



THE MARINA

AT DANA POINT

NEWSLETTER | OCTOBER 2025

Happy Halloween from The Marina at Dana Point!

October always brings the best weather! The sun seems to shine a little brighter and the breeze feels a little better. Some call it football weather, some call it fall weather...I call it boating weather! It is a fantastic time of year, especially here in Dana Point where Happy Harbor Days are on the horizon!



Dana Point Harbor will light up for the holidays November 12, 2025, through January 4, 2026, with festive light displays throughout the harbor including Merry Kiss Me in a new location at the Wharf! Holidays in the harbor are fun for the whole family with lots of fun events and activities including Santa Boat Rides, a holiday Modern Makers Mart, Santa Paws, Little Folk Club and the **50th Annual Dana Point Harbor Boat Parade of Lights on December 12th, 13th & 14th!**



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.

Run the race before you stuff your face! Registration is OPEN for the 48th Annual Dana Point Turkey Trot. Click [HERE](#) for more information or to register for the 10k, 5k or Kid's Gobble Wobble. Hope to see you out there!

Looking for something fun to do on a Wednesday? The Dana Point Harbor Farmers Market is a ton of fresh fun! The market happens every Wednesday from 9 AM to 1 PM in the Harbor Village parking lot. It's fantastic. Check it out!

50th Annual Dana Point Harbor Boat Parade of Lights



ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE!

It's time for a **GOLDEN JUBILEE** as the Dana Point Harbor Boat Parade of Lights celebrates 50 years! This year's theme is **CAROL OF THE BOATS...GOLDEN JUBILEE!** With many boats already registered to participate, this year's parade is sure to light up the nights on December 12th, 13th & 14th! Parade starts at 6:30 PM each night.

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 dream and float as you plan your décor for the **CAROL OF THE BOATS**. Registration is OPEN. Click [HERE](#) for your key to the **GOLDEN JUBILEE!**

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

Boat parade participants will be invited to attend a pre-parade Skipper's party and safety briefing as well as the exclusive Awards Reception in January 2026!

It's your time to SHINE!

Marina Office



If your boat is registered with the DMV, you have likely received your vessel registration renewal notice. All DMV vessel registrations are due to expire on 12/31/2025. Once your renewal is paid through the DMV, they will send you an updated Certificate of Vessel Registration along with your updated hull stickers for the 2027 expiration year. Before you stow it away on the boat, please send a copy of the updated Certificate of Vessel Registration to the marina office for your file.

Reminder to return any old west basin keys that you may have. These are large, square, numbered Medeco keys that are no longer in use at the marina. You may return them up until December 31, 2025 to receive a refund of any applicable deposits.

Our office will close at 3 PM on Wednesday, November 26, 2025 and all day on Thursday, November 27, 2025 to allow our staff to enjoy Thanksgiving with their families. We will re-open at 8 AM on Friday, November 28, 2025. Wishing you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving!

On the Docks



Our maintenance team has been busy with dock repair and ongoing facility maintenance. You may have noticed a recent sprucing up of the parking gate entrances with fresh paint as a sprucing up of some of the boater service building restrooms. We also cleaned fans in the boater restrooms which helped to improve ventilation.

We always appreciate you sharing your feedback, recommendations and observations with us. We often hear from tenants about maintenance issues that we were not aware of and receive excellent recommendations. Please reach us anytime at (949) 496-6137.

It is tree trimming season! You will begin to see tree work in the trees within and surrounding our boater parking lots. Please pay attention to any signage that may be out in front of parking areas to avoid parking in a zone that is due to be closed off for tree work.

Please note that vehicle storage is not permitted in boater parking lots. You are welcome to drive a vehicle into the lot and park it while visiting or out on your boat. We have heard every story in the book as to why a stored vehicle is justified. Unfortunately, vehicle storage of any kind for any length of time and for any reason is not permitted. Thank you for your cooperation.

It is a beautiful time of year to be on the docks and out on the water...enjoy! Please do not hesitate to give us a call if there is anything we can do to improve your experience, (949) 496-6137.

Marina Revitalization

Phase 9A opened for occupancy on October 1, 2025, as planned. Phase 9A includes G40, Dock of the **Harvest** Lantern and G41, Dock of the **Lavender** Lantern. The docks look fantastic, and the slips are full! We continue in the east basin island with Phase 10 which includes demolition of docks K and L (east island). All boats were cleared from the docks at the end of September, and demolition of the area is complete.



Phase 10 includes G38, Dock of the **Sage** Lantern and G39, Dock of the **Admiral** Lantern. Slip selection for slips coming into these docks is underway. If you are interested in a slip in the east basin island, please keep an eye on your inbox!

We will begin issuing temporary relocation assignments mid-November to all boats located within Phase 11 which includes east basin island docks G, H, I and J. Vessels on these docks will be asked to relocate no later than December 31, 2025. If you are on H, I or J dock in the east basin island, please keep an eye out for the relocation letter. Letters are emailed and sent via regular mail.

Everything is looking great and moving right along! Please reach out anytime if you have questions or wish to discuss slip selection. Send an [EMAIL](#), stop by or give us a call, (949) 496-6137. We are always happy to help!

BOATING CLEAN & GREEN

Plastics and Trash

- It's illegal to dump plastics anywhere in the ocean or in inland waterways.
- Bring it all back. Prevent overboard littering.
- Remove unnecessary packaging before you board. Pre-package food at home in reusable containers.
- Recycle whenever possible.
- Keep cigarette butts out of the water.

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.

Happy Boating,

Kelly Rinderknecht
