exchange for their Inaugural call to Juneau on May 23rd. Several local Juneau Industry Members were invited.

Taku Harbor Float Repair: Several pilings at the facility were migrating out of the ground due to suspected “ice jacking”, which can occur when fresh water enters inside the piling, freezes, and creates an upwards force on the steel structures. Trucano Construction of Juneau was contracted to extract each of the pilings, cut weep holes to facilitate the draining of the piles, re-drive to a specified depth and cap the top of all pilings. In addition, Trucano Construction repaired several hinge connections, repaired a split in the piling and oversaw Global Diving installation of zinc anodes, providing corrosion protection for the piling. The $115K project was completed without incident with design and inspection services provided by PND Engineers of Juneau. Partial funding for the project was from the Alaska Department of Fish & Game through the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act.

Meet the Staff: As we head into the “heat of the summer”, I thought it would be good to introduce your entire Docks & Harbors team. These 40 members are working 7 days a week to provide customer service at the downtown cruise docks, at four municipal harbors, at six launch ramp facilities and the remote float at Taku Harbor. Our facilities run nearly 70 miles from one end to the other - probably more than any other municipal harbor system in the country! Please thank your harbor staff when you see them along the waterfront for their service to the Juneau community.

Auke Bay Marine Station Float (ABMS) Extension: Docks & Harbors (D & H) has awarded a $202K contract to Trucano Construction to construct a 100’ float which will be anchored alongside the existing ABMS 120’ float, creating nearly 350’ of usable moorage. This project will allow D & H to fulfill a commitment to serve legacy users at this facility. Substantial completion of the float extension is August 15th. D & H will evaluate potential commercial use of the float in the coming weeks.

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

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.