



# THE MARINA

## AT DANA POINT

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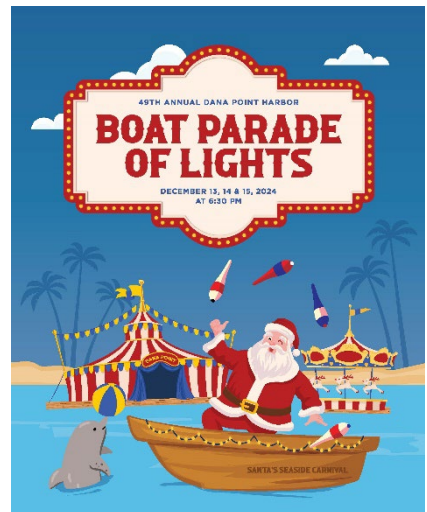
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### Greetings from The Marina at Dana Point!

The Countdown to Christmas has officially begun! I understand Halloween hasn't happened yet, but how can we help but be excited for Happy Harbor Days! Festive holiday lights are going up all around us and soon the harbor will transform into the most magical place in all of Orange County! Are you ready for it? It's never too soon to celebrate the most wonderful time of the year. The harbor holiday lights will ignite on November 13, 2024!

Santa's Seaside Carnival is coming to town! If you haven't done so already, it is time to sign up to participate in the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Dana Point Harbor Boat Parade of Lights. Registration is officially open and we already have a great group of participants signed up and eager to put on the greatest show on water! Click [HERE](#) for the entry form. With CASH prizes to be won...this year's parade is sure to be a rollercoaster of festive fun! Step right up. Come one, come all! It is your time to shine. Round up your carnie crew and get to clownin' around. A joyful jamboree on the water awaits and YOU are the star of the show.



November is a month to be thankful and we are thankful for you. Thank you for being part of our marina family. Collectively, we all love Dana Point Harbor. It is unique and special and carries so many wonderful memories for us all throughout the years. We have made great friends here. We have taken great journeys from here. We return here to our safe harbor where the water is calm and the charm is inviting. What's most special is the people...the boaters, the merchants, the visitors, and our hard working team of people that keep it all running smoothly. As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, we send our sincere gratitude.

The marina office will close at 3 PM on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and will be closed on Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> so our staff can enjoy the holiday with family. We wish you and yours a Happy

Thanksgiving. Don't forget! The Dana Point Turkey Trot is happening on Thanksgiving morning! A Dana Point tradition...Run the Race Before you Stuff your Face. There is something for the whole family. Click [HERE](#) to register.

We look forward to seeing you in the harbor enjoying Happy Harbor Days!

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## Marina Office



Reminder regarding parking and guest parking. Please use the ParkWhiz app for both the monthly parking (app access) and to secure guest passes. If you are still using the Flash app and/or ParkMobile, neither of these are a reliable method. ParkWhiz is easy to use and has everything you need setup on one simple application. For clarification, the monthly parking works as one with the RFID tag assigned to your vehicle. If you are not in your vehicle (rental car, friend's car, etc.) and need to access the parking lot, the app will open the gate. This will work only if the vehicle with the RFID tag is not already in the parking lot. If you are looking to get a guest into the parking lot, you can easily reserve a guest pass using the ParkWhiz app. Guest passes must be transferred to your guest via email. As always, please stop by the marina office if you would like a tutorial.

Stop by the marina office anytime with questions or to sign up to participate in the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Dana Point Harbor Boat Parade of Lights! Entry forms are available in the office and we can get you signed up on the spot! Our office is open 8 AM to 5 PM daily.

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## On the Docks



We are over two years into marina revitalization! Time sure flies by. It was not long ago that we put out a notification alerting marina tenants that all boats in the marina are required to be seaworthy and able to safely navigate in open water. We also said that boats need to be kept up with their bright work and bottom cleaning. This has been reiterated many times since. Although we are making great progress, it always surprises me when someone is surprised that they cannot bring their unseaworthy vessel into a new slip. Whether you row the boat into the slip during the night or sneak it in using Boat US, it is not welcome to stay until it goes through the seaworthy and ground fault leakage evaluations. Additionally, a passing US Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Safety Check is required. If you have a boat in a slip that is not seaworthy, it is time to do something about it. If you are interested in staying in the harbor, it is important that the vessel is ready. We have heard all the stories and excuses. Bottom line, the boat needs to be operational and able to navigate in open water. We want to get ahead of this issue rather than have it be a surprise to all of us on the last day of the new slip occupancy deadline. Once you reserve a new slip, your old slip is no longer available to you. If your boat is not in condition to qualify for the new slip, the boat will need to leave the harbor. Returning to the old slip is not an option. All vessels in the marina are expected to be seaworthy. We will continue our efforts to get ahead of this issue and appreciate your cooperation with also getting ahead of it.

If your boat is not seaworthy and you are not planning to do anything about it, please reach out to the marina office. We have several resources we can offer you for donating or disposing of the vessel, (949) 496-6137.

For our fishing enthusiasts, please do not clean your fish or dump your bait in the harbor. Cleaning fish on the docks or in the harbor is not permitted. Bait dumping is also not permitted. All of this attracts birds, sealions and other nuisances that affect all marina tenants, specifically your boat neighbors. If you need to clean/cut fish please do it at sea or take it home with you. Thank you for your cooperation.

Our maintenance team is out there everyday chasing any issues that come our way. We continue to have staff out on docks working to deter sealions from the docks and vessels. We are also putting effort into deterring the heavy bird activity in certain problem areas. We have deployed the air dancers on the main walkway at E-dock west basin to help keep the birds at bay. In addition, we have maintenance assigned to checking and cleaning the dock's main walkway. Please contact the office to report a problem, (949) 496-6137 or send an [email](#). Of course, you can always stop by if you prefer.

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## Marina Revitalization

Dock of the **Purple** Lantern will open for occupancy in early November! Also known as Dock 21, this phase is in the west basin island and replaced a portion of E-dock. Although Dock 21 includes 35', 41' and 45' slips, only the slips on the west side of the dock will open which includes 17 - 45' slips and 2 - 41' slips. Slip selection for the 45' slips is complete. Slip selection for the 41' slips is happening now.



Phase 8 is up next! A great, big, beautiful phase that will replace F-dock west basin island. Phase 8 will bring Dock of the **Crimson** Lantern and includes 35' slips, 50' slips and 56' slips. Bellingham will begin demolition of this section in early November and it is expected to take four months to complete. Slip selection for these locations will begin in mid-November 2024.

If you are currently on F-dock in the west basin island, you should have received your relocation letter. All letters went out in early October. Phone calls were made to follow-up the letters and request that you please move as soon as possible. We appreciate your cooperation with relocating at your soonest convenience.

Two new trash skimmers are up and running in the heavy debris corners at Dock 8 in west basin cove and Dock 26 in west basin island. The devices operate 24/7 collecting marine debris and use minimal electricity. The trash skimmers are a great benefit to overall water quality in the harbor.

If you are keeping track, here is an updated list of the new docks that are now open and occupied since the project started in August 2022:

### Phase 1

G08, Dock of the **Ruby** Lantern

G09, Dock of the **Copper** Lantern

G10, Dock of the **Amber** Lantern

## **Phase 2**

G11, Dock of the **Jade** Lantern

G12, Dock of the **Navy** Lantern

## **Phase 3**

G05, G06 & G07, Dock of the **Green Lantern**

## **Phase 4**

G13, Dock of the **Orange** Lantern

G14, Dock of the **Violet** Lantern

G15, Dock of the **Cardinal** Lantern

## **Phase 5**

G16, Dock of the **Crystal** Lantern

G17, Dock of the **Sunrise** Lantern

G18, Dock of the **Emerald** Lantern

G19, Dock of the **Sapphire** Lantern

## **Phase 6**

G24, Dock of the **Forest** Lantern

G25, Dock of the **Yellow** Lantern

G26, Dock of the **Moonstone** Lantern

Wow! Look at us go! 6 phases and 18 docks! Moving right along. Enjoy the view!

Please reach out to us if you have revitalization questions. We are here to help!



# BOATING CLEAN & GREEN



Do you have expired marine flares needing proper disposal? There are several expired marine flare collection events happening within driving distance.



## ATTENTION CALIFORNIA BOATERS

Single-use marine flares contain hazardous chemicals that pose risks to human health and the environment. Special collection events for unwanted flares are being held across California.  
**Open ONLY to residents and boaters with boats registered in the covered counties. Proof of residence or slip fee is required. No commercial flares accepted.**

### Southern California

**Port of San Diego**  
October 26, 2024, from 8 AM to 12 PM at 2210 Shelter Island Dr, San Diego, CA 92106

**Port of Los Angeles**  
October 26, 2024, from 10 AM to 2 PM at Cabrillo Way Marina, 2293 Miner St, San Pedro, CA 90731

**City of Morro Bay**  
October 27, 2024, from 8 AM to 12 PM at 1196 Front St, Morro Bay, CA 93442

### Northern California

**West Contra Costa County**  
Oct 16 - Nov 2, 2024, Wed - Sat 9 AM - 4 PM, at 101 Pittsburg Avenue, Richmond, CA 94801

**Del Norte County and Humboldt County**  
November 2, 2024, from 10 AM to 2 PM at 1700 State Street, Crescent City, CA 95531

**Marin County**  
November 3, 2024, from 8 AM to 12 PM at Clipper Yacht Harbor, 310 Harbor Dr, Sausalito, CA 94965

**Alameda County**  
November 3, 2024, By Appointment ONLY. Sign-up for an appointment: [www.stopwaste.org/marineflares](http://www.stopwaste.org/marineflares)



**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