



# THE MARINA

## AT DANA POINT

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### Greetings from The Marina at Dana Point!

As April comes to an end, it is nice to see the sun begin to peek out from behind the clouds. Dana Point Harbor is a beautiful place rain or shine, but I think we can all agree that we are ready for summertime, sunshine, and long days on the water! It has been too long since we've all seen each other at the sand bar or out harbor cruising. Let's kick it off and have some fun in the sun! It's time for dock parties and daiquiris as we near the unofficial start to summer...Memorial Day weekend!

Always a fun time in Dana Point Harbor, Memorial Day weekend brings the boaters and the party! **Our friends at Dana Point Yacht Club asked us to share that they will once again be hosting their awesome Concert on the Water for the fourth consecutive year on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM!** They have local favorites, **A Bunch of Guys**, scheduled to perform rock covers from the upper deck of the raft up in the west anchorage (near the Ocean Institute). Dana Point Yacht Club says all are invited to bring your small boats, dinghies, personal watercraft, or paddleboards out to enjoy the afternoon! Sounds like the kind of fun we are all in the mood for. A big THANK YOU to Dana Point Yacht Club for continuing to bring FUN on the water. Hope to see you out there on May 26<sup>th</sup>!



Speaking of FUN...our 2024 Annual Summer T-Shirt paints the perfect picture of fun in the Sun in Dana Point Harbor! The sand bar is an unofficial gathering place for local boaters where dinghies, kayaks, paddleboards, jet skis, sail boats and power boats all come to play. When the weather is warm, and the water is calm the sand bar is the place to be in Dana Point Harbor! This year's summer t-shirt tells the story loud and clear...looking at it makes you feel like you are there. The Marina at Dana Point's 2024 Summer

T-Shirt will be available for purchase at the marina office in late May. Stay tuned for an official announcement. **Let's all spend Summer on the Sandbar in 2024!**

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## Marina Office



If you participated in The Marina at Dana Point's First Annual Marine Swap Meet as a buyer or a seller, you know that it was a HUGE success! It was a perfect day for a swap meet with so many people out and about enjoying the Saturday sun. We had a total of 49 vendors with a ton of great deals on boat gear, safety equipment, boats, marine decor, and other various items. There was certainly something for everyone. We brought in coffee and donuts to start the day as well as Shelly's Mexican Kitchen food truck for delightful midday fare and a full bar by Rasta Rita with drinks for purchase. We also had live music by Troy Ritchie. It was a day filled with buying, selling, eating, drinking and dancing...it doesn't get much better! We appreciate everyone's participation in this first annual event. We will do it again next year in April with an official date TBD.

Memorial Day weekend is expected to be a busy one in the harbor. As always, your invited guests will need to be provided with a parking pass in advance of their arrival. If you are not familiar with the process to reserve a guest pass, please reach out to the marina office for the instructions. We can send you the step-by-step instructions and walk you all the way through the process if you would like. It is very easy to do. Guest parking passes can be reserved for up to 72 hours and will allow your guest in and out privileges to the lot. Once you send them the pass, your guest will simply scan the QR code at the gate kiosk for entry/exit. Passes that are sent via screenshot will not work. The system requires that passes be transferred via email. Reminder...guest passes work the same way as your RFID tag on a one in/one out system. If the pass is not used for entry, it will not work for exit. It is important that your guest has the pass in hand for initial entry into the lot to avoid issues at exit.

The marina office will be open on Memorial Day and throughout the holiday weekend. We will have our maintenance team onsite and available should anything come up needing attention. Please stop by or give us a call if there is anything you need, (949) 496-6137. As we all look forward to enjoying a long Memorial Day weekend filled with fun and freedom, may we all take a moment to honor and mourn our U.S. military personnel who lost their lives while defending their country. May we never forget those that made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

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## On the Docks



We have a lot of movement happening in May. Boats from the next phase of the marina revitalization project will be coming into vacant slips throughout the harbor. Don't be shy, say hello and give your new neighbors a warm welcome. As I said from day 1...it is a big change for many who have been on the same dock with the same neighbors and friendships for a very long time. As we are now nearly two years into the project, it seems many have settled in nicely, made new friends and some have liked their relocation so much that they changed their mind about where they want to end up in the big picture. No matter where in the harbor, we have the BEST and friendliest boaters around!

The Marina at Dana Point is proud to be a certified Clean Marina! Maintaining Clean Marina status comes with the requirement and commitment to ongoing best management practices by us, our boaters and contractors. We are obligated to exercise environmental best management practices by keeping

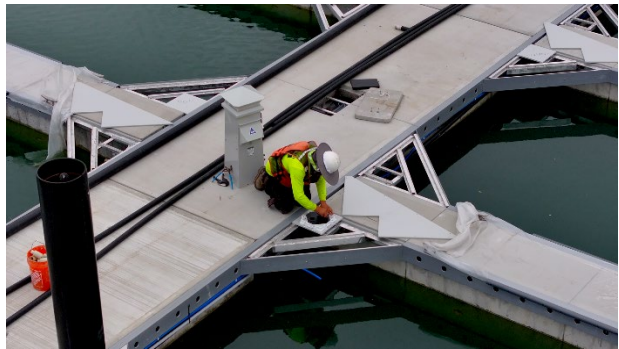
trash and other substances out of the harbor and ocean water. Leaving bicycles on the docks is a violation of the Clean Marina program due to the residue that can get into the water from the bicycle tires. It is also a violation of Clean Marina policy to have potted plants on the docks. Please help us maintain our Clean Marina certification by removing any stored items from the dock fingers or main walkways. If you are having minor work done on your boat, please be sure to use catch bags to trap any debris before it gets into the water. Any major vessel work (more than 25% of the vessel) must be done at a shipyard or elsewhere. Dana Point Harbor is one of the cleanest thanks to all of our collaborative efforts...thank you!

Our maintenance team is onsite and available to address maintenance issues on the docks, restrooms and common areas. Please give us a call or send an [EMAIL](#) to report any issues you see out there or if there is anything we can do to help you. We always appreciate your feedback!

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## Marina Revitalization

Bellingham Marine continues to impress with their quality work and timely productivity on the waterside project. The marina is moving along at an impressive pace with Phase 5 on the verge of completion. We anticipate Phase 5 slip locations will be ready to occupy in early to mid-June 2024. Completion of this phase will complete the west basin cove in its entirety. Wow! That was fast! Seems like yesterday that we were celebrating pulling the first pile. Less than two years later, we are nearly finished with five phases of this massive 15 phase project. Hooray!



Phase 5 will light up as follows:

**Gate 16:** Dock of the Crystal Lantern

**Gate 17:** Dock of the Sunrise Lantern

**Gate 18:** Dock of the Emerald Lantern

**Gate 19:** Dock of the Sapphire Lantern

The project will move to the island starting June 1<sup>st</sup> with Phase 6 demo. Phase 6 includes D-Dock West Basin Island. Each tenant assigned to a slip on D-Dock West Basin Island has been issued a letter outlining a temporary relocation assignment. Our goal is to have the dock 100% clear and ready for demolition beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>. Phase 6 is expected to take 3-4 months and once complete will consist of the following slip mix:

21' = 6

25' = 106

26' = 2

30' = 23

33' ET = 1

58' ET = 1

63' ET = 1

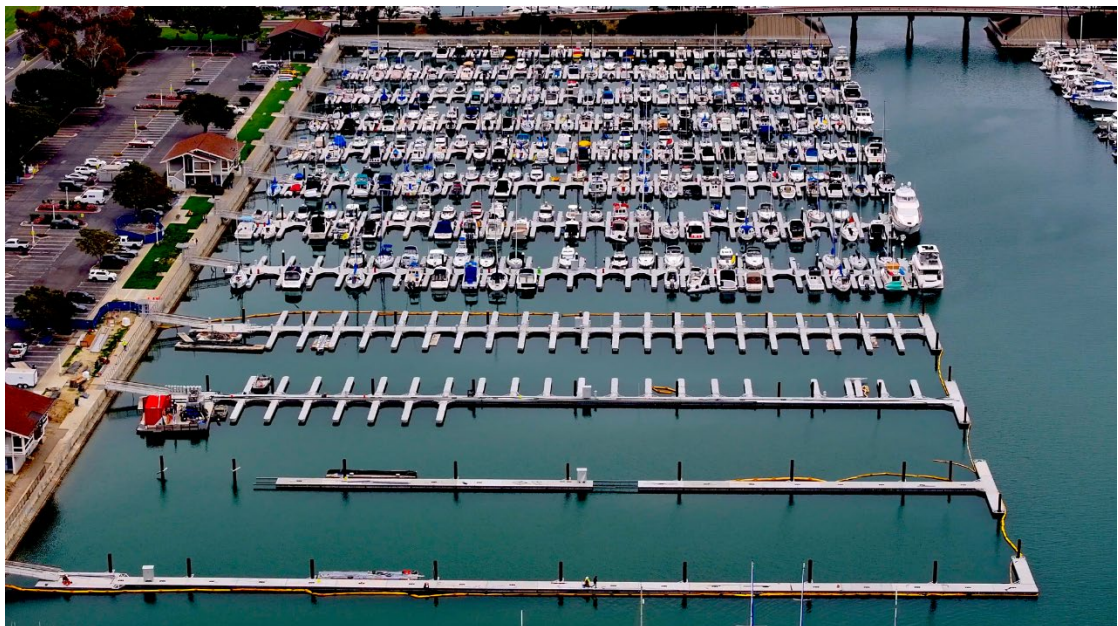
We have a lot of boaters waiting for a new slip on the island side. This will be the first of many opportunities to select one. Slip selection for Phase 6 will begin shortly after demo of the area starts. The slip selection process will be ongoing until all the slips have been selected.

We have had an opportunity to contact 100% of the current marina tenants on the 28', 30', 40', 45', 55' and 60' slip selection seniority list. With that process, we are able to determine where almost everyone on these lists would like to end up and in which phase they plan to make their selection. Of course, some are still unsure about where they want to be and continue to think it through. Although we have not made it 100% through the 26' and under slip selection seniority list, we are very close and anticipate that we will get there within the next two weeks. When we reach the names at the bottom of this list, these become slip assignments rather than selections since we will be using every slip in the 26' and under size category to accommodate our current tenants.

We realize the slip selection process is important and understand that preferred location is high priority as long-time marina tenants. Now that we have been through a few phases and corresponding slip selection process, we are finding that people are able to end up where they want to be. If for some reason, you are unable to get exactly what you want, we do maintain a transfer list. As slips become available, we will refer to the transfer list and relocate existing tenants before offering slips to the waitlist.

Have questions about marina revitalization or the slip selection process? We are here to help! Please stop by the marina office or give us a call anytime. Better yet, send Kelly an [EMAIL](#) to schedule some time to sit down and review the layouts and the process. It is an exciting subject!

We appreciate everyone's cooperation and enthusiasm as we continue to move through the marina revitalization project. Things are looking great and feedback from our tenants on the new docks has been positive. On we go...heading into Phase 6!





## Community Events

There is always something fun and exciting happening in our nearby community. As we come into the busy outdoor season, more and more events are popping up on the calendar. Check out the upcoming local events below and mark your calendar for FUN!

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Shop harborside at the annual Modern Makers Market at Dana Point Harbor on Saturday, May 11 from 10 AM to 4 PM. Support local artisans, enjoy live music, and more! Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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The **Dana Point Totally Tubular 80's Trolley Hop** is happening on **Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** from **12:00-5:00pm**. Purchase a trolley hop wristband for access to exclusive drink specials at participating restaurants. Trolley Hop riders (21+) can purchase a \$10 wristband online in advance [HERE](#). Trolley Hoppers will pick up their wristbands at the Dana Point Ale House on Trolley Hop day. Wristbands can also be purchased in person leading up to the event at the Dana Point Chamber of Commerce during the hours below.

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The Endless Summer Dana Point Film Festival focused on marine life and the human relationship with magnificent wonder will take place May 2 – 5 at various locations throughout Dana Point. The Endless Summer Dana Point Film Festival is an ocean-focused film festival featuring documentaries covering conservation, exploration, and recreation. Click [HERE](#) for more information. Enjoy the show!

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### USCG AUXILIARY EDUCATION CLASS - DANA POINT

#### GPS for Mariners

When: Two nights. Every Wednesday June 5 and June 12. 7:30 to 9:30pm.  
Where: Dana Point Community Center 34052 Del Obispo St., Dana Point  
Cost: \$35. Includes text book.

This class will help you get the most from your nautical navigation GPS. You will learn how to use the device to determine position, create waypoints, plot a course, and more. We will also discuss using a chartplotter to navigate.

Contact Eric Gritzmacher at [ericgritzmacher@cox.net](mailto:ericgritzmacher@cox.net) or (949) 632-2378



National Small Business Week is April 28 – May 4, 2024! Small businesses contribute to the unique character and charm of Dana Point by showcasing local culture, traditions, and craftsmanship. The Dana Point Chamber of Commerce invited you to Show Love for Local by sending a love letter to a local small business. Click [HERE](#) for a link where you can write a positive message or note for a local business, owner, or employee. The Chamber will create digital love letters and send it digitally to the business. Be the reason someone smiles today!

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## BOATING CLEAN & GREEN



### Oil and Gas

**FACT:** Oil and gasoline contain hydrocarbons and heavy metals that pollute and are toxic to aquatic life. Oil can coat the feathers and fur of wildlife, destroying their natural insulation from cold. Even a thin film of oil can kill aquatic organisms that live near the water's surface. A single gallon of fuel can contaminate over a million gallons of water. Once ingested, oil moves up the food chain from tiny plankton to fish, birds and even humans, and can cause reproductive problems, weakness, and death. The cumulative effect of small spills has a serious impact on coastal and inland waters. Using soap to remove fuel or oil sheen in the water is also bad for the environment and is illegal.

**GOAL:** Prevent pollution from oil and gas spills to help maintain a healthy and aesthetically pleasing recreational environment for boaters and others.

### Actions you can take to prevent oil and gas spills:

- Use caution when filling your fuel tank and don't top off. Know the capacity of your tank and leave it at least 10% empty.
- Catch fuel drips with an absorbent pad. Properly dispose of soiled absorbents.
- Do not hose down gas spills or apply detergents or soaps to an oil sheen.
- Install fuel tank vent whistles or fuel/air separators to avoid spills.
- Inspect fuel lines and hoses periodically. Replace as needed.
- Use funnels for pouring oil and keep a supply of absorbent pads onboard for cleaning up spills.
- Dispose of used oil and drained oil filters at a waste oil recycling center.

**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.

To all the mothers out there, my mom included...we wish you a Happy Mother's Day on May 12<sup>th</sup>!

Happy Boating,

Kelly Rinderknecht

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