



THE MARINA

AT DANA POINT

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Greetings from The Marina at Dana Point!

Memorial Day weekend was SO much fun in Dana Point Harbor! It was amazing to see so many people out boating enjoying the most perfect weekend. We had summer-like weather on Sunday, and everyone was out to play in the west anchorage where the party was ON! Dana Point Yacht Club had a raft-up with a live band playing on the upper deck of one of their boats. There must have been 60 boats anchored or rafted along with hundreds of dinghies, kayaks, paddleboards, and other craft out to enjoy the fun. There were people lined up along the landside areas



as well. It was a ton of fun and so special to look around and see this paradise come to life...it was great to be present in that moment and take it all in. Once again, we send our appreciation to Dana Point Yacht Club for inviting everyone out to enjoy the music and the perfect day in our little backyard bliss...thank you! Also, our thanks go out to Dino for flying the drone and capturing some incredible photos and video footage of the event. Click [HERE](#) to check it out.

Fun times are ahead as we look forward to an exciting month of June! Flag Day is Friday, June 14th. Flag Day is a celebration of the American flag and the U.S. Army's Birthday! To celebrate the Army's 249th Birthday, Orange County Fifth District Supervisor, Katrina Foley will be displaying a field of 249 American



flags in the park area near Baby Beach from June 12 through June 14, 2024, with a special ceremony on June 14, 2024, at 6 PM in honor of all military personnel, firefighters, police officers, medical personnel, and other first responders. Supervisor Foley asked us to share with boaters and request that boats in the harbor fly their American flags in celebration of Flag Day and the U.S. Army's 249th Birthday. It would be an amazing sight to see flags flying on all the boats as a backdrop to this beautiful display and celebration!

Do you have expired flares and no place to dispose of them? You are in luck! The County of Orange and the City of Newport Beach are hosting a Marine Flare Collection Event on Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 9

AM to 1 PM in Newport Beach. Click [HERE](#) for details and information or scroll to the bottom of this newsletter to view the event flyer. Finding locations to properly dispose of marine flares is challenging. County of Orange Waste & Recycling has heard the collective voice of the boaters in Orange County and has made it their goal to partner with local harbor operators for annual flare disposal events. The last event was here in Dana Point Harbor in 2022. Collect your expired flares and plan to head to Newport Beach for FREE disposal on Saturday, June 22nd.

The Dana Point Harbor Community Room will open in June! Stop by the Community Room to learn more about the ongoing revitalization. View renderings, project plans, and talk to Dana Point Harbor Partners staff. The Community Room is located in the Mariner's Village courtyard and will be open on Wednesdays 9 AM to 11 AM and Thursdays 2 PM to 4 PM.

Marina Office



The Marina at Dana Point 2024 Summer t-shirts are here! Stop by the office to join in on the summer celebration at the happiest place on earth. We have short sleeve t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, crewneck sweatshirts and unisex tank tops available in a variety of colors. Let's spend Summer on the Sandbar in 2024!

Our office has been busy with the hustle and bustle of the approaching summer season. Please stop by if there is anything we can do to help you prepare for the busy season. If you got a new car recently, we are happy to issue you a replacement RFID tag. Please be sure to arrive with the vehicle along with the vehicle registration. We do require the RFID to be adhered to the vehicle's windshield at the time it is issued. If you need a refresher on how to reserve a guest parking pass, come on in with your cell phone and we will be happy to walk you through it.

We receive a lot of questions in the office related to slip size and the ability to move up or down in slip size. Because we have waitlists for all slip sizes, all slips in the marina are issued from the slip waiting list. We do allow current marina tenants to transfer to a slip of the same size in a different location of the marina but you may not change slip sizes without first getting on the waitlist and reaching the top. If you are thinking about a bigger (or smaller) boat, please reach out to us and we will assist you with getting on the waitlist.

July 4th is fast approaching, and we are getting excited! We will send out a notification with a ton of important information as the big day gets a bit closer. For now, please know that as in previous years, there will be no guest parking permitted on July 4th. Guest passes will not be available for reservation and validations will not work. Anyone accessing boater parking on July 4th will need to have an assigned RFID tag. The parking restriction will begin at 12 am on July 4th and be in place until 11:59 pm. All parking in the boater lots will be reserved for marina tenants only. We appreciate you having your guests carpool with you or direct them to nearby public parking lots, trolley stops or alternative modes of transportation such as Uber, Lyft, Taxi, bicycle, etc. Despite our best efforts, parking lots may become full, at which time we will close them to all traffic until they begin to clear. The best plan is to arrive early and stay put. We are looking forward to a fun day!

Please stop by or give us a call anytime... (949) 496-6137. We look forward to hearing from you!



On the Docks



As we move through the marina revitalization, we are doing our best to continue to accommodate visiting guest boaters. We do this by using vacant slips throughout the marina. More times than not, we are finding items being stored in these vacant slip locations. Either small dinghies, rafts or other craft in the slips or stuff stored in the dock box. Guests arrive at all hours of the day and night and expect a clear slip upon arrival. Please do not park in a slip that you think is vacant for any length of time. It is a horrible inconvenience to many when this happens. All vacant slips are inventoried and checked regularly by marina staff. Items found in vacant slips and/or dock boxes will be impounded with applicable impound rates imposed. We appreciate your ongoing cooperation. In addition to the guest activity, we have a lot of movement continuing to happen throughout the end of May and early June as D-dock west basin island clears for demolition and Phase 5 opens for occupancy.

Our maintenance team is out there daily working on the trouble spots on the docks and work orders that come our way. We also have staff dedicated to skimming algae and debris from the water as well as dedicated staff working to keep sea lions off the docks. Our marina trash skimmers have been working overtime with the increase of algae and other natural buildup that came in with the red tide. We have a team of porters onsite daily to clean the boater restrooms as well as supplemental shower cleaning by our maintenance team. Additionally, trash rooms and enclosures are deep cleaned weekly. Please let us know if you see something out of place and we will do our best to address it right away. Give the office a call at (949) 496-6137 or send an [EMAIL](#) to report an issue or request a repair.

Please return dock carts to the head of the gangway after use. We realize this takes a bit of time and effort, but it is very helpful to preserve the carts as well as making sure carts are available for everyone to use. No matter how many more dock carts we buy, without your help, it is difficult to manage the whereabouts of the carts. If all marina tenants return the dock carts to the gangway behind the locked gates, they will be safe from theft and available for other boaters to use. If you use a cart to get to your boat, please do not leave the cart at your boat slip. Instead, return it to the head of the gangway. Same if you use the cart to get from boat to parking lot. Lastly, please do not leave carts under the gangway. As the tide changes, the gangways fluctuate, and we are finding dock carts being crushed. Thank you for your help!

Any time is a good time to visit the marina and check on your boat. Please check to make sure the boat is secure in the slip with good lines and not overhanging the main walkway. Of course, let us know if there is anything we can do to help. We look forward to seeing you on the docks for a fun boating season!

Marina Revitalization

Phase 5 will officially open for occupancy on June 1, 2024! Fantastic job by Bellingham...these docks look and feel amazing! If you are relocating into the phase, you are in store for a treat. With Phase 5 complete and open we can officially say that the entire west basin cove has brand new docks, gangways, railings, utilities, Wi-Fi and dock carts! The entire aesthetic of this section of the harbor is stunning day and night.



Phase 5 includes docks G16 through G19. All the dock names and slip size details have been outlined in several prior newsletters. If you missed our previous newsletters, click [HERE](#) for April 2024 and [HERE](#) for March 2024. We have an entire section on our website dedicated to newsletters, past and present, click [HERE](#) to check it out or [HERE](#) to review the various marina revitalization layouts.

On June 3rd, Bellingham will move to west basin island to begin Phase 6. All boats have been relocated off D-dock and Phase 6 is ready to go! Thank you for all of our west basin D-Dock tenants for your cooperation and kindness throughout this process.

Phase 6 (west basin island, D-Dock) is expected to take approximately 100-days to complete and will bring the following slip counts and sizes:

21' Slips = 6

25' Slips = 106

30' Slips = 23

33' End-Tie = 1

58' End-Tie = 1

63' End-Tie = 1



If you are currently assigned to one of these slip sizes and are interested in securing one of the slips coming into Phase 6, now is your chance! We will begin the slip selection process for this section starting mid-June at which time we will reach out to all who have expressed interest in this area of the harbor. Slip offers are made in order of seniority. You are given a maximum of 24 hours to select a slip location. After 24 hours, we will move on to the next group on the slip selection seniority list. Although you are welcome to take your time to select a slip, it is important to point out that we will continue down the list confirming selections which means the layout of availability you were sent originally will change often. It is best to be ready with your preferred slip locations prior to hearing from us. Once you hear from us, we will ask for your top 5 choices and promptly confirm one of them.

As a reminder, all boats coming into new slips are required to be operational and in seaworthy condition. Prior to occupancy, we have a mandatory seaworthy evaluation process and an electrical ground fault leakage test that is performed by marina staff. These are both done at the same time and can be scheduled in advance. We also require a passing Vessel Safety Inspection by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary within 60 days of occupancy. The process for all these requirements is simple and quick!

If you have not yet decided where you want to end up in the new marina layout, it is time to start thinking about it. We are over 30% complete on the project and moving right along. Stop by the marina office to review the slip layouts and share your wish list.

New dock, fun times, and glowing lantern lights...The Marina at Dana Point is a summertime paradise!

USCG AUXILIARY EDUCATION CLASS

DANA POINT PADDLECRAFT SAFETY

When: One night. Wednesday June 26. 6:00 to 7:00pm.

Where: OC Sailing and Events Center. 3445 Ensenada Place, Dana Point



The building is on Dana Point Harbor Dr. right next to Baby beach

Who: The USCG Auxiliary is the premier boating safety organization in the US and offers a number of classes on boating safety.

Cost: \$20.

With the increase in the number of people participating in paddle sports including Stand up Paddleboards and kayaks, it is important that they understand how to do so safely.

Paddlecraft are designated as vessels by the USCG and are required to follow the navigation rules. This class will show paddleboaters how to be safe and understand their responsibilities. Topics include required equipment, dangers, rules, and tips for safe operation.

Contact Eric Gritzmacher at ericgritz@gmail.com or (949) 632-2378

SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PARK



The City of Dana Point has another amazing lineup of summer concerts happening at Sea Terrace Park for the 2024 FREE Sunday Summer Concerts in the Park. Concerts are on Sunday afternoons from 3-6 PM, July 18th through August 15th. Each concert features two live bands with food and beverages available to purchase. These concerts are tons of summertime fun and there happens to be a Dana Point Trolley stop nearby! Check out this year's lineup:

July 14, 2024

Billy Nation, A Tribute to Billy Joel & Elton the Early Years

July 21, 2024

Abba Fab & The Spirit Band, A Tribute to Earth, Wind, & Fire

July 28, 2024

Uptown Funk - A Tribute to Bruno Mars & Black Eyed Tease

August 4, 2024

The Reflexx & Saved by the 90s

August 11, 2024

Full Strength & Tijuana Dogs

August 15, 2024

Common Sense & The Aggrolites

For more information, click [HERE](#) or visit www.danapoint.org/recreation

BOATING CLEAN & GREEN

The OC Waste & Recycling **MARINE FLARE COLLECTION EVENT** is Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 9 AM to 1 PM. In Newport Beach:



MARINE FLARE COLLECTION EVENT

SATURDAY, JUNE 22 - 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

592 Superior Avenue, Newport Beach

**HAVE ANY UNUSED MARINE FLARES?
SAFELY DISPOSE OF THEM AT NO COST**

DETAILS: OC residents and boaters are asked to bring expired flares to the event. Upon arrival, staff will collect items directly from vehicle trunks. OCWR will be joined by OC Health Care Agency onsite, promoting their Free Bilge Pad Exchange Program.

WHY: Join OC Waste & Recycling for an essential community service. Boaters are invited to a free collection event. Disposing of marine flares safely can be difficult, with few options available.

For details on how to safely dispose of household hazardous waste, visit [OCLandfills/hazardous-waste](https://oclandfills/hazardous-waste). Have recycling questions? Check out OCRecycleGuide.com.



Accepted:

- Hand-Held Flares
- Aerial Flares
- Smoke Flares



Not Accepted:

- Electronic Flares
- Military Flares
- Hazardous Waste such as Paint, Oil, E-waste or batteries.

OC RESIDENTS DISPOSE OF MARINE FLARES FOR FREE!



Katrina FOLEY
SUPERVISOR - FIFTH DISTRICT



NEWPORT HARBOR FOUNDATION



Waste & Recycling
Our Community. Our Commitment.



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.

To all the fathers out there...we wish you a Happy Father's Day on June 16th!

Happy Boating,

Kelly Rinderknecht
