



# THE MARINA

## AT DANA POINT

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**NEWSLETTER | FEBRUARY 2025**

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### Greetings from The Marina at Dana Point!

We are seeing sunny signs of spring as we near the end of February. There was so much boating happening this past weekend with the warm weather and calm seas, it does not get better! They are spotting gobs of gray whales outside the harbor as well as tons of delightful dolphins. A little over one week until we spring forward to more daylight which is sure to lead to more time on the water. Looking forward to another great boating season in Dana Point!



The 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Dana Point Festival of Whales is happening March 7, 8 & 9, 2025! Many events will be taking place in Dana Point Harbor including the Clam Chowder Cookoff and Dinghy Dash on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and the Concert on the Water and BBQ at Baby Beach on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>! Mark your calendar and plan to come to the kickoff event at Ocean Institute on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 5-8 PM. This is a great event with a Welcoming of the Whales Ceremony, live music and early access to exclusive festival merchandise. On top of all the daytime fun, the City of Dana Point is hosting a Carnival at Lantern Bay Park featuring carnival rides, classic carnival food, live music, and a beer garden! The carnival is open Friday, 3/7, 6 PM to 10 PM, Saturday, 3/8, 3 PM to 10 PM and Sunday, 3/9, 3 PM to 9 PM (discounted ride tickets are available at the Dana Point Community Center now). Visit [www.festivalofwhales.com](http://www.festivalofwhales.com) to view the entire calendar of events. Hope to see you there!

There is a lot of fun happening throughout Dana Point Harbor retail areas in March including Modern Makers Mart along the boardwalk between Dana Village and Dana Wharf on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and live music featuring local favorite musicians on March 8<sup>th</sup> and March 9<sup>th</sup> from 12 PM to 4 PM on the boardwalk near Coffee Importers and on the Wharf near Jon's Fish Market.

Click [HERE](#) for a list of local events and happenings. There is a lot of fun, food, shopping and adventures to be had right here in Dana Point Harbor!

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## Marina Office



We are planning the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Marine Swap Meet for Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 7 AM to 2 PM. We had a great turnout of buyers and sellers last year with a ton of bargains and one-of-a-kind treasures! We will open for seller registration in the coming weeks as details are finalized. Keep an eye on your inbox for more details soon!

Our office and maintenance team are working together to keep docks and walkways clear of violations including stored items, dinghies, platforms and other items of concern. Items are not permitted to be stored on the dock fingers or main walkways. The only item permitted to be on the dock is dock steps of reasonable size. You are welcome to have a hose neatly wrapped. Other than that, everything should be stored aboard the vessel or elsewhere. We appreciate your cooperation.

A helpful reminder regarding parking. Boaters named on the Slip License Agreement may be assigned a maximum of four RFID tags. Tenants and immediate family members are eligible to be assigned RFID tags. Guests, friends, boat partners not named on the slip Agreement, etc. are not eligible to be assigned a RFID tag. Guest passes can be reserved by marina tenants using the ParkWhiz app. Guest passes are good for up to 72 hours and provide a QR code that can be scanned at the parking kiosk to allow in/out access to your guest while the pass is valid. If you are not familiar with the process for reserving guest passes, please call or stop by the marina office and we will be happy to help.

The marina office is open daily 8 AM to 5 PM. Please call us anytime at (949) 496-6137, stop by, or [email](#) should you need anything!

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## On the Docks



The marina looks great as we prepare for the sunny season! March is going to be busy with movement as boats clear their slips in E-dock west island to make way for the final phase in the west basin set to begin in April 2025. Boats from Phase 7.1 have been issued relocation assignments and will be relocating to vacant slips throughout the marina. As always, please be sure to keep neighboring slips free and clear of any items including dinghies, kayaks, etc.

Items found in vacant slips will be impounded with daily fees imposed.

Please help keep dock carts available for all boaters by returning them to the common area where they are kept. If you use a cart to transport items to or from your boat, please return the cart once you unload it. Unless otherwise indicated, dock carts should be kept at the foot of the gangway behind the locked gates.

The docks are sure to be busy in March with plenty of fun on the water happening starting with the Festival of Whales Concert on the Water on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>! Two bands will perform on a floating stage off Baby Beach beginning at 12 PM. Bring your dinghy over or enjoy the show from the beach where food and a beer garden will be available. Music at the beach is the perfect way to kick off the spring season!

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## Marina Revitalization

We are a few short weeks away from opening Phase 8 for occupancy! Dock of the **Crimson** Lantern is expected to open for occupancy on April 1, 2025! The slip selection process for all sizes coming into this phase has concluded and nearly all the slips have been claimed. At this point in the project, we have reached out to all tenants in all sizes with an initial offer for slip selection and know where most tenants plan to select their new slip. If you have a slip in the marina and do not recall hearing from us with a slip selection opportunity, please contact the marina office to share your preferences.



All tenants remaining on E-dock in the west basin island have been issued temporary relocation letters. If you are on E-dock west basin island and you did not receive a temporary relocation assignment, it is because you are going directly into a slip in Phase 8. If you are on E-dock west basin island and none of this sounds familiar to you, please contact the marina office so we can talk through it. E-dock west basin island is the final phase in the west basin and is due to start in April 2025. The phase includes G23, G22 and the east half of G21. The phase will take 3-4 months to complete. Slip selection for these locations will begin in mid-April.

Bellingham is making great progress and things look fantastic! Please give us a call or stop by the marina office if you would like to tour the new docks and see how great they feel to walk on!

The commercial core revitalization is moving along, and they recently entered their second phase. If you have been to the harbor lately, you have probably noticed the quick progress on the parking structure and recent closure of the harbor entrance off Golden Lantern diverting harbor access through Casitas Pl. The road closure and detour is expected to be in place through May/June. Harbor restaurants, retail and adventures are open during construction. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the commercial core revitalization including a short video showing the phasing details.

So much progress has been made...a beautiful sight to see!

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## Community News, Events & Education



## **54<sup>th</sup> Annual Dana Point Festival of Whales**

**March 7, 8 & 9, 2025**

**Opening Ceremony. Clam Chowder Cookoff. Dinghy Dash. Carnival. Concert. And more!**

Visit [www.festivalofwhales.com](http://www.festivalofwhales.com) for a complete calendar of events.

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### **Racing Rules Seminar**

**March 11, 2025, 6 to 8 PM at Dana West Yacht Club**

Kim Kymlicka, National Judge & Umpire for US Sailing will teach you everything you need to know about sailboat racing! Topics to be covered include starts and mark rounding plus there will be a question and answer session. No registration required, simply show up!



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



**Boat America – 1 day – 8 hour class. Saturday, March 1, 8:30am to 6:00pm**

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**

**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](mailto:ericgritz@gmail.com)

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# BOATING CLEAN & GREEN



## STOW IT, DON'T THROW IT

Keeping waterways free of trash is important for environmental protection, public enjoyment, and the state's tourism economy. Federal law prohibits vessel operators from discharging plastics into the water. Improper raw sewage disposal and runoff from chemical cleaners can both influence the magnitude of fish kills, harmful algae blooms, and human health issues.

What you can do:

- Properly stow all loose items.
- Never throw debris overboard.
- Break apart rings on any plastic beverage holder to prevent animals from becoming trapped in the rings.
- Dispose of any unneeded bait away from marinas.
- Freeze and reuse fish waste as bait or chum for your next trip.
- Carefully dispose of used fishing line, hooks, and other tackle in an appropriate container or use the free fishing line recycle stations throughout the harbor.
- Whenever possible, use restrooms and showers provided on land.
- Use enzyme-based products in the holding tank instead of deodorizers and disinfectants that can harm aquatic life.

**Thank you for doing your part to preserve water quality!**

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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

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