



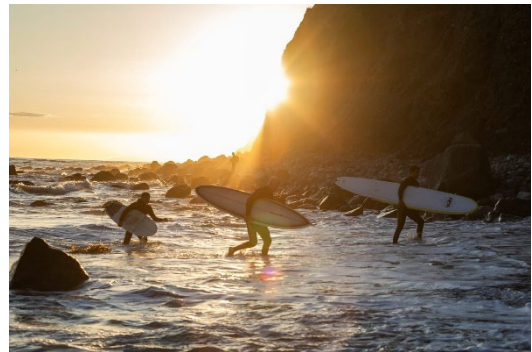
THE MARINA

AT DANA POINT

NEWSLETTER | MARCH 2025

Greetings from The Marina at Dana Point!

March has been amazing with warm sunshine, fun harbor events and lots of daylight to enjoy time on the water! If you were in the harbor for the 54th Annual Dana Point Festival of Whales, you know that it was a huge success. I hope you had an opportunity to enjoy some of the great events and activities in the harbor.



With the spring flowers in bloom, it is time to celebrate our favorite season...boating season! It is time for boaters to journey to Catalina for the weekend, enjoy an evening harbor cruise, drop an anchor at the locally infamous "Danalina", cruise the coastline in search of marine life, drop a line in the peaceful pacific or spend time at the dock enjoying neighbors and talking boat as the sun slips down into the water amidst a fiery sunset sky. Whatever you do, Dana Point Harbor is the perfect backdrop to do it. We look forward to celebrating boating season with you!



It seems reasonable to assume that most have been involved with some spring cleaning as of late. Clearing out the old and bringing in the new as you get ready for the season. If so, don't toss those old treasures in the trash just yet...reserve a vendor spot at our upcoming 2nd Annual Marina at Dana Point Swap Meet and sell, sell, sell your old boat gear and nautical treasures! The 2nd Annual Marina at Dana Point Swap Meet is on Saturday, April 26th from 7 AM to 2 PM in the west basin cove boater parking lot. Vendor spaces are available for \$25!

If you do not have treasures to sell, you surely must be in the market for boat gear and nautical riches. The best place to find such things is at the 2nd Annual Marina at Dana Point Swap Meet on

Saturday, April 26th! With over 50 vendors, there are sure to be unique finds, great bargains and useful boat gear.

Perhaps you aren't in the market to buy or sell. That's quite alright...the 2nd Annual Marina at Dana Point Swap meet is a great place to mix, mingle and enjoy camaraderie with fellow boaters. Plus, there will be live music by local favorites Ashley Felton and Matt Koerner along with food for purchase from Shelly's Mexican Kitchen and drinks for purchase from Rasta Rita. There really is something for everyone at the 2nd Annual Marina at Dana Point Swap Meet on Saturday, April 26th from 7 AM to 2 PM in the west basin cove boater parking lot. We look forward to seeing you there!

Marina Office



With Phase 8 set to open for occupancy on April 1st, we have a lot of boat movement happening over the next two weeks. Any open slips throughout the marina will be occupied by boats coming out of Phase 7.1 (west island E-dock). All boats currently in Phase 7.1 have been given until March 30, 2025, to move to their temporary slip relocation assignment. Our office is in the process of making calls to anyone on E-dock in west basin island that was provided a temporary relocation assignment but has not yet moved. If you are currently on E-dock in the west basin island and do not know what to do or where to go, please contact the marina office so we can assist you. We appreciate everyone's ongoing cooperation as we continue to move through the project. The timing and execution of vessel relocations is imperative to the overall success of the project.

Our friendly office team is onsite daily and available to assist you with any questions or services that you may need including parking RFID tags, access keys or fobs, setting up automatic monthly payments or simply answering your questions about marina revitalization. Please call us at (949) 496-6137, send an [EMAIL](#) or stop by the office. We look forward to talking to you!

On the Docks



Spring greeted us with an abundance of warmth and sunshine leading to increased activity on the docks and in the harbor which we love to see to kick off the boating season!

If you ask me, there is no better way to begin the busy season than with a few housekeeping reminders to keep us out of trouble and get us off to a great start! Please review the following marina rules, regulations and policies to ensure you are up to speed as you embark on another season filled with boating fun in the Dana Point Harbor sun:

- No items are to be stored on the docks and under no circumstance can anything be installed on the new docks.

- You are permitted to have your boarding steps (of reasonable size) and a water hose neatly hung or wrapped. Boarding steps may not be storage containers and should be kept on the starboard finger.
- Bait receivers are not permitted in the water within the slip or on the dock.
- Deionized water tanks are not permitted on the docks.
- Please do not attach anything to the power pedestal. Please do not decorate the power pedestal with stickers or other items.
- A proper marine grade electrical cord with a twist lock connection is required for shore power connection. Extension cords are not permitted.
- If you plan to keep a dinghy behind your boat, it must fit within the allowable LOA of the slip. Dinghies that create overhang greater than what is permitted in the slip size are not allowed.
- Boat lifts, hydro-hoists, boat liners, floats or platforms are not permitted in the new slips.
- Contractors on the approved service contractor list maintained by the marina will be permitted to check out access fobs to the docks.
- All contractors/boaters will be responsible for any damage to the new docks including oil spills, paint spills, etc.
- Other than those with a valid Liveaboard Permit, living aboard the boat is not permitted. Marina tenants may stay on the boat a maximum of two nights per week.
- Other than those with commercial use authorization, commercial use of vessel is not permitted. This includes, charters, rentals, overnights, etc.

The above rules, regulations and policies are being actively enforced by marina staff. We appreciate your prompt attention should you receive a notification from our office.

Our maintenance team continues to address ongoing maintenance and repairs on old docks. Please do not hesitate to contact the marina office should you see something in need of our attention.

Marina Revitalization

It is officially opening week for G20, Dock of the **Crimson** Lantern! Boats will start arriving to their new slips beginning April 1st. Another exciting monumental moment in the marina revitalization project as we complete Phase 8. Hats off to Tom Spragg and the entire Bellingham team for their excellent work...the marina looks amazing!



Next up is Phase 7.1 which is the west half of E-dock in the west basin island. All boats currently in slips on E-dock west basin island have been asked to relocate no later than March 30th with demolition of the phase to begin in early April. With several boats moving from

Phase 7.1 into new slips in Phase 8, we are under a tight timeline to get all boats moved so the project can continue. We appreciate everyone's cooperation.

Slip selection for locations coming into Phase 7.1 will begin in the next 2-3 weeks. Phase 7.1 is on the west basin island and includes part of G21, Dock of the **Purple** Lantern, G22, Dock of the **Sunset** Lantern and G23, Dock of the **Indigo** Lantern. If you are interested in a slip coming into this phase, please keep an eye on your inbox. We anticipate Phase 7.1 will be completed in July/August 2025.



I've mentioned it before but I'll say it again because it is SO exciting...once Phase 7 is complete, **the ENTIRE west basin will be finished!!** Again, a big THANK YOU to the Bellingham team for their amazing work and commitment to the quality of this project. It is a huge project with an amazing state-of-the-art dock system and a ton of new and innovative technology. There is nothing standard about it and it has been fun to watch it all come together. Great job!

The marina revitalization project will move to the east basin island later this year with Phase 9 which includes the commercial fishing dock and N dock. Tenants in slips in this location can expect to receive a temporary relocation notice in late June or early July.



Once we reach Phase 9, the pumpout station on the Harbor Patrol dock will go away with the demolition of the docks. Public use pumpout stations are planned to be installed in the future near the fuel dock. In the meantime, we will continue to offer a pumpout dock during marina revitalization. Once G20, Dock of the Crimson Lantern opens for occupancy, we will have a pumpout dock available at the end-tie

location on the main channel. To use the pump out boaters will need to schedule an appointment with the marina office. At your appointment time a staff member will meet you at the pump out and facilitate the process.

Please feel free anytime to stop by the marina office or give us a call with questions or to talk about Marina Revitalization.

USCG AUXILIARY DANA POINT UPCOMING EDUCATON CLASSES



Suddenly in Command! What now?

When: Saturday **April 19, 2025**. 9:00 AM to 11: AM

Where: West Marine, 34235 Pacific Coast Hwy. Dana Point CA, 92629

Cost: \$25

The captain is incapacitated or falls overboard.....You are **Suddenly in Command**
This class will help you to be prepared with the basics in case of an emergency.
You will learn about your vessel and your onboard equipment. The important first steps to take control of a vessel, call for help, and basic boat handling.
The class covers what causes boating mishaps and how to minimize them.
This class is a must for family members in case something happens to the boat operator.

Space is limited – Register in advance to ensure a place

Contact: Eric Gritzmacher ericgritz@gmail.com **to register**

USCG AUXILIARY FLOTILLA 6-8, DANA POINT PUBLIC EDUCATION CLASS

Boat America – 1 day – 8 hour class. Saturday, April 26, 8:30am to 5:30pm

The class will cover what you need to know about operating a boat safely. Subjects include:
Rules, navigation, Coast Guard requirements, risk management, aids to navigation,
registering your boat and many other subjects to help you be a better, safer boater

Anyone operating a motorized vessel in California waters must now have a Boater Operator card issued by the State of California. This class will meet the State requirement.

Cost: \$40 (Does not include CA Boater's Card \$10 Application Fee)

Where: Dana Point Community Center. 34052 Del Obispo St., Dana Point CA, 92629

To register contact Eric Gritzmacher at: (949) 632-2378 or ericgritz@gmail.com

BOATING CLEAN & GREEN

Gray Water

Soaps from boat washing, sinks and showers are more harmful than those at home because they have not been treated in a sanitary sewer before being discharged overboard.

WHAT CAN BOATERS DO TO REDUCE GRAY WATER DISCHARGE?

- Use shore-side facilities – showers, sinks, laundry. If not available, save showers, laundry and dishwashing for home.
- If possible, install holding tanks for gray water.



- Use more “elbow grease” and as little cleaning product as possible.
- Try to skip the boat wash. Unless you need to rinse the saltwater, wiping the boat down with a damp cloth will suffice.
- Use canvas boat covers to keep the boat clean between trips and reduce the amount of cleaning you need to do.
- Use only biodegradable, non-phosphate, and less toxic laundry detergents, soaps, drain openers, cleaners, etc.
- Conserve water and use water saving devices such as low volume showerheads.

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
