



# THE MARINA

## AT DANA POINT

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**NEWSLETTER | JULY 2025**

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### Greetings from The Marina at Dana Point!

Summer is in full swing, and the weather just keeps getting better for boating! It has been fantastic with warm water and summer breezes just enough to keep us cool in the hot southern California sun. We hope you are enjoying the season and having lots of opportunities to enjoy your boat and the harbor!

In partnership with OC Waste & Recycling, **The Marina at Dana Point will host a Marine Flare Collection Event on Saturday, August 16, 2025, from 7 AM to 1 PM in the west basin cove boater parking lot.** As you are probably aware, unused or expired marine flares require proper disposal but there are very few resources available for boaters. The August 16<sup>th</sup> event will be our second event in Dana Point Harbor, and we are excited to offer this to our boaters and boaters in nearby Orange County harbors seeking safe flare disposal. More information is to follow but please mark your calendar, save the date and locate your old expired marine flares so you are ready on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>! The event will offer

both drive-through and walk-up options. A big THANK YOU to all partnering with us to make this event happen including OC Waste & Recycling, OC Fifth District Supervisor Vice Chair Katrina Foley, CalRecycle, the City of Dana Point, California Coastal Commission and California State Parks Department of Boating and Waterways. We hope to see you there with your unused and expired marine flares!

Congratulations to our boaters that recently competed in the 2025 Transpac race from San Pedro to Hawaii. As mentioned in our June 2025 Newsletter, we had three boats from Dana Point



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visit [OCLandfills.com/hazardous-waste](https://oclandfills.com/hazardous-waste).



Harbor competing in the event and we are excited to share that all three vessels brought home hardware! Owner/skipper of Blackwing, Barry Clark and his crew finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Pasha-Division 8, owner Michael Marion of vessel Insoumise and skipper Frederic Berg and crew finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Pasha-Division 8 and owner Steve Ernest of vessel Aimant De Fille and Steve's son, skipper Oliver Ernest and crew took 1<sup>st</sup> place in Cal Maritime-Division 4! Wow! That's a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> all from Dana Point! Congratulations to

Barry, Michael, Frederic, Steve, Oliver and all crew...amazing! We were following along and cheering for you throughout the race!

There is still plenty of summer fun left to enjoy! The City of Dana Point is hosting their Concerts in the Park from 2:30 PM to 6:00 PM on Sundays through August 17<sup>th</sup> at Sea Terrace Park. Click [HERE](#) for more information. OC Parks brings their Summer Concert Series to Bluff Park at Salt Creek Beach on Thursday nights, August 14<sup>th</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM. Click [HERE](#) for more information. OC Parks will also host a Friday night Sunset Cinema on Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at Bluff Park at Salt Creek Beach.

The Dana Point Chamber of Commerce will host their annual Dana Point Car Show on Del Prado on Sunday, August 24, 2025! The event is from 10 AM to 3 PM and is FREE for spectators. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Our friends at Dana Point Yacht Club will close out the summer in style once again with live music from a boat in the west anchorage over Labor Day weekend on Sunday, August 31, 2025 from 1-5 PM.

Have fun!

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## **Notice to all Marina Customers:**

**Effective September 1, 2025, we are transitioning bank accounts from Bank of America to our lender Citizen's Business Bank. We encourage all customers to sign up for ACH to avoid a 2.5% convenience fee on all credit card transactions, including monthly autopay.** The fee is only applicable to credit card transactions. **If you are currently signed up for credit card autopay, we highly recommend joining your fellow slip-mates by switching to ACH to avoid this fee.** ACH is a secure, efficient, and widely used monthly autopay process that pulls the authorized funds directly from your bank account. Please contact the marina office if you wish to switch your credit card autopay over to ACH. Our staff is happy to assist you with this process. Click [HERE](#) to print and complete the ACH form. A completed authorization form and voided check is required to sign up for ACH.

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## Marina Office



Premium Wi-Fi is available on the new docks. The network is **Boater Wifi** and the password is **wireless**

You should be able to setup smart televisions, Ring Cameras and other cool stuff!

Please note the following for WiFi assistance and support:

Support Telephone: (949) 850-WIFI (9434)

Support Website: <https://support.boaterwifi.net> (helpful FAQ and articles available here).

If you experience issues with the WiFi, please reach out to support directly so they can work with you to resolve the issue. If you reach out to support and continue to have issues, please notify the marina office and we will be happy to follow-up until the issue is resolved.

If you are on an old dock, the Wi-Fi network is **Marina Wifi** and the password is **gosurfing**

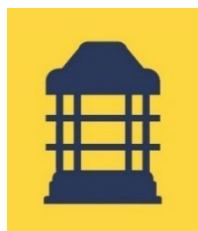
Wi-Fi on the old docks works differently and requires a paid subscription to utilize the premium version.

The Dockside Vibes are well and alive as summer continues! Stop by the marina office to pick up a 2025 summer t-shirt or sweatshirt and keep the good vibes flowing for years to come!

We are here to help! Our office is open daily, 8 AM to 5 PM. Stop by or call anytime if you need anything, (949) 496-6137.

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## On the Docks



Our maintenance team is out on the docks daily doing their regular dock repairs and dock checks. We see a lot of dinghies behind boats that do not appear to be in active use. Per marina policy, dinghies are not permitted to be stored with vessels in slips unless both the vessel and dinghy combined LOA (length overall) measurement is within the LOA allowed in the slip. Active use means that you are on the boat and using the dinghy. We appreciate your ongoing cooperation.

ParkWhiz is the app marina tenants can download and use to reserve guest passes. Guest passes must be reserved and transferred to guests via email ahead of their arrival. The ParkWhiz app also provides RFID tag holders with a monthly parking pass that acts the same as your RFID tag on your vehicle. This is useful if you are coming to the marina in a different vehicle, a rental vehicle, etc. Please stop by the marina office if you would like assistance with setting up the app and/or guidance on reserving guest passes. Best to do this in person in the office with your phone present.

Please contact the marina office anytime if you see something on the docks, parking lots, or boater restrooms needing our attention. We can be reached by phone, (949) 496-6137 or [EMAIL](#). Of course, you are welcome to stop by anytime!

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## Marina Revitalization

Things look amazing in the west basin with all new slips! We are still celebrating the July 1<sup>st</sup> opening of the final phase in the west basin as boats continue to trickle into their slips. The feedback is positive and the excitement palpable as we move through this project phase by phase.

Bellingham wasted no time getting right into demolition of Phase 9 which includes east basin island docks M and N. This phase brings G40, Dock of the **Harvest** Lantern and G41, Dock of the **Lavendar** Lantern. We will begin slip selection in the coming weeks for slips coming to Phase 9 (east basin island). Phase 9 is expected to open for occupancy on October 1, 2025!

Next up...Phase 10 which includes east basin island docks K and L. Tenants on docks K and L east island should expect to receive a notice of temporary relocation in mid-August. Temporary relocations are issued with a letter that is emailed and mailed to each tenant being relocated. The deadline for boats to relocate from K and L dock to their temporary relocation assignments is September 30, 2025.



On Wednesday, July 2, 2025, the ribbon was officially cut to commence the opening of the Dana Point Harbor Parking Structure! Following the ceremonial celebration, the new street entrance and parking structure officially opened for public use on July 3<sup>rd</sup> just in time for the busy holiday weekend. The 984-stall, state-of-the-art parking structure includes 93 boater dedicated spaces and boater-service amenities including

restrooms and showers. Within the structure are EV charging stations. If you have not yet driven down the new entryway or checked out the new parking structure, you should. It is beautiful with mature landscaping, a lovely pedestrian walkway leading to boat slips and the commercial area and offers stunning views from the top deck. Congratulations to Burnham-Ward on this massive achievement and completion of the first two phases of the commercial core revitalization!



Boaters in east basin cove assigned to slips on docks L through O are able to access the boater parking within the structure using their assigned RFID tag. An active and valid RFID tag for slips on docks east basin cove L through O is required to use these boater dedicated spaces.

In a new boat slip enjoying sunshine and a warm ocean breeze. Friends cruising by waving hi from their dinghies. Toasting with friends to celebrate the day. Feet in the water off the swim step helping worries fade away. A feeling so good, it's hard to describe...It's the summer of Dockside Vibes!



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## **50<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DANA POINT HARBOR**

### **BOAT PARADE OF LIGHTS**

### **CAROL OF THE BOATS**

### **GOLDEN JUBILEE**

We are less than six months away from the BIGGEST and BEST event of the year...the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Dana Point Harbor Boat Parade of Lights! Calling all skippers...It is time to start planning your participation in this milestone event!

Save the dates and plan to join the Carol of the Boats at the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Dana Point Harbor Boat Parade of lights on December 12, 13 & 14, 2025 at 6:30 PM each night. It will be a Golden Jubilee! We can't wait to celebrate with you!



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## BOATING CLEAN & GREEN

### MARINE FLARE COLLECTION EVENT

**Do you have any unused or expired marine flares?** Safely dispose of them at no cost.

**OC Residents & Boaters:** Safely dispose of expired marine flares at a free collection event. Staff will collect items directly from vehicle trunks. OC Waste & Recycling will be joined by OC Health Care Agency, offering a free bilge pad exchange, and the US Coast Guard Auxiliary (Partner Dockwalkers), providing free CA Boaters Kits, boating safety info, and E-flare discount coupons (while supplies last).

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ACCEPTED ITEMS:	NOT ACCEPTED ITEMS:
✓ Hand-Held Flares	✗ Electronic Flares
✓ Aerial Flares	✗ Military Flares
✓ Smoke Flares	✗ Vehicle/Roadside Emergency Flares
	✗ Hazardous Waste such as Paint, Oil, or E-Waste

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**Thank you for doing your part to preserve water quality!**

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As always, please contact the marina office directly if you have questions, concerns, or see something in need of our attention. You can reach me via [email](#) for a quick response, or you can call the marina office at (949) 496-6137.

Happy Boating,

Kelly Rinderknecht

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