

HARBOR HAPPENINGS

Whittier Harbormaster Newsletter • 2022 Summer Edition

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GREETINGS From Whittier Small Boat Harbor!

I have been way overdue getting everyone updated on our 2022 harbor happenings. There is much to report on so let's dive right in.

THE GOOD STUFF!!!

Cameras and Wi-Fi: We have been installing video cameras and Wi-Fi in the harbor district over the past few weeks. We had hoped to go live by the 1st of July however there have been some unexpected supply issues. When it's up and running we will have 13 cameras covering the harbor, launch ramp and parking lot. The camera system will be available online for you to view real time and will be recorded locally in the harbormasters office. The WI-FI will consist of 2.4g and 5g capabilities and was designed with cruise ships in mind and the increased usage they may cause. The WI-FI will be available for a fee which we still need to determine, I am anticipating a daily and monthly usage fee. The Wi-Fi will allow users to place cameras such as a Ring or Blink on their vessels to observe movement. The camera and Wi-Fi were paid for utilizing Commercial Passenger Vessel head tax (CPV) monies.

Portable Restrooms: July 1st marked our ribbon cutting on our newly purchased portable restrooms. We have placed one in front of the old middle restroom east of the Harbor Store and the other alongside the old restroom in the Triangle. They will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The legacy restrooms will remain open 24/7. We utilized CPV monies for the purchase and installation and photos are below.

Shower Automation: This past winter we upgraded our showers to a token system that allows them to be operated 24/7! No more coming in during business hours to take a shower. The token machine takes \$1.00 bills ONLY, and a token is \$5 for 7 minutes of hot water. You can also purchase a token during normal business hours at the office.

Sewage Pump Out Cart: I was informed this week that we have been awarded a grant to offset the cost of purchasing a new sewage pump out cart. I am looking at two options that we can utilize dockside. Of course, portability and being able to go up and down the ramp are

important factors. The grant monies are made available by the federal Clean Vessel Act (CVA) which are distributed to State programs. For the State of Alaska, it is managed by Jacob Cunha ADF&G Division of Sport Fish. The grant requires a 25% match which I budgeted for while developing our 2022 budget. I will be ordering the cart in the coming days and will keep you all updated when it arrives.

THE CHALLENGES...

City Dock Crane: The City Dock crane suffered a major casualty when the hydraulic ram that controls its ability to move left and right blew apart. The crane has to be removed in its entirety and shipped to Anchorage. There is will need to be machined to receive a newly fashioned ram cover. Estimated time of repair is unknown at this time.

Replacement of A/G/H Floats: Our Finance Director in concert with CRW Engineering have been putting a Harbor Municipal Grant package together for the 2023 grant cycle that closes on August 5, 2022. The rough order of magnitude (ROM) for the replacement of the floats and wood piles over to steel is estimated to be 5-7 million, perhaps a bit more with the inflation rate being what it is. The Harbor Municipal Grant program requires a 50/50 matching funds, we are confident that between our Major Repair and Replacement Fund (MRRF) and the ability to bond the remaining funds we have a good chance of being awarded grant funding pending the governor's 2023/2024 budget.

Wishing you all a fantastic and prosperous Alaskan Summer!

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FINAL REMINDER

Preferential and Annual Holders, the 2nd half of your moorage is due. Deadline was July 15th. Harbor staff are making contact to those who haven't turned in. Please contact the office to finalize your payment if you have not already paid.

Barry Arm Landslide and Tsunami Hazard

Information Statement: Updated July 1, 2022

Executive Summary from U.S. Geological Survey, Alaska Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys, National Tsunami Warning Center, Alaska Earthquake Center

- Satellite analysis from the last month revealed up to 11 cm (4.3 in) of movement on a one-half square mile area of the Barry Arm landslide immediately above the terminus of the Barry Glacier.
- The depth of the movement is currently unknown. We do not know if this type of movement is common as this is the first motion detected since direct monitoring began.
- It is unknown if this motion will continue.
- The interagency team will continue to monitor the landslide area and the water beneath it with existing instrumentation and satellite data. Tsunami warning capability is being tested, but not yet available.

These observations do not warrant a change in alert status. The potential landslide and tsunami threat remain. The full interagency information statement is also available here.

This page will be updated on August 5, 2022, or earlier if the threat level changes.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS FROM YOUR HARBOR CREW

HARBOR FORMS UPDATE!

Did we request an update from you? Did you sell your boat? Did you move? Want to file a float plan? Do you want to see the transient slip map? Want to schedule the grid? The following "fillable" forms can now be found at www.whittieralaska.gov/document-center/. Simply save to your phone, open, and fill out, and save before you send.

For your ease, you are now able to fill out forms directly from your phone and email back to the Harbor!

- Transient Moorage Form
- Transient Slip Map
- Alaska Boating/Accident Form
- Waitlist Application
- Float Plan
- Grid Use Agreement
- Harbor Parking Map and Staging Area

DID YOU SELL YOUR BOAT ? PURCHASING A BOAT IN THE HARBOR?

The Harbormaster requires the following documents if you are involved in a boat sale that currently has a berth slip.

- 1) *Bill of Sale*
- 2) *Updated Moorage Agreement from the new owner*
- 3) *An email stating you want to give up your current stall.*
- 4) *PLEASE let your buyer know that the stall is **NOT included** in your sale.*

You are still responsible for the balance due per your moorage agreement. You will continue to get charged until we receive these items.

Please send to:

harbor@whittieralaska.gov

City of Whittier Small Boat Harbor is sad to announce the retirement of our dear friend and beloved employee, Bonifacio "Boni" Rojas Pas from City of Whittier Harbor. Boni has been an integral part of our organization for the last 22 years. His contributions and knowledge will always be valued and we will remember him for his hard work, commitment, and dedication. On behalf of everyone at City of Whittier, I would like to wish Boni the very best of luck.



EMPLOYMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

City of Whittier is currently recruiting for **Harbor Officer III**. This is a full time position with excellent benefits. Position provides harbor patrols for security; be responsible for maintenance, repair, and safe usage of all harbor facilities. This is considered a supervisory position.

Keep checking the website for the **Harbor Officer I** opening soon.

Online application can be found at :

www.whittieralaska.gov/employment/

Remember transient stalls are assigned on a **first come, first served basis only**.

There is no holding or reserving stalls.

It's best to call the office prior to arriving the harbor for a slip assignment

(907) 472-2327 X7

Or Ch. 68/16



Please feel free to contact us if you have moorage or billing questions

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