



THE MARINA

AT DANA POINT

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Happy Thanksgiving from The Marina at Dana Point!

It is officially the holiday season and things are getting festive in Dana Point Harbor! The holiday lights are lit and look fantastic! The 50th Annual Dana Point Harbor Boat Parade of Lights is going to be magnificent! There are plenty of fun events and activities happening throughout the season to get everyone in a festive mood! Click [HERE](#) for the full holiday schedule. All shops, restaurants and activities are OPEN in the Wharf...a great place to bring family and friends for shopping and dining for the holidays!



We wish you Happy Harbor Days!

Important Road Closure Information – Dana Point Turkey Trot, 11/27/2025

The 48th Annual Dana Point Turkey Trot is almost here! This fun-filled Thanksgiving Day tradition is sure to bring crowds, fun and festivity to Dana Point Harbor on Thursday, November 27, 2025. If



you plan to participate in the Turkey Trot or be in Dana Point Harbor on Thanksgiving Day, please be sure to take note of the following road closures and timing on Thursday, November 27th:

- Both sides of Dana Point Harbor Drive will be closed from Golden Lantern to Casitas Pl from 12:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- Southbound Golden Lantern from Del Prado to Dana Point Harbor Drive will be closed from 5:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- Dana Point Harbor Drive from Golden Lantern to PCH (eastbound) will be closed from 6:00 AM to 8:00 AM.
- Dana Point Harbor Drive from Island Way (bridge) to the Ocean Institute will be closed from 6:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

There will be no vehicle access into or out of the harbor areas, including boater lots from 6:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Thanksgiving Day, November 27th.

Access to Embarcadero dry storage and launch ramp will be unavailable from 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM.

Please plan accordingly. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation.

50th Annual Dana Point Harbor

Boat Parade of Lights

SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE!

It's time for a **GOLDEN JUBILEE** as the Dana Point Harbor Boat Parade of Lights celebrates 50 years on **December 12th, 13th & 14th**! Parade starts at 6:30 PM each night.

This year's theme is **CAROL OF THE BOATS...GOLDEN JUBILEE!** Confused by the theme?? Think traditional nautical, holiday carols, **GOLD**, holiday traditions. Let your imagination run wild...anything goes at the **CAROL OF THE BOATS!**



With over **\$10,000** in cash prizes to be won...now is the time to sign up to join in on all the **tradition and fun!** It's time to let your imagination run free as you plan your décor for the **GOLDEN JUBILEE!** Registration is OPEN. Click [HERE](#) or stop by the marina office to sign up.

Whether you have done it for 50 years or you are thinking about participating for the first time...don't let the fun pass you by. Our skippers are treated like **GOLD** with a welcome party (coming up on 12/3), three nights of boat parade and an Awards Celebration Dinner in January 2026! PLUS, first access to exclusive Boat Parade merch!

Save the dates and plan to participate in this annual Dana Point tradition as we celebrate 50 years! The memories you will make with friends and family are sure to be **GOLDEN!**

It's your time to SHINE!

Marina Office



Please note the following holiday hours for the marina:

Wednesday, November 26, 2025 – **CLOSED at 3 PM**

Thursday, November 27, 2025 – **CLOSED** (we will re-open Friday, 11/28 with normal business hours)

Thursday, December 18, 2025 – **CLOSED at 12 PM** for staff holiday celebration

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 – **CLOSED at 12 PM**

Thursday, December 25, 2025 – **CLOSED** (we will re-open Friday, 12/26 with normal business hours)

Wednesday, December 31, 2025 – **CLOSED at 12 PM**

Thursday, January 1, 2026 - **CLOSED**

Reminder that all DMV vessel registrations are due to expire on 12/31/2025. Please send us a copy of your updated vessel registration certificate when you receive it and don't forget to put your 2027 stickers on the hull of your boat next to the CF number. You can take a picture and email it to us or stop by the office and we will be happy to make a copy.

We are here to help if there is anything you need. Stop by anytime or give us a call, (949) 496-6137.

On the Docks



With Phase 11 relocations underway, we have a lot of movement happening on the docks over the next two months. Phase 11 includes docks G, H, I and J in east basin island. Most boats being relocated out of Phase 11 will be relocating to the east basin cove. 100% of the vacant slips in east basin cove will be utilized for these relocations. Boats are beginning to relocate now. If you are next to what appears to be a vacant slip, please be sure that you have not left anything in the slip, on the dock fingers or in the dockbox.

Many of our parking lot gates have been left in the open position for the past couple of weeks. This is due to regular maintenance of the gate system as well as a reset of the system. They are left open during this process to avoid any access issues. We will have the gates down and operational in the coming days.

There is nothing better than enjoying your boat on a lovely fall evening as the sun begins to sink down into the ocean and the sky turns an incredible shade of orange! We hope you find time to take it all in during the hustle and bustle of another busy holiday season. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help make your time on the docks more enjoyable.

Marina Revitalization

Phase 10 is well underway and expected to complete by the end of the year! Phase 10 includes G38, Dock of the Sage Lantern and G39, Dock of the Admiral Lantern. Tenants that selected a slip coming into this phase have been sent a letter outlining next steps including scheduling the ground fault leakage test and seaworthy inspection. It is important that these requirements are met prior to the scheduled occupancy date.

Phase 11 is up next and due to start early January 2026. Phase 11 includes east island docks G, H, I and J. Temporary relocation assignments have been issued to all tenants in slips on these docks with a relocation deadline of December 28, 2025. We appreciate everyone's cooperation as we continue to move through the phases of the marina revitalization project.

Per our email of November 19th, Bellingham is in process of replacing the fuel tanks at the Dana Point Fuel Dock. This involves removing the existing fuel tanks, bringing in temporary fuel tanks, and installing new tanks. Unfortunately, a temporary fuel outage is necessary between removing the existing tanks and connecting the temporary tanks. **Please be advised that the fuel dock will be without fuel for approximately two weeks from November 20th through December 2nd.** We understand this is an inconvenience and apologize for the short notice. The temporary tanks are expected to be in service with fuel available on December 3, 2025.

Also, from our email blast on November 19, 2025, Phase 3 of the commercial core construction is underway! The fence perimeter went up on November 19th and will remain up until the phase completes. This will affect boater services at buildings 1 and 2 as well as boater parking in the surface lot area near Building 1 and all parking to the left of the entrance to Boater Lot 2 (Casitas Pl). Please see below map showing the fence area in gray.



Boaters in slips in the east basin cove on docks L through O have been given parking access to the dedicated boater parking on the first level of the parking structure through your assigned RFID tags.

Boaters in slips in the east basin cove on docks G through K should use the boater parking in Lot 2 (Casitas Pl).

There will be some surface parking for boaters in the Dana Wharf area near the walkway adjacent to O dock.

Boaters assigned to slips on docks J through O in the east basin cove were sent a letter on 9/22/2025 inviting them to come to the marina office to be issued access fobs for access to the boater facilities within the parking structure which include dedicated boater restrooms and showers.



Boaters in slips on docks G, H and I docks in the east basin cove will continue to use the boater restrooms/showers in building 3.

Please note that guest parking passes are not accepted at the parking structure. Your guests are welcome to park in the public parking areas of the parking structure, but they will be subject to the rules of the public parking areas in the structure which include no overnight parking and paid parking beyond the free four hours. Boater guest parking passes are accepted at parking lot 2. Please direct your guests with guest passes to use boater lot 2 and take the easy walk to your gangway.

For your convenience, trash receptacles were put out on docks J through O in the east basin cove. Please do not overfill the trash receptacles and always keep the lid on. Boaters in slips on docks G through I in the east basin cove will continue to use the trash room at Building 3.

We will have dock carts available in the dedicated area near the boater services at the parking structure and we have created a dock cart coral in the parking lot near the fence for your convenience.

Now that construction is underway, Dana Point Harbor will soon be announcing retail and restaurant tenants coming in. This is another exciting milestone in the harbor revitalization project!

Visit the [Dana Point Harbor Revitalization](#) page for updates and information. Of course, stop by the marina office anytime if you have questions or wish to discuss the revitalization project. We are here to help!

BOATING CLEAN & GREEN

FIVE TIPS FOR A CLEANER OCEAN

Reduce single-use plastics – Choose reusable bottles, bags, and containers so less plastic ends up in the water.

Dispose of waste properly – Never toss trash, fishing line, or food scraps overboard; keep a designated waste bin on your vessel.

Use eco-friendly products – Opt for biodegradable soaps, cleaners, and reef-safe sunscreen to limit chemical pollution.

Prevent marine debris – Secure all gear and loose items so they don't blow or fall into the ocean.

Participate in cleanups – Join local beach or harbor cleanups to remove litter before it reaches the sea.

Thank you for doing your part to preserve water quality!

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.

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful holiday season. We are glad you are here!

Happy Boating,

Kelly Rinderknecht

