

# Aurora Dock Summer 2024 Wrap-up

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The Aurora Swim Program began June 27th with a boathouse clean-up with Carolyn Connors, Christy VanArnum, and lifeguards Jake and Ian Gentry. Carolyn graciously helped show us the ropes and explain how things generally worked at The Dock. The raft and swim lines were installed 6/28 by Aaron, Christy and Elan (volunteer) VanArnum and Tony from DPW.

We were able to open on Monday July 1 and planned to stay open until August 18th. We never had a day where we could not open due to staffing issues. On the evening of our opening day, guards participated in emergency drills with AVFD.

Daily records kept by Christy and the lifeguards show the following data:

Days Open:	36
Days Closed due to HABS:	12
Days Closed due to severe rain event (8/9)	1
Guards hired: (never more than 3 on Duty at a time)	7 (ALL LOCAL SCCS STUDENTS)
Total Patrons:	275
Total Kids that passed the raft test:	21
Open Hours*	S-Th 1-5 pm F 1-7pm Sat 10-5pm
Tasks for guards when dock was not open:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 7/6 Closed due to HABS. 3 guards assisted with the Farmers Market</li><li>● Other days (if closed on M-Th): guards that wanted to, assisted DPW with tasks at the Water Treatment Plant, Village Playground and other areas.</li></ul>
Tasks for guards during slow periods:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Weeding the beach area</li><li>● Weeding and maintaining flower beds</li><li>● Cleaning the boathouse</li><li>● Emptying boats of water that leaks from the open deck above</li><li>● Cleaning and organizing supplies</li></ul>

Sat. August 17, 3 guards and Christy assisted with the AVFD Swim Across the Lake.

The Boathouse was cleaned Sunday 8/18, raft and lines will be brought in and **all** Village of Aurora gear will be moved to storage today 8/27.

\*We did observe that the majority of patrons came to The Dock in the later portion of open hours. When possible, the guards would stay open longer to accomodate swimmers who wanted to stay later. It may be worth trying more evening hours next year.