

2025 Spring Harbormaster Report

Staff: We are anticipating a full crew as we approach the summer.

Maintenance:

North Harbor – Seasonal cleaning and upkeep.

Middle Harbor – Seasonal cleaning and upkeep.

South Harbor – Seasonal cleaning and upkeep. We are working with Rock n Road marine division to maintenance the piling collars and repair work on C-Float that has been in the works for over a year.

Crane Dock – We have ordered 10 creosote wood piling for replacement of Crane Dock fender piles, plan to use 4 immediately with the rest in storage for future maintenance.

Drive Down – Busy! The 30-day parking continues to get reduced again as Scow Bay project progresses, and maintenance supplies get relocated to the Approach and old pole yard on 13th street.

Scow Bay – Continue to monitor area daily and maintenance as needed. Staff is involved in the boat yard project planning.

Scow Bay Turnaround Haul Out Project: Rep. Peltola and Sen, Murkowski secured \$4.1 million for the project through a 2023-24 congressional spending bill. These funds are in the process of passing through to the Denali Commission who will hold the funds until the Borough needs to access them. At the passing of Prop 4 at the last election the community voted to free up bonding capacity to loan another \$3.2 million for the utilities for the project has been put on hold due to the \$8.9 grant award to the project through the Federal RAISE program announced in January. PEDC is working with PND on the 65% design. A steering committee has been formed, though have not met, to aid engineers in the review process.

Staff met with PIA to co-sponsor the USACE feasibility study that will be required to put in a harbor basin in the hopes the tribal connection will result in a financial reduction in the required match. We continue to work with the Boroughs lobbyist in DC to understand where this project is on their schedule.

Misc:

-The waiting list continues to grow. The new language making changes to the permanent moorage contracts concerning inactive vessels will hopefully help reduce the waiting list numbers. Staff continue to monitor approx. 50 inactive vessels and will be sending out contact letters to individual boat owners that fall into this category.

-Reid Bro's was awarded the roof project for the dock adjacent to the harbor office, they are waiting on supplies and will begin construction.

-April 1st staff went public with the 2025 tour ship schedule. Last year's numbers resulted in 105 stops for the season. The 2025 schedule has 94 total stops, which includes the doubling of ACL stops from previous seasons. The increase of ACL (vessels 267 ft.) will result in 16

overnights at C float which will change the availability of moorage for our tender fleet and larger yachts. Attached is a breakdown of tour ship stops over the last 20+ years.

-Recent word came to the Borough that the application for conveying approximately 8.8 acres of DNR tidelands at Papke's Landing is in the public comment period, a link is available on the Borough's website.

-The Assembly granted a short-term lease of 5000 sq. ft. to Andy Rutherford at Scow Bay to demo his airplane hangar. He has yet to submit plans for review and stipulations including a completion date of June 30.

-Staff went through CPR training recently.



Source: Back Bay of Estuarine Wetlands, and the City of Seaside.

