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## **Anchor Bar and Grill**

207 Breakwater Avenue, Cordova, AK (907) 424-3262

60°32'50"N 145°45'45"W

License Issued: 1960 to Hugh Jr. and Antonina Hosick

**CLOSED 2020**

Amenities: Pool table, food, occasional live entertainment, liquor store

Web Site: Facebook (AnchorBarGrill)

History and Notoriety: Hugh C. Hosick Jr. was born in Cordova in 1921. Antonina, who everyone called “Toni” was from Massachusetts and moved to Cordova in 1950. They were married in 1956 and bought the Tavern Bar on First Street in 1960. The bar was destroyed by fire in 1963, which prompted the couple to open the Anchor Bar in a building adjacent to the City Dock.

The 1964 earthquake raised the Cordova docks about 6 feet, which meant that vessels could only reach them during the highest tides. The entire harbor had to be dredged and was also expanded. Hugh and Antonina sold the bar to Dorothy Glasen in 1981.

The harbor was expanded again in the mid-1980's to accommodate the rapidly growing fishing fleet. The late 1980's were boom years for the Cordova fishing industry. The location of the bar directly on the docks guaranteed a steady flow of thirsty fishermen. The Anchor Bar, perhaps more than any other bar in Cordova, profited greatly during this time period. The excitement proved too much for Dorothy, who sold the bar to Marie Herman in 1987. After the *EXXON VALDEZ* oil spill of March 24, 1989, the bar served as a gathering place for fishermen helping with the clean-up. Marie sold the bar to Lew and Lilia Cochran in 1994.

The bar has become the home of the semi-annual "In 'Em Fisher Folk Fest" which gives folks who make their living on the water the chance to tell stories, sing songs, recite poetry, and share their writings.

Visiting the Anchor: The Anchor has always been a fisherman' bar. Its location guarantees that commercial and recreational fishermen will be here, particularly during the summer months. This is a good place to get a burger and a beer after being out on the water all day.

**Author's Note:** The COVID-19 pandemic was hard on the Anchor Bar, and it closed for business in 2020. It was listed for sale in August of 2024.



Hugh and Toni Hosick  
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The Anchor Bar (foreground, smaller building on right) in 1965.  
Photo property of Anne Marie Darrow.





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