

Marine Facilities Coordinator (MFC) Quarterly Staff Report

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My last quarterly report was at the December 14th General Meeting, and my next report will be at the September 13th General Meeting.

General Day to Day

As in all my quarterly reports, I will be separating the Harbormaster position from the MFC portion for clarity on specific tasks performed.

Harbormaster

In my role as harbormaster, I have spent my time monitoring activities at the Dock and Beach. This includes taking back the responsibility of maintaining the restrooms at the Beach and Salmon River Park and opening the trash and recycle containers on April 20th. I worked together with the Dray (Justin Marchbanks and Joe Vanderzanden helped as well) to move the steel float back into place at the Gustavus multi-modal dock facility on April 23rd. Joe Vanderzanden and I were able to get the ramp lowered the following Monday (April 26th). Fairweather Construction and I were able to get the skiff floats and the wooden float out on May 22nd and 23rd. All of this went well. There was a problem with the steel float mooring lines being tangled but this is being worked on and will hopefully be resolved in the near future. I have also started removing small debris from the Boat Harbor as part of the Salmon River Boat Harbor Clean-up Project as well as keeping an eye on the toe of the Salmon River boat launch. This area was repaired on January 7th of this year and has already started to get washed out. Different ideas of what is causing this have been offered but it is my opinion that landing crafts using the boat launch are not helping the situation. I have also been walking the Salmon River at low tide and removing the log jams that were pushed down in the heavy rainstorms we experienced last year and this winter. On June 30th, a charter vessel sank overnight off the east side of the dock. I worked with the owner and USCG to make sure that everything was taken care of and reported properly. At the time of this writing the vessel has not been located.

Marine Facilities Coordinator

In my role as MFC I was able to maintain communication with the City and the Marine Facilities Advisory Committee (MFAC) over the winter as well as responding to calls and emails from community members and outside inquiries. On May 13th I was able to attend a CPR/First aid course put on by GBNP and I am scheduled to attend the Emergency Trauma Tech (ETT) and Basic Life Support (BLS) training put on by MultiMED at the beginning of August. These will hopefully be the first steps in continued education both in First Aid and boater safety. The more I know the more I will have to offer the Community. I have been working to help the City inventory and find new homes for the items located in the old PO building currently being used for storage. I am currently working with Tom and Joe Vanderzanden to rewrite Title 8 to bring it more in line with Gustavus's unique situation. I was also able to put the Gustavus Beach sign back up, reinforce the other signs in the area, and set up doggy potty stations on both sides of the dock. The week ending June 13th Western Marine came out and did repairs to the Dock and replaced the ramp between the steel float and the wooden float. So far we have had 85 private vessels and 27 commercial vessels register this year. I have removed 403#'s of trash and 79#'s of recyclables from the Beach receptacles. At the request of the Mayor and City Administrator I have been working on getting a shed for the Marine facilities tools and other items currently being stored in the old PO.

I have also been able to do maintenance work for other departments with direction from the Mayor and City Administrator.

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