



THE MARINA

AT DANA POINT

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Greetings from The Marina at Dana Point!

It is officially summertime! Tis the season for boat rides, beach bon fires, and warm summer nights! Bright blue sunshiny skies and calm water is calling your name...we are looking forward to a busy summer season in the harbor. Get out there and enjoy it!

July 4th is so much fun to celebrate in Dana Point Harbor. Water wars, dock parties and amazing fireworks...it really does not get any better. It is sure to be a FUN and busy day on the docks and in the harbor. We are excited to be here for it!



To make your holiday time more enjoyable and as hassle-free as can be, we put together the following Fourth of July cheat sheet with detailed information about **PARKING**, **POLICY** and best management **PRACTICES**. Please review the information below for a head start to a hassle-free holiday in the harbor:

PARKING

- Boater parking lots are reserved for marina tenants **ONLY**.
- Guest passes are not available on July 4th. **There will be NO GUEST PARKING available in boater lots on July 4th.**
- Parking lot gates will be set to tenant only mode with a **valid RFID tag required** to access the lot.
- A boater assigned RFID tag will be required to access the boater lots on July 4th.
- Boaters will be able to use their monthly parking barcode on the Flash or ParkWhiz app as an alternative to using their assigned RFID tag (it is one or the other, not both).

- Motorhomes, RVs, Trailers or other recreational vehicles will not be permitted into the boater parking lots. Any such vehicles left in the lots will be towed at owner's expense.
- Boaters will not be permitted to stand at the gate and attempt to swipe a visiting vehicle in to park. Each vehicle will be required to possess their own means for access.
- The parking system is a one in/one out system. If you use your Flash or ParkWhiz app to enter in a vehicle, you must exit before the RFID tag assigned in conjunction with your vehicle account will be permitted to enter the lot (this shows up on the kiosk screen as a passback violation and prohibits the gate from raising for entry or exit).
- We will have attendants at each of the boater parking gates from early morning until late night. Attendants are there to ensure proper use of the gates and parking lot. They are not able to assist you with access into or out of the lot.
- If parking resources fill to capacity, you will not be allowed into the parking lot until parking is available.
- Left turn movements on Dana Point Harbor Drive will be restricted west of Casitas Place. Vehicles wishing to reach the west basin cove parking lot or island side will be required to travel toward Baby Beach and use the turn around to come back and use right hand turns into these areas.
- The Dana Point Trolley will run its regular route on July 4th with frequent stops in Dana Point Harbor. Click [HERE](#) for trolley information. This is a great opportunity for your guests to park offsite and take a fun and FREE ride to the harbor.

POLICY

- Dock entry gates are to remain closed and locked. Please do not attempt to tie or prop open dock gates.
- Barbecues and/or open flames are not permitted on the docks. You are welcome to use a marine grade boat barbecue aboard your vessel. Marina staff will enforce the rules related to barbecues and/or open flames on the docks.
- Amplified sound is not permitted while in the slip. Please do not plan to have a band, DJ or other amplified entertainment aboard your boat while in the slip or on the dock.
- Setting off fireworks on the docks or off your boat is not permitted.
- Please do not take over main walkways with your personal party. The main walkways are for all boaters to safely navigate the dock. Please be courteous to all by keeping your party within your space and allowing a comfortable path of travel.
- Please do not place rafts, dinghies, kayaks or other items in slips that are not assigned to you. Any vacant slips are being used to accommodate visiting guests on an ongoing basis.
- Please return dock carts to the head of the gangway following use. Please do not leave items stored in dock carts at your slip.
- Please do not ride bicycles, scooters, skateboards, or other rolling/motorized modes of transportation on the docks. Wheelchairs and other medical related modes of transport are permitted.
- Please be kind and courteous to your dock neighbors.
- Please be patient at parking gates. If you arrive between 11 am to 2 PM and/or stay for the fireworks, you are certain to have a wait getting into or out of boater lots. We appreciate your patience.

- Traffic and congestion will be heavy immediately following the fireworks. Please expect traffic delays throughout the harbor and city if you plan to leave after the fireworks shows.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- Please refrain from using water balloons in the harbor...these are a threat to the health and safety of marine life.
- Please also refrain from bringing inflated balloons to use for decoration...these often blow away and end up in the water causing a threat to the health and safety of marine life.
- Be sure trash is disposed of properly in designated trash areas. Please do not leave trash on the docks or on the ground along the harbor walkway.
- Please clean up after yourself. Remove any food waste and properly store tables, chairs, canopies and other loose items before leaving.
- We will have additional dumpsters onsite at each boater service building location. If you find these full, please do not pile trash into these units. Please use a different nearby disposal site or contact the marina office for assistance.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Please do not place dinghies, inflatables, kayaks, paddleboards or people in empty slips on your dock. Vacant slip locations are being used to accommodate our visiting guests. Items found in vacant slips will be impounded without notice.

The City of Dana Point will host the fireworks from a barge outside the breakwater. Fireworks will go off at 9 PM sharp. Enjoy the show!

Our office will be open 8 AM to 5 PM on July 4th with a full staff. Please do not hesitate to give us a call should you need anything...(949) 496-6137.

Wishing you a safe and happy Fourth of July.

Marina Office



The marina office is your one stop shop for all things marina related. We are open daily (including Saturday & Sunday), and our friendly team is here to help! Stop by anytime...it is always great to see you!

One of the most frequent questions we receive this time of year is whether dinghies are permitted to be stored behind boats. There seems to be a lot of confusion surrounding this topic. Many believe the summer season is an exception to the rule, but it is not. Dinghies behind boats in the summer cause the same amount of hazard as dinghies behind boats in the winter. Bottom line, the dinghy overhang makes it challenging for boats to navigate the channels and makes it impossible for boats under tow to access their slips. There are two reasons a dinghy can be behind the boat:

1. You are actively using the dinghy meaning you are on your boat coming and going with the dinghy at that moment. This does not mean you use the dinghy every day or frequently use the dinghy. It means you are currently using the dinghy.
2. The dinghy fits in the slip with the boat. This means that the LOA measurement of the boat and dinghy in the slip does not exceed the maximum allowable LOA of the slip.

We understand that everyone enjoys their dinghies and often hear that the dinghy is used more than the boat. Unfortunately, we cannot permit the excessive overhang. It will be necessary for you to store the dinghy on the boat or elsewhere when it is not in use. We understand that July 4th is a day when dinghies are in active use. Of course, enforcement will be minimal on the holiday. We appreciate everyone's ongoing cooperation.

As we continue through the marina revitalization project, many of our unoccupied slips are being used to accommodate visiting guests. It is very important that the slips remain clear of any items to ensure our guests can access these locations upon arrival. Please do not put items in what you might assume is a vacant slip location. Guests arrive at all hours of the day and night. It is important that the slip assigned to them is available when they arrive. Due to time sensitivity, please be advised that items found in unassigned slips or dock boxes will be impounded without notice.

Our office team will be out and about on July 4th assisting guests with golf cart shuttle services to and from gangways. Call the office or flag us down if you need a ride. We look forward to a fun day interacting with everybody.

Have questions? Need assistance? Stop by or call the marina office, (949) 496-6137. We are happy to help!

On the Docks



With July 4th coming up quickly, we are addressing high priority dock repairs and needed facility maintenance, so we are ready for you on the busiest day of the year. Please give us a call if you see something in need of our attention.

As part of our efforts to maintain our Clean Marina status, we ask that you please dispose of large trash loads in the dumpsters located in the trash rooms or enclosures near the parking lot rather than in the small walkway trash receptacles. The smaller containers on the walkways are intended for the smaller loose trash items and are not equipped to accept the full-size trash bags which are often left on the side or hanging out of the container running great risk of trash ending up in the water. Large trash containers are a short walk from the gangway. These have lids and are much better equipped to accept large trash bags, pizza boxes, etc.

We have nice new bike racks throughout the west cove area where all bicycle types can be accommodated. With the growing trend of e-bikes, we plan to add these racks in areas throughout the marina, so our bicycle visitors have a place to secure their ride while they spend the day on the boat or in the harbor.

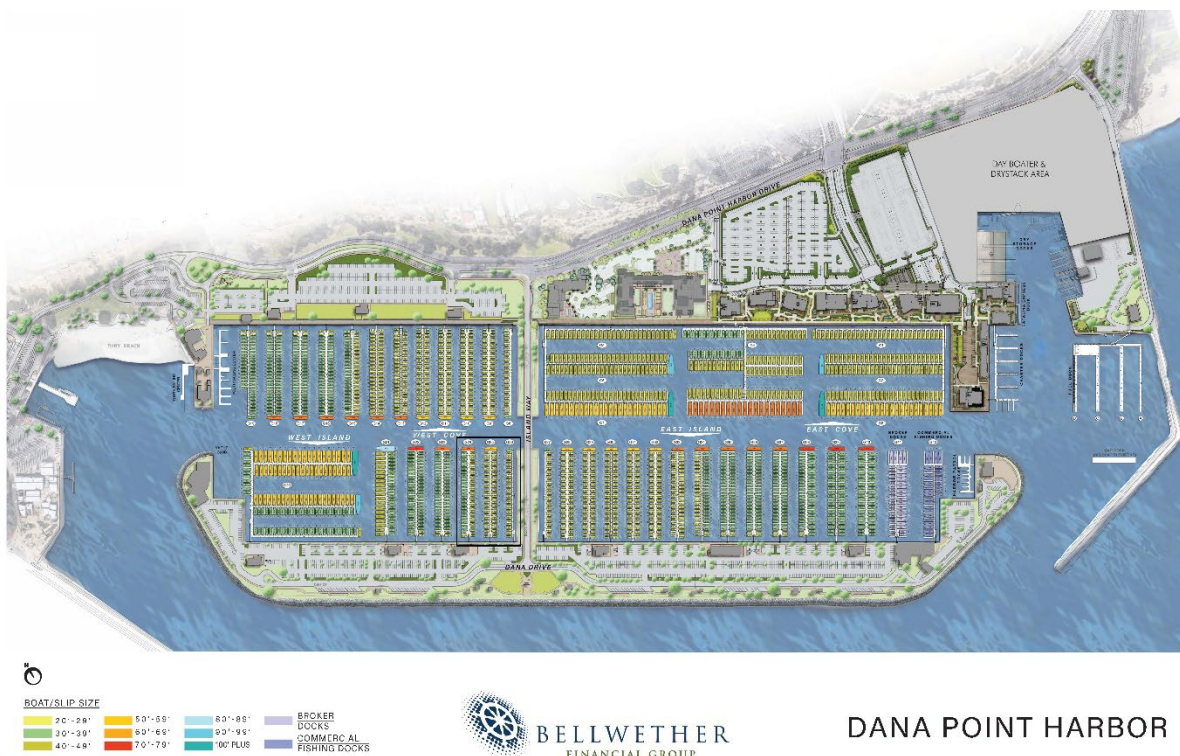
There will be gate attendants at the entry to each boater parking lot on July 4th. Attendants will not have the ability to help with access. They are there to ensure that those attempting to access the boater parking lots are an authorized user meaning they have an assigned slip and active RFID tag. If you are planning to be here on July 4th, please be prepared to present your assigned RFID tag for entry. RFID tags are programmed for one in/one out which means that you must make a full entry and exit before it will work again for entry. In a nutshell, you are not able to use your assigned RFID tag to allow access to a second vehicle. If you do that, you will not be able to gain access for yourself until the initial vehicle has recorded an exit. The Flash Parking app is one in the same with your RFID tag and, although interchangeable, these will not both work...you will be able to use one or the other. Many think they can enter with their vehicle using their RFID tag then walk up to the gate with their cell phone to use their app to allow a guest access. This will not work. Gate attendants will not allow boaters to provide app or other access to guests trying

to come through the gate on July 4th. Every vehicle that comes through the gate must have their own means to access the lot.

Our maintenance team is ready for summer! Please report any issues directly to the marina office and we will send someone right away. Happy 4th and happy summer!

Marina Revitalization

Things are looking GREAT out there! Demolition of Phase 6 is nearly complete and new docks will be arriving in the next two weeks as the project continues to move forward at a good pace. Phase 6 brings 25' slips, 30' slips and end-ties and is anticipated to be completed in late August. We will begin the slip selection process for all slips coming into Phase 6 in early July. For reference, here is a full marina layout with the Phase 6 area outlined:



Phase 5 in the west cove completed and opened for occupancy on June 1st. At this time, all slips in Phase 5 have been filled including 120 new tenants coming in from the 30' waitlist!

Bellingham will be in the west island working on Phases 6, 7 & 8 through the first quarter of 2025. Once west island is completed, the project moves to east basin island with Phases 9 through 13 which will take an estimated 1.5 years to complete through the end of 2026. For the final two phases, the project will move to the east basin cove where Phases 14 & 15 are expected to be completed before the end of 2027.

Have questions on the phasing plan or want to review the slip layouts? Stop by the marina office anytime. We have large layouts available to view in the office. We are happy to walk through it all with you and answer any questions.

We ask that you please steer clear of the current Phase 6 water area as you navigate the harbor. The area is off limits with a boom in place for everyone's safety.

Over 700 new slips open for occupancy! One we go. New docks ROCK!



Harbor Revitalization News

Great news! During the June 14th California Coastal Commission meeting, commissioners unanimously approved an amendment to the City of Dana Point's Local Coastal Program, which would allow for the construction of the two hotels in Dana Point Harbor.

If you have been following the project plans, there are two hotels proposed to replace the existing Marina Inn hotel with one being an upscale market rate hotel and the other a 3-star affordable hotel. Both hotels will be located on the harbor waterfront, and both will feature a rooftop lounge, pool, and fitness center. Click [HERE](#) to read the article published by the Dana Point Times. Click [HERE](#) to check out the renderings and read more information on what will surely be future Dana Point Harbor hot spots for locals and visitors alike!



If you are interested in viewing renderings of the hotel and commercial core projects, the Community Room is open with representatives available from Dana Point Harbor Partners to answer any questions.

The Community Room is located in the Mariner's Village courtyard directly across from the former El Torito restaurant location. The Community Room is open on Wednesdays from 9 AM to 11 AM and Thursdays from 2 PM to 4 PM.

Visit the [Dana Point Harbor](#) website for renderings, information and FAQs on the harbor revitalization project. New 3D renderings have been recently added in the hotel and commercial core sections and it looks pretty cool!

Social Justice Program – Summer of Fun!

Each year, The Marina at Dana Point's Social Justice Program provides over 1,000 underserved youth ocean experiences and education. So far in 2024, we have taken over 500 youth out whale watching, kayaking, paddleboarding or sailing as well as provided education through beach cleanups, school assemblies, local naturalists, and STEM.



There is nothing more rewarding than witnessing a child scream in delight at the sight of a whale in the wild for the first time or seeing the smile of a kid at the helm of a sailboat experiencing something they never knew they could dream of. As we reach the halfway point of the third year of providing these incredible experiences through our Social Justice Program, we are humbled and blessed by the vibrance and pure joy these youngsters have brought to our lives as we share these experiences with them in Dana Point Harbor.

Vicki Patterson is our Social Justice Program Coordinator and has done an excellent job working with a diverse group of underserved youth from all over Orange County and beyond to bring them to Dana Point Harbor and offer incredible experiences in partnership with our local stakeholders at Dana Wharf Sportfishing and Whale Watching, Captain Dave's Dolphin Safari, Westwind Sailing, Pure Watersports, Dana Point Charters, and Aventura Sailing.



Most recently Vicki took a group of 18 youth from Unidos out kayaking with Westwind Sailing. The kids had the time of their lives out there kayaking! The skies were a bit gray that day but they weren't bothered a bit as they paddled and played and explored our special harbor by boat. After the event, one of the young ladies said to Vickie, "Kayaking is really fun, and I would never forget this day. One of the best days of my life." This is what it is all about!

Looking ahead, we have a full calendar throughout the summer filled with unforgettable ocean experiences in Dana Point Harbor for many underserved youths in our local communities. Give the kids a honk and a wave if you see them out there on the water!

Dana Point Harbor Blood Drive – July 9, 2024

Join Dana Point Harbor and the American Red Cross for a Blood Drive on Tuesday, July 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Help support a critical need. Book your appointment today!

Drive will be hosted at 34467 Golden Lantern, Dana Point, CA 92629

Located in the Dana Point Harbor Village Market

Schedule your lifesaving appointment by clicking [HERE](#) and use sponsor code DPHP.

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!

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

2024 Summer T-Shirts are still available in the marina office!! Get em' while you can!

