

## City of Whittier Boat Harbor – Rebuild Update # 6

March 14, 2011

Recap: Phase 1 of the Harbor Rebuild project involves using the pre-purchased sheet pile; dredging from the West boat launch to just before the City Dock; placing the sheet pile and installing new floats.

The Harbor Office has moved to a meeting room on the first floor, West end (tunnel side) of the Inn at Whittier. There is an outside entrance on the West (tunnel) end of the building, and blue and white signs are up to help guide you to us. ***SAFETY ALERT: During high wind days, 30 knots and above be very careful when using the outside/West-end door—the door is a challenge to open. The best entrance when it is extremely windy is the front side, single door at the top of the wheel-chair accessible ramp.*** Parking for office business is across from the Inn at Whittier.

The parking lot from the Marine Travel Lift to just before the East Gangway has been blocked off for construction staging area and contractor's use.

Parking during the next month + will be limited. Vehicle parking will be up against the curb on the East-end of the Harbor parking lot near the East Gangway. The construction staging area will recede as the project progresses and more parking area will be available. Winter/Spring trailer parking will be on the East end of the Harbor parking lot—red and white signs will designate the trailer parking. Please park vehicles with trailers in the North/South direction. Check with the Harbormaster's Office staff for updated parking information.

This project has a substantial completion date May 25, 2011 and a final completion of June 15, 2011.

Progress report for week beginning February 28, 2011: Sheet pile installation continues.

While this on-going project is underway, we will publish updates on a regular basis on the [Boat Harbor page](#) of the City of Whittier website: [www.whittieralaska.gov](http://www.whittieralaska.gov), look under "Messages from the Harbormaster".

### Other Harbor business:

It was requested that all Harbor rates be reviewed for rate increases by City Council on December 21, 2010. After comparing our rates with other Harbors in Alaska, the following fees were recommended to be increased and on March 1, 2011, the City Council passed the suggested increases as listed below:

- The Kayak group round trip fee was changed to a group of 4 maximum and increased by \$10.00, from \$25 to \$35.
- The Personal Water Craft fees have been used very little in the past few years: we suggested an increase from \$12/RT to \$15/RT and eliminated the group rate.
- Annual Launch Permit – (pleasure), increase from \$120 to \$150
- NEW: Annual Commercial Launch Permit – This fee would be charged once per year for businesses using the Harbor, Smitty's Cove, and the Head of Passage Canal. The fee includes but is not limited to kayak companies, freight companies, marine service/repair, and charters such as fishing, sightseeing, water-taxi, and "bare-boat". A \$400.00/year Commercial Launch Permit fee was suggested.
- Wait List annual fee – This fee hasn't been increased since 2005. We recommended a \$10 increase to \$50.00/year.
- Annual Parking Permit – This fee hasn't been increased since 2005. We recommend a \$20 increase to \$220/year.

The annual launch and parking permits are in stock, contact the Harbormaster's Office located at the Inn at Whittier for yours.

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