



# THE MARINA

## AT DANA POINT

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**NEWSLETTER | MAY 2025**

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### Greetings from The Marina at Dana Point!

It feels like summer has arrived! May has been marvelous with plenty of opportunities for boating and sunshine. It has been great seeing boaters back out on the docks and on the water enjoying the anchorage and all the amazing fun this time of year brings. Notably, there were two

concerts in the west anchorage in May with Dana West Yacht Club hosting a small live music gathering in mid-May and Dana Point Yacht Club hosting the big Memorial Day event on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. These events are always great fun, and it is so good to see everyone out there just enjoying the moment!



On Friday, May 16, 2025, OC Sheriff's Harbor Patrol celebrated their 50-year anniversary of service to Dana Point Harbor, Newport Beach, Huntington Harbor and 43 miles of Orange County



coastline. During the event, Sheriff Don Barnes and Captain Gary Lewellyn celebrated the partnership and positive relationship between Harbor Patrol and the harbors they serve. Captain Lewellyn commands 47 sworn law enforcement officers assigned to various harbors with Sergeant Shayne Stiefel assigned to oversee Harbor Patrol operations in Dana Point Harbor. We work closely with Sergeant Stiefel and his team throughout the year.

Harbor Patrol assists us with sinking vessels, poaching vessels, trespassers, suspicious activity, problems, and emergencies. Our friendly Dana Point Harbor Patrol team assists us each year with permitting and leading the Dana Point Harbor Boat Parade of Lights, they attend various special events and offer guidance, support and permits to our boaters and local clubs for raft ups and

other special events in the harbor anchorages. We appreciate the great relationship we have with OC Sheriff's Harbor Patrol and commend them on 50 years of service to our harbor communities and coastline!

Once again this year in celebration of Flag Day and the US Army's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Supervisor Katrina Foley will be hosting a special ceremony at Baby Beach on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 2 PM. Leading up to the ceremony, a field of 250 American flags will be displayed near Baby Beach from June 12<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup> as well as flags along Dana Point Harbor Drive leading to the field. The event honors the American flag and the Army's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Mark your calendar and plan to stop by to take in this impressive, photogenic flag display and patriotic celebration!



After 46 years on the east cove boardwalk, Coffee Importers will be moving to their new space at the Ocean Institute! With a new name, new look and a new space, Jim Miller, his daughter, Meredith and their Coffee importers family are excited to start a new chapter at the Ocean



Institute with plans to shift from a coffee shop/scoop deck to a new bakery-café concept. You can bet it is going to be a beautiful atmosphere with delightful food and familiar clientele. The original Coffee Importers on the harbor boardwalk will close its doors for the last time on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> and they plan to open the Ocean Institute location on Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. A staple in Dana Point Harbor for 46 years...we thank Jim Miller and

his team at Coffee Importers for the coffee, great food, ice cream, and baked good but mostly for the community and comfort they have offered over the years to loyal customers, for their passion, support and dedication to the revitalization of Dana Point Harbor and for their ongoing commitment to feeding the harbor community and visitors from their new location at Ocean Institute. We wish you all the best in the next chapter! This is not goodbye, we'll see you at OI!

Dana Point Harbor is bringing back their Seaside Sessions Live Music Series for 2025! Enjoy live acoustic performances from local favorites every Thursday from 4-6 PM June 5<sup>th</sup> through August 28<sup>th</sup> at the Wharf. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Continue reading below for important information and marina updates.

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## Marina Office



The Marina at Dana Point 2025 summer T-shirts are available for purchase in the marina office! An annual tradition, The Marina at Dana Point summer T-shirt celebrates the marina revitalization progress and boating in Dana Point Harbor. This year's theme is Dockside Vibes celebrating good times and gatherings on the docks

and vessels. Whether chilling out reading a book with your toes in the water, toasting with a friend to the weekend or sharing a laugh with your boat neighbor...Dockside Vibes are the goal for 2025! Short sleeve T-shirts (\$20), long sleeve T-shirts (\$25), crewneck sweatshirts (\$30) and women's V-neck sweatshirts (\$30) are available in the marina office. Celebrate summer with Dockside Vibes 2025!

Ever wonder what the weather looks like in the harbor? Wonder no more! You can always check in on our webcam for a great view of the harbor and the conditions. Visit our [website](#) and scroll down to view paradise from anywhere!

July 4<sup>th</sup> is around the corner! By far the busiest day of the year in Dana Point Harbor, Fourth of July is sure to be a great day! Even better if you plan ahead and know the ropes when it comes to parking and other important details. Be sure to review all the details in the July 4<sup>th</sup> section below so you are prepared for all the festive fun times and fireworks. With the holiday falling on a Friday this year, we are anticipating a busy weekend and appreciate everyone's courtesy and cooperation.

Our office is open everyday including Saturday, Sunday and most holidays (closed Thanksgiving day, Christmas day, and New Years day). Please stop by the office, call (949) 496-6137 or [email](#) anytime if you have questions or need assistance.

Enjoy the Dockside Vibes!



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## On the Docks



We are preparing to relocate boats out of slips on M and N docks in the east basin island to temporary slip locations throughout the marina which means our maintenance team is out and about on the docks making the necessary repairs to ensure the slips are ready. We continue to prioritize our dock repairs based on severity. Please continue to reach out to the marina office should you see something in need of our attention, (949) 496-6137. We always appreciate your

feedback!

We meet with our Boater Focus Group quarterly. The Boater Focus Group is comprised of a group of marina tenants and was formed in 2024 by way of an open recruitment process offered to all marina tenants. During our meetings we provide an update on the revitalization project and discuss feedback, answer questions and engage in productive conversations. Often times feedback received from our Focus Group results in policy changes, or the conversation is ongoing until we reach an agreeable solution. Recently, it was decided based on ongoing conversations with the Boater Focus Group, that tenants assigned to new docks will have access to the dock gates adjacent to their assigned dock gate. For example, tenants on G12 have access to docks G11 and G13. How it started was some boaters in the group thought all boaters should have access to all docks while others thought it would be best if boaters had access to only their own dock. As the discussion progressed, there were valid reasons for tenants having access to the two adjacent docks such as access to dock carts, ability to assist tenants with docking, and in case of an emergency. As a compromise, everyone agreed on boaters having access to the two adjacent docks. This is in implementation today. I share this story as an example of how our collaboration with the Boater Focus Group works in positive ways. Our Boater Focus Group members are frequently out on the docks spreading the information we share with them as well as taking any boater feedback to the group for discussion. It has been a positive exchange, and we look forward to continuing the conversation. There are two spots open on the Boater Focus Group. If you have read this far and feel like you might be a good fit, please send an [email](#) and let us know why. Before applying, please consider that the Boater Focus Group meets quarterly on the second Wednesday of the month from 3 - 4:30 PM.

A friendly reminder that only our Dana Point Harbor authorized brokers are permitted to display FOR SALE signs on vessels while in marina slips. Outside broker signs or for sale by owner signs are not permitted. Any unauthorized signs will be removed. Authorized harbor brokers include Mariner's Yacht and Ship Brokerage, Nordhavn, and Sun Country.

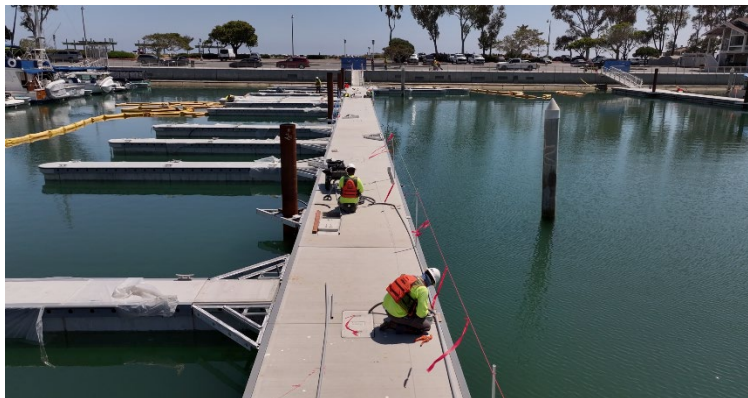
Again, please reach out to the marina office anytime with feedback or if you notice something in need of our attention. We'll see you on the docks!

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## Marina Revitalization

Phase 7.2 in the west basin island is on track to open for occupancy on July 1<sup>st</sup>! Things are looking fantastic over there and we are excited to welcome boaters to their new slips just in time for the summer season. Docks in this phase include half of G21, Dock of the **Purple** Lantern, G22, Dock of the **Sunset** Lantern and G23, Dock of the **Indigo**



Lantern. Slip selection for this phase is complete. If you selected one of these slips, you should have received a letter outlining the next steps including details on the vessel seaworthy assessment and ground fault leakage test as well as information on how to schedule an appointment. It is our goal to have all vessels coming into new slips tested prior to their arrival to the slip. So far, things have worked out well with most boats able to occupy the new slip without issues, but occasionally there is a problem with a boat that needs to be addressed prior to the boat being able to plug into shore power at the slip. Having the ground fault leakage test in advance of occupying the slip will allow the time needed to make the repairs prior to the occupancy date. Please contact the marina office with any questions or to schedule an appointment, (949) 496-6137.



Next up is Phase 9 which will include demolition of M and N docks in the east basin island. Temporary relocation letters were sent to all tenants on M and N docks in the east basin island with a temporary slip relocation assignment to move no later than June 30, 2025. We anticipate demolition will begin in early July with the phase expected to be complete by the

middle of September. Phase 9 includes the Broker Dock, G40, Dock of the **Harvest** Lantern and G41, Dock of the **Lavendar** Lantern. If you are following along on the phasing plan, you may notice that Phase 9 originally included replacing the commercial fishing dock with G42, Dock of the **Red** Lantern. Although this will still happen, this small section is temporarily delayed.

The parking structure is almost finished and is expected to open mid-June! It looks great and will serve our harbor visitors very well with nearly 1,000 parking stalls including 91 reserved for boater parking to serve our boaters in the east basin cove current docks L through O and future docks G1, G2, G3 and G4.

In preparation for the next phase of commercial core revitalization, Burnham-Ward recently announced plans to relocate several tenants from Dana Village to Dana Wharf which will leave the Dana Wharf area (near Turks and Dana Wharf Sportfishing) 100% full creating a bustling environment for visitors to dine, shop and play! Click [HERE](#) to read the recent article on the subject that was published in the Dana Point Times.

Phase 3 of the commercial core revitalization project includes the waterfront area from Boater Service building 1 to Boater Service 2 as well as the Dana Village area from Harpoon Henry's to I Heart Yoga and is expected to start in August/September 2025. You will start to see fencing go up in late July or early August. The shops and restaurants in the area near the Brig will remain open during this time.

Exciting time in Dana Point Harbor as the revitalization project is well on its way! Hooray!

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## BOATING CLEAN & GREEN



Stand up to Trash and the City of Dana Point are teaming up once again for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dana Point Citywide Scavenger Hunt taking place June 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025. This FREE month long interactive citywide self-guided tour takes you on an environmental journey to some of the iconic places that make Dana Point great! Check out the flyer below and click [HERE](#) for all the important details. Happy hunting!



**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,

## FOURTH of JULY 2025

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

July 4<sup>th</sup> is so much fun to celebrate in Dana Point Harbor. Water wars, dock parties and amazing fireworks...it really does not get any better. It is sure to be a FUN and busy day on the docks and in the harbor. We are excited to be here for it!

To make your holiday time more enjoyable and as hassle-free as can be, we put together the following Fourth of July cheat sheet with detailed information about **PARKING**, **POLICY** and best management **PRACTICES**. Please review the information below for a head start to a hassle-free holiday in the harbor:



#### PARKING

- Boater parking lots are reserved for marina tenants **ONLY**.
- Guest passes are not available on July 4<sup>th</sup>. **There will be NO GUEST PARKING available in boater lots on July 4<sup>th</sup>.**
- Parking lot gates will be set to tenant only mode with a **valid RFID tag required** to access the lot.
- A boater assigned RFID tag will be required to access the boater lots on July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Boaters will be able to use their monthly parking barcode on the Flash or ParkWhiz app as an alternative to using their assigned RFID tag (it is one or the other, not both).
- Motorhomes, RVs, Trailers or other recreational vehicles will not be permitted into the boater parking lots. Any such vehicles left in the lots will be towed at owner's expense.
- Boaters will not be permitted to stand at the gate and attempt to swipe a visiting vehicle in to park. Each vehicle will be required to possess their own means for access.
- The parking system is a one in/one out system. If you use your Flash or ParkWhiz app to enter in a vehicle, you must exit before the RFID tag assigned in conjunction with your vehicle account will be permitted to enter the lot (this shows up on the kiosk screen as a passback violation and prohibits the gate from raising for entry or exit).
- We will have attendants at each of the boater parking gates from early morning until late night. Attendants are there to ensure proper use of the gates and parking lot. They are not able to assist you with access into or out of the lot.
- If parking resources fill to capacity, you will not be allowed into the parking lot until parking is available.
- Left turn movements on Dana Point Harbor Drive will be restricted west of Casitas Place. Vehicles wishing to reach the west basin cove parking lot or island side will be required to travel toward Baby Beach and use the turn around to come back and use right hand turns into these areas.

- The Dana Point Trolley will run its regular route on July 4<sup>th</sup> with frequent stops in Dana Point Harbor. Click [HERE](#) for trolley information. This is a great opportunity for your guests to park offsite and take a fun and FREE ride to the harbor.

## **POLICY**

- Dock entry gates are to remain closed and locked. Please do not attempt to tie or prop open dock gates.
- Barbecues and/or open flames are not permitted on the docks. You are welcome to use a marine grade boat barbecue aboard your vessel. Marina staff will enforce the rules related to barbecues and/or open flames on the docks.
- Amplified sound is not permitted while in the slip. Please do not plan to have a band, DJ or other amplified entertainment aboard your boat while in the slip or on the dock.
- Setting off fireworks on the docks or off your boat is not permitted.
- Please do not take over main walkways with your personal party. The main walkways are for all boaters to safely navigate the dock. Please be courteous to all by keeping your party within your space and allowing a comfortable path of travel.
- Please do not place rafts, dinghies, kayaks or other items in slips that are not assigned to you. Any vacant slips are being used to accommodate visiting guests on an ongoing basis.
- Please return dock carts to the head of the gangway following use. Please do not leave items stored in dock carts at your slip.
- Please do not ride bicycles, scooters, skateboards, or other rolling/motorized modes of transportation on the docks. Wheelchairs and other medical related modes of transport are permitted.
- Please be kind and courteous to your dock neighbors.
- Please be patient at parking gates. If you arrive between 11 am to 2 PM and/or stay for the fireworks, you are certain to have a wait getting into or out of boater lots. We appreciate your patience.
- Traffic and congestion will be heavy immediately following the fireworks. Please expect traffic delays throughout the harbor and city if you plan to leave after the fireworks shows.

## **BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**

- Please refrain from using water balloons in the harbor...these are a threat to the health and safety of marine life.
- Please also refrain from bringing inflated balloons to use for decoration...these often blow away and end up in the water causing a threat to the health and safety of marine life.
- Be sure trash is disposed of properly in designated trash areas. Please do not leave trash on the docks or on the ground along the harbor walkway.
- Please clean up after yourself. Remove any food waste and properly store tables, chairs, canopies and other loose items before leaving.
- We will have additional dumpsters onsite at each boater service building location. If you find these full, please do not pile trash into these units. Please use a different nearby disposal site or contact the marina office for assistance.



**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Please do not place dinghies, inflatables, kayaks, paddleboards or people in empty slips on your dock. Vacant slip locations are being used to accommodate our visiting guests. Items found in vacant slips will be impounded without notice.

The City of Dana Point will host the fireworks from a barge outside the breakwater. Fireworks will go off at 9 PM sharp. Enjoy the show!

Our office will be open 8 AM to 5 PM on July 4<sup>th</sup> with a full staff. Please do not hesitate to give us a call should you need anything...(949) 496-6137.

**Wishing you a safe and happy Fourth of July.**