



THE MARINA

AT DANA POINT

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Greetings from The Marina at Dana Point!

As summer comes to an end, there is still plenty of great weather and calm seas to be enjoyed. Labor Day weekend is sure to be a fun time in Dana Point Harbor as we celebrate the unofficial end of the summer season and make our way toward fall. Reminder: Dana Point Yacht Club will have live music with a band performing on a boat in the west anchorage on Sunday, September 1st starting at 1 PM. Everyone is invited to join the party!



Hard to believe that Thanksgiving is just around the corner which also happens to be the day of the 47th Annual Dana Point Turkey Trot! The Turkey Trot is an annual tradition in Dana Point Harbor with thousands of runners and walkers and gobble wobblers hitting the harbor for this festive run/walk on Thanksgiving morning. Registration is now open! Click [HERE](#) to sign up or for more information. *Run the Race before you Stuff your Face!*



SAVE THE DATES for the 49th Annual Dana Point Harbor Boat Parade of Lights on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 13th, 14th and 15th at 6:30 PM nightly. This year's theme is SANTA'S SEASIDE CARNIVAL! Ferris wheels, roller coasters, big top acrobatics, cotton candy, kettle corn, and corn dogs...anything goes at Santa's Seaside Carnival! Call your crew and plan to participate in the parade to be eligible to win CASH prizes and have a ton of fun clowning around on the water. Get ready for the ride of your life at the 49th Annual Dana Point Harbor Boat Parade of Lights! Registration will open in October...more information to come.

Marina Office



Dinghies! Our office team has been working in connection with our maintenance team in an effort to address any dinghy overhang violators. As a rule, dinghies are not permitted to be stored behind (or in front of) boats in slips unless the boat and dinghy fit within the LOA permitted in the slip. For example, if you have a 28' LOA boat in a 25' slip, you may not store a dinghy behind your boat. If you add the dinghy LOA to the vessel LOA in this case, you would be to 32' which is too big for a 25' slip.

As another example, if you are in a 25' slip and your boat measures 22' LOA, a dinghy would fit in the slip behind your boat with a total LOA of 26'-27'. If your situation allows for the dinghy to stay behind the boat, we ask that the dinghy be secured with a davit or other similar system. In this case, the slip tenant is billed for the total LOA of boat/dinghy together. If the dinghy does not fit within the allowable LOA of the slip, it is not permitted to be there.

We are actively addressing all dinghy violations. Our process for addressing the violations is to make a phone call, send an email, and red tag the violating dinghy. A timeframe for removal is provided. If the issue is not resolved within the timeframe, the dinghy is impounded with daily impound rate.

If we go through the above process once and the dinghy appears behind the boat again later (this happens often), we will skip the courtesy steps and immediately impound the dinghy.

Dinghy overhang is a major source of complaints from vessels trying to navigate in channels. These dinghies are making it difficult and dangerous for navigation.

There is a misperception that some are able to store their dinghy behind their boat for free while others are paying for dinghy storage. Anyone with a dinghy behind their boat that fits within the allowable LOA of the slip is being charged for the dinghy to be there. Anyone fortunate to have a slip for dinghy storage is paying the monthly fee for the storage.

We are often asked if there is dinghy storage available and whether there will be available storage options for dinghies in the future. We do not currently have dedicated dinghy storage available in the water. There are plans to add dinghy storage locations on the new docks where space permits. Once these spaces are determined, we will utilize them first to accommodate the current tenants with dinghy storage then we will use the waitlist to fill them. Any dinghy storage will be at the market rate (currently \$14.15/foot) and offered to current marina tenants only.

The rules are in place so all users of the marina can have a safe and enjoyable experience. We appreciate your cooperation!

Our office is open daily, 8 AM to 5 PM. Please stop by or give us a call anytime...(949) 496-6137.

On the Docks



We have a lot of movement happening on the docks with Phase 7 clearing out and moving into their temporary relocations. When a tenant is relocated from a slip in a phase about to begin demolition, they are relocated into a different slip somewhere in the harbor. If you have an empty slip near you, it will likely be occupied by a new tenant within the next week. If it is not occupied by a new tenant, it is being used to accommodate visiting guests. Either way, we need the slip to remain free and clear of any boats, dinghies or items. We appreciate your ongoing cooperation.

As new neighbors come into the docks and boaters begin to mix and mingle, we are seeing so much lively fun and friendship on the docks. It is a beautiful thing to see new boat neighbors form fast friendships. So many boaters in the harbor have been in the same slip with the same neighbors for a long time. Everyone has been so gracious and cooperative when it comes time for a temporary relocation even though the thought of changing your view, neighbors and parking lot can be scary and intimidating. It has been a joy to see everyone interact and adapt to their new location. Well done, everybody!

We have two 24/7 pumpout stations available in the harbor located on the Harbor Patrol dock (east basin island near Harbor Patrol) and F-dock west basin island. Both units are maintained and functioning well. The pumpout stations are available for use by all boaters, anytime. When using the units, we find they are much more effective if the entire hose is uncoiled and laid out. This method provides optimal flow and suction whereas leaving some of the hose coiled will slow things down significantly. Please call the office if you need directions or information about the pumpout stations.

If you are in a new slip on Docks 5, 6, 7, 16, 17, 18 or 19; you have pumpout capability at the slip. All new docks with 30' and larger slips have pumpout units installed in the dock system making it very easy to regularly pumpout. Even easier, our staff will do the pumpout for you! Of course, if you prefer to do the pumpout yourself, you can once we show you how to use the equipment. If you are on one of the docks with in slip pumpout capabilities, please contact the marina office anytime to schedule pumpout service. We ask that you please provide at least 24-hour notice when scheduling. We ask that you please be there for the first pumpout to ensure our staff is familiar with your boat and also to introduce you to the equipment. Once we have done it with you once, we are happy to provide the service without you being there. The pumpout carts on the new docks are locked. Boaters wishing to perform their own pumpouts may check out a key with the marina office to access these units during business hours.

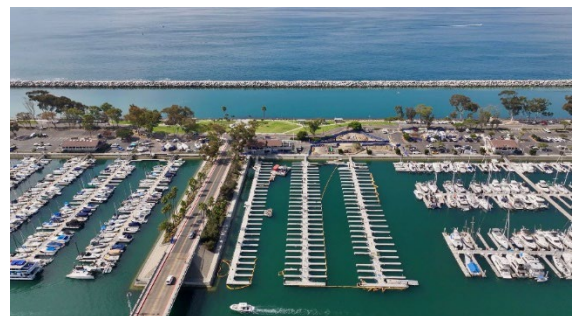
Dock repair and maintenance efforts are ongoing. Please contact the office if you see a light out or anything in need of attention or repair...(949) 496-6137.

See you on the docks!

Marina Revitalization

The marina is looking amazing! We are loving the whole look and vibe in the west basin cove where the entire area has new docks, railings and lanterns! It is gorgeous and the docks are hopping with activity and boating fun!

Phase 6 (west basin island) is nearing completion and will open for occupancy in early September. Phase 6 is primarily 25' slips with a handful of 30' slip and end-ties. Slip selection for this phase is well underway. Please contact the marina office if you are interested in securing a slip in this phase.



If you use the west basin island boater parking lot, you likely noticed that the lot is partially closed. This is part of the marina revitalization project with Bellingham working on the utilities. With new docks, come new utility connections. We expect the parking lot will fully reopen and be back to regular use by September 14, 2024.

Phase 7 (west basin island west half of E-dock) is in process of being cleared for Phase 7 demolition. All vessels are to be cleared out of this phase and into their new temporary relocations by September 2, 2024. Demolition will begin shortly after the dock is cleared. Phase 7 is a smaller phase that will include only G21

which includes 31' slips, 35' slips, 41' slips, 45' slips and an end-tie. Phase 7, Dock of the **Purple** Lantern, is anticipated to be complete by November 30, 2024.

If you are on F-dock in the west basin, you will receive a notice with a temporary relocation slip in mid-October for relocation by December 1, 2024. Phase 7 and Phase 8 (west basin, F-dock) are our most challenging phases so far with many large boats needing relocation. We appreciate everyone's cooperation as we continue to move through the project at a terrific pace!

The new docks have great WiFi available. The WiFi offers boaters the capability to use smart televisions, setup Ring Cameras, and anything else that requires internet. We recently finalized our contract for wifi support and are pleased to share the network information, support website and contact information with you:

New Docks

Ssid: Boater WiFi

Password: wireless

Before you call support, check the support webpage FAQ for tips and troubleshooting. Click [HERE](#) or visit <https://support.boaterwifi.net> For tenants on the new docks, use the Boater Wifi portal to get to relevant articles. Support tickets can be added via the website or you can use the following for WiFi support:

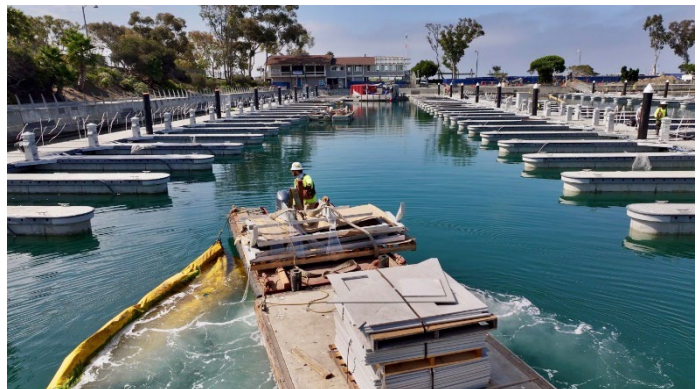
Support Phone Number: (949) 850-WIFI (9434)

Support Email Address: support@boaterwifi.net

If you are on the old docks, you can use the same email address, phone number and web address for support. You will use the Boater WiFi portal.

Wifi on the old docks offers limited free use with pay to use subscriptions. Access to premium WiFi on the new docks is included.

We are excited with the progress and the project so far. It is a sight to behold to see brand new docks open and in use after dreaming about it for so many years! If you have not yet had an opportunity to stop by and view the layouts and other renderings, please plan to when you have the time. The Harbor Revitalization Project is underway and looking really good.



As a reminder, the Dana Point Harbor Community Room is open weekly on Wednesdays from 9 AM to 11 AM and Thursdays from 2 PM to 4 PM. The Community Room has all the commercial and hotel renderings as well as a great photo slideshow on the screen. Stop by the Community Room with any questions about the commercial core or hotel projects. The Community Room is located directly across the former El Torito Restaurant building. If you are not interested in going in person, visit the Dana Point Harbor website to view newly added videos and information about the project, click [HERE](#)

On we go! One dock at a time!

Vessel Safety Check Blitz – 09/21/2024, 9 AM to 2 PM



Get Your FREE Vessel Safety Check

Saturday, September 21

West Cove – Docks 8-19

Conducted by the Dana Point USCG Auxiliary



This is your opportunity to ensure that your boat has all the required safety gear!

If you're not sure what's required, or if you cannot attend this event and would like to schedule your Vessel Safety Check at your convenience, scan the QR code or visit our website at [HTTP://DanaPointCGAUX.Org](http://DanaPointCGAUX.Org) -> Vessel Safety Check



BOATING CLEAN & GREEN

Boat Cleaning & Hull Maintenance

- Choose Less Toxic Cleaning and Maintenance Products
- Read the label and choose phosphate-free and chloring-free products that are non-toxic and environmentally friendly.
- Use canvas boat covers to keep your boat clean between trips and reduce the amount of cleaning you need to do.
- Avoid conducting boat maintenance on the docks or over the water.
- Use more elbow grease and fewer cleaning products, scrub and rinse with fresh-water after each trip.
- Properly dispose of unused boat maintenance products (bottom paints, cleaning solvents and zinc anodes) at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center. Call 1-800-CLEANUP or visit www.earth911.org to find hazardous waste disposal locations near you.



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
