Port Director's Corner:
As I draft this installment of the TIDE LINE, the Docks & Harbors family wishes good health to all who we serve in the Juneau community. These are trying times for all especially those impacted directly by COVID and those affected financially are especially in my thoughts and prayers. I am generally skeptical about many things, but I am absolutely certain that this pandemic will run its course with those municipalities who work together to address the health, wellbeing, and economics of the community and will emerge stronger than before. Docks & Harbors prides ourselves in providing infrastructure serving the economic diversity and recreational opportunities for all Juneauites. The Coast Guard, in a recent Marine Safety Information Bulletin, has stated “maritime transportation workers, to include port and facility security personnel and other port authority and commercial facility personnel” are essential to support FEMA’s Critical Infrastructure Sector (CIS) for Transportation. Docks & Harbors takes this charge very seriously and as such are committed to providing a high level of customer service throughout the Governor’s health mandates. It is our intentions to continue to operate Statter, Douglas, Aurora and Harris Harbors in the manner our patrons have grown accustomed to.

Here is what you can expect from Docks & Harbors during hunker down orders:

1. Harbor Officers will be on call 8 am to 4:30 pm daily at the downtown harbors and at Statter Harbor.
2. Harbor Administrative staff have transitioned to a “call center” business model to handle all billing and moorage reservations. To better serve our small boat harbor patrons, we will extend our call center hours from 8 am to 7 pm (Monday-Friday) and 8 am to 4:30 pm on weekends. You can reach our harbor call center by calling the regular Aurora Harbor and Statter Harbor numbers (586-5255 or 789-0819).
3. The Port Office will remain open to manage the capital improvement projects, support the needs of the Board and execution of leases.

Future Docks & Harbors Public Meetings: The Assembly has recently modified the public meeting requirement to accommodate the necessities to social distance and limitations on public gatherings. The new guidelines allow for virtual meetings via teleconference (or videoconference). For the foreseeable future, Docks & Harbors will be using teleconferencing to hold all committee and board meetings. The public will be able to participate telephonically in all future meetings.

Social Media: Docks & Harbors has a Facebook page! We will provide fresh content several times per week so be sure to “like” and “follow” us at https://www.facebook.com/juneauharbor/
Statter Harbor Dredging Project - Phase III(A):  Pacific Pile & Marine (PPM) successfully detonated the second and final explosive blast necessary to remove a rock outcrop to make room for Phase III(B) to move forward. Alaska Seismic & Environmental provided this drone video of the March 30th blast!
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PPM, Arete and AJC will continue efforts to remove the rock and overburden in the vicinity of the blast. The last element of this project will be to place a shot rock “surcharge” over a portion of the construction site for soft soil modification. Statter Phase III(A) is anticipated to be substantially complete on April 27th.

Statter Phase III(B) Update:  This phase will install approximately 800 linear feet of new floats which will be managed for the charter vessel fleet.  The project, estimated to be $3.9M, is currently advertised with a bid opening date of April 21st.  It is anticipated that the successful low bidder will mobilize on or about October 1st with a substantial completion date of April 23rd, 2021.

Flags along Egan: Travel Juneau, TBMP, and Friends of the Flags have announced that the state flags will not be installed for the 2020 season because of construction and improvements planned along Egan Drive. After completion of the project, the poles will be refitted with new hardware for the flags. “We look forward to the 2021 season and restarting this community program,” said Kirby Day of TBMP.

The project, supported through donations from community members, manages the purchase and installation of flags representing all 50 states. Typically, new flags are purchased each year then auctioned off at the end of the season to raise funds for replacements. Travel Juneau is the administrative contact for the program. To donate, please send a check payable to Friends of the Flags and mail the donation at 800 Glacier Avenue, Ste. 201, Juneau, AK 99801.