



THE MARINA

AT DANA POINT

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Greetings from The Marina at Dana Point!

August went by quickly, but the summertime spirit is still alive and well in Dana Point! The fish are biting. The whales are breaching. The dolphins are jumping with glee. The water is warm. The sun is hot. The nights are meant to be enjoyed outdoors under the stars. We hope you are having fun doing what you love on the water and soaking in those dockside vibes!



This weekend is Labor Day weekend, and the weather looks to be delightful! Dana Point Yacht

Club will be hosting their Annual Concert on the Water on Sunday, August 31st from 1-5 PM in the west anchorage. Local favorites, Kicking Giants with David Allen Baker, will be performing their range of rock covers. Dana Point Yacht Club invites anyone interested to bring small boats, dinghies, personal watercraft, paddleboards, etc. out to enjoy an afternoon of music, sun and fun!

September is officially festival season in Dana Point! The Ocean Institute's 41st Maritime Festival is September 12-14, 2025. Maritime Festival goers will enjoy local vendors, food trucks, beer gardens, kids activities, reenactments, local marine life, tall ships and more in celebration of Dana Point's rich maritime history! Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Ohana Festival is September 26-28 at Doheny State Beach. Headliners throughout the three-night festival include Eddie Vedder, Hozier, and Green Day. Click [HERE](#) for more information or to purchase tickets or you can anchor off Doheny and enjoy the live music on your boat in our Dana Point backyard paradise!

Many of Dana Point Harbor's favorite shops and restaurants recently moved. Now is a great time to rediscover your old harbor favorite restaurants and retailers like The Brig, Beach Harbor Pizza, Gemmell's, Wind & Sea, Proud Mary's, Turks, Jon's Fish Market, Top Brass, and Golden Galleon while also checking out new additions and locations for Frisby Cellars, Coco Bloom Coffee, Bella Bazaar, Vintage Yacht Club, and Art Sea Gift Chateau! Of course, Dana Wharf Sportfishing and Captain Dave's Dolphin & Whale Watching Safari offer amazing day trips and a variety of evening cruises. It's all right here in Dana Point Harbor! Click [HERE](#) for an updated directory and remember to support our local restaurants and small businesses!

Marina Office



We anticipate a busy Labor Day weekend in the harbor. Please remember to issue guest passes to your guests before they arrive. The guest passes must be used to enter the parking lot, or they will not work at the exit. Guest passes can be reserved using the FlashParking app and must be transferred to your guests via email using the transfer pass feature in the app. Friendly reminder that guest parking passes will not work to access the parking structure and only boaters assigned to slips on L through O docks in east basin cove are given RFID access to enter and park in the parking structure. If you do not have a boat slip on L through O dock in east basin cove and you choose to use the parking structure, you are subject to the terms of the structure, including parking fees. There is ample dedicated boater and boater guest parking available in gated boater lot 2 (Casitas) and surface lot near Building 1 off Golden Lantern.

Per our previous announcements via email, July monthly newsletter, and September statement message, effective September 1, 2025, there will be a 2.5% convenience fee on all credit card transactions including autopay and click to pay. **We encourage all customers to sign up for ACH to avoid this fee.** The fee is only applicable to credit card transactions. Other acceptable forms of payment include personal check, cashier's check, or debit card.

Thank you for your participation in the August 16th Marine Flare Collection event. The event was a great success with collection of over 1,300 pounds of marina flares. This total nearly doubles the amount collected at the 2022 event...wow! We saw several of our Dana Point Harbor boaters at the event...your commitment to proper disposal of marine debris is appreciated!

Our office is open, and we are here to help! We are open daily 8 AM to 5 PM, including weekends and holidays. Please feel free to stop by or give us a call anytime, (949) 496-6137.

On the Docks



Our magnificent maintenance team continues their routine and preventative dock and facility maintenance. Please reach out to the marina office if you see something needing our attention, (949) 496-6137.

Please be sure to stow your dingy if you are not actively using it. Dinghies that overhang the slip beyond the allowable LOA are not permitted to be stored

behind boats. For example: if you are assigned to a 25' slip, you are allowed a maximum LOA of 28'. If you wish to keep a dinghy behind your boat, both the boat and dinghy together must measure 28' or less. We are actively addressing dinghy overhang and appreciate your assistance and cooperation.

We have a lot of vessel movement happening throughout the month of September with boats in slips in Phase 10 moving to their temporary slip relocations over the next 2-3 weeks. All vacant slips are being used for either a relocating vessel or to accommodate visiting guests. Please be a good dock neighbor and keep the dock fingers and main walkways around your boat clear of stored items. Only a neatly wrapped water hose and boarding steps of appropriate size are permitted to be on the dock.

We wish you a happy September and look forward to seeing you on the docks!

Marina Revitalization

Phase 9 of the marina revitalization project is well underway and expected to open for occupancy on October 1, 2025. Phase 9 includes G40, Dock of the **Harvest** Lantern and G41, Dock of the **Lavender** Lantern.



Phase 10 is expected to start in early October and includes K and L docks in the east basin island. Tenants in slips on docks K and L in the east island have been issued temporary relocation letters and asked to move to their temporary slip no later than September 15, 2025. Tenants in slips on K and L docks in the east basin island that selected a slip in Phase 9 on G40 or G41 will move directly to their new slip from their K or L dock slip location around October 1, 2025.

All boats going to new slips in the marina are required to participate in a vessel seaworthy assessment and ground fault leakage test performed by marina staff as well as a courtesy US Coast Guard Vessel Safety Inspection. If you have not yet selected your new slip but want to get ahead of these requirements so you are ready to move when you do select a new slip, you may contact the marina office to schedule an appointment. Appointments are available Tuesday through Saturday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. The ground fault leakage test must be done at a new dock using one of the new electrical pedestals and the seaworthy assessment requires your boat to be out of the slip. For the appointment, it will be necessary for you to move your boat from your slip to a specified testing location.

Vessel Seaworthy Assessment & Ground Fault Electrical Test – How does it work?

1. On day and time of appointment, marina staff will meet you at a specified location which will be provided at the time the appointment is made. The test location will be easily accessible at either an end-tie or a side-tie (we will send a map at time you book

the appointment).

2. Marina staff will observe your arrival and assist you with docking. Once your vessel is secured to the dock, marina staff will check your controls, steering and other components of the vessel to confirm it has working steering, controls, and gauges. We will then proceed with an assessment of the vessel that will include the vessel's waste system, engine compartment, safety equipment, and overall condition. We will also make sure the boat displays current registration tags.
3. We will have our Vessel Ground Fault Check Unit ready at the location. We will plug the Ground Fault Check Unit into the power pedestal at the slip then we will plug your vessel into the Ground Fault Check Unit. Once all are plugged in, we will turn on power to the power source and to the Ground Fault Check Unit. The unit will first test the vessel for AC ground fault current leakage. If it detects more than 30 milliamps of cumulative leakage the unit will sound an alarm which will end the test. If your vessel passes the initial test, we will move on to test each of the vessel's circuits loading each circuit as we go and recording any current leakage. Vessels testing leakage more than 30 milliamps will not be permitted to move into a new slip until the issues have been addressed and the boat passes the Ground Fault Electrical Test. Click [HERE](#) to watch a demo video of the test process.
4. Vessels determined to be seaworthy and that pass the Ground Fault Electrical Test will be marked as such and you will be cleared for new slip occupancy.
5. Vessels determined to be non-seaworthy, non-operational or in poorly maintained condition will not be permitted to occupy a new slip in the marina.
6. Vessels that fail the Ground Fault Electrical Test will need to contact a marine electrician to determine a solution. Any consultation, upgrades or repairs to vessel will be at vessel owner's sole expense.

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary Courtesy Vessel Safety Inspection is a different type of inspection where a Coast Guard Auxiliary representative will meet you at your slip to verify the presence and condition of safety equipment that you are required to have on board your vessel by State and Federal regulations. Please reach out to the Coast Guard Auxiliary directly by clicking [HERE](#) to schedule an appointment. Once you have received a passing inspection, you will be issued a decal, and your representative will provide the paperwork to our office.

It is great to see so many boats happy in new slips! We look forward to continuing to work with all marina tenants on slip selection as we move through the phases of marina revitalization.

Warm weather makes the celebration even better! End of summer fun has only just begun as dockside vibes come alive with comradery and salutation. There is no place better than Dana Point Harbor together with family and friends!



BOATING CLEAN & GREEN

September 20th is California Coastal Cleanup Day! In celebration of Coastal Cleanup Day, the California Coastal Commission invites everyone to join the Trashure Hunt! This year, California Coastal Cleanup Day will become the world's largest scavenger hunt. Special "trash" items will be hidden at cleanup sites all across the state. If you find one of them, you can redeem it for valuable prizes!

Stand up to Trash is hosting a Trashure Hunt in Dana Point Harbor! Celebrate California Coastal Cleanup Day with Stand up to Trash on Saturday, September 20, 2025 with yoga, Beach Cleanup and Lunch & Learn starting at 8 AM at Baby Beach. Click [HERE](#) to sign up or for more information.



Thank you for doing your part to preserve water quality!

We wish all our tenants a safe, relaxing, and fun-filled Labor Day weekend. Whether you're casting off for one last big summer adventure or simply enjoying the Dockside Vibes, we hope you take this time to unwind and soak in the beauty of the harbor. Thank you for being part of our marina family—we appreciate you and look forward to more great days on the water ahead!

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
