



THE MARINA

AT DANA POINT

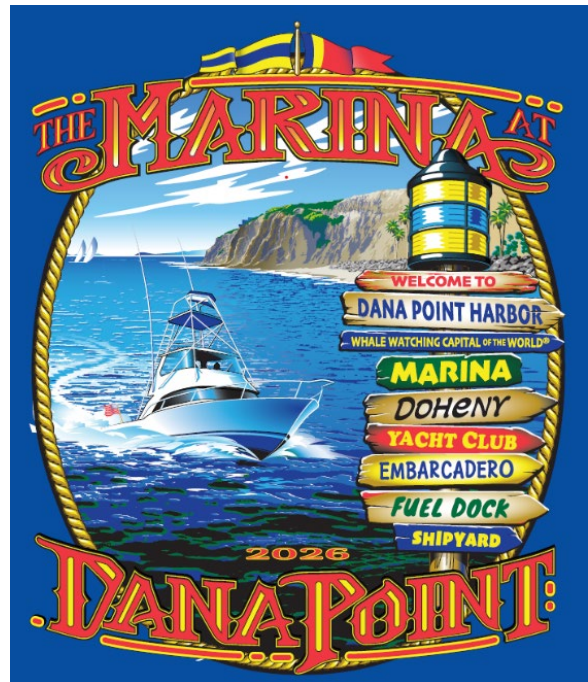
NEWSLETTER | MAY 2026

Greetings from the Marina at Dana Point!

Our boating season is off to a great start! Memorial Day weekend was busy with a lot of people enjoying time on the water and in the harbor. We look forward to a fun filled summer season of boating and comradery on the docks.

The Marina at Dana Point 2026 Summer T-Shirts are in production and expected to be available for sale by June 15, 2026. This year's graphic celebrates the many adventures and activities in Dana Point Harbor as well as highlights our coastline, gorgeous headlands and prime boating atmosphere. We will have short sleeve t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts and crewneck sweatshirts in a variety of colors. Stop by and check them out!

Fourth of July is coming up quickly. This year's Independence Day marks America's 250th Birthday, and what better day to celebrate than Saturday! Dana Point Harbor is a special place to celebrate July 4th. We anticipate a busy day in the harbor and on the docks. As you begin to plan your long holiday weekend, please be sure to review the below important information so you are prepared. It is always surprising how many boaters show up on July 4th and seem surprised by the traffic, crowds, and rules related to parking (no guest parking is permitted on July 4th). The more you know in advance, the better time you will have when the big day arrives!



FOURTH of JULY 2026

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Water wars, dock parties and amazing fireworks...it really does not get any better. We cannot wait to celebrate the July 4th holiday with you! For a head start to a hassle-free holiday in the harbor, please review the following information about **PARKING, POLICY** and best management **PRACTICES**:

PARKING

- Boater parking lots are reserved for marina tenants **ONLY** and **parking is limited to TWO (2) vehicles per slip**.
- Guest passes are not available on July 4th. **There will be NO GUEST PARKING 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.
- Any lots that are not gated will be managed by our staff with access permitted using our slip roster. Your RFID tag will be required to enter these lots on July 4th.
- 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 ParkWhiz app as an alternative to using their assigned RFID tag. **If the app is used, the affiliated RFID tag may not be used (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. Please be courteous and patient as parking lot entries will backup during peak hours (10 AM to 2 PM).
- If parking resources fill to capacity, you will not be allowed into the parking lot. We recommend you arrive early and stay parked.
- Left turn movements on Dana Point Harbor Drive will be restricted west of Casitas Place. Vehicles wishing to reach the east basin cove parking lot, 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. The trolley will run from 10 AM to 8:30 PM on July 4th.

POLICY

- Dock entry gates are to remain closed and locked. Please do not attempt to tie or prop open dock gates.

- Slips are assigned in connection with a specific person and vessel. Tenants are not permitted to loan their slip to friends, offer the slip to a club to use, rent their slip and/or use the slip to accommodate a vessel other than that listed on the slip agreement.

- **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 10 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. **There will be heavy traffic getting out of boater parking lots following the fireworks.**
- 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 do not use inflated balloons 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.

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



We have many new tenants moving into new slips in the marina on June 1st. These folks have been on waitlists for a long time and are super excited to be here. If you find yourself with a new boat neighbor, give them a warm welcome...a new boat neighbor can easily become your new best friend!

As we continue to move through the marina revitalization project, there continues to be a lot of movement on the docks. We have many temporary relocations moving from the east basin island into the east basin cove with Phase 12 set to begin demolition on June 1st. As slip locations become available, we will begin to relocate boats out of slips in Phase 13 from the east island to the east cove which should speed up our ability to start Phase 13 and complete the east basin island by the end of this year. We appreciate everyone's cooperation with relocating your vessel as quickly as possible once a relocation notice is received. We provide a lenient timeline to allow you the time you may need to facilitate the move, but we appreciate a prompt relocation process. In the end, it makes things easier for all of us.

We are excited to welcome the summer season! There is nothing better than seeing the docks alive with activity and boats on the water! Please stop by the marina office anytime if there is anything we can assist you with. Our office is open daily, including Saturday & Sunday from 8 AM to 5 PM. We look forward to seeing you!

On the Docks



Please be advised that there will be a temporary water shutoff that will affect east basin cove docks J through O on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, from 5 AM to 9 AM. We apologize for the disruption.

As we shared in our email blast on May 21, 2026, the east cove boater lot 2 parking lot entry/exit access has been relocated from Casitas Pl to a location west of the Marina Inn hotel. The parking lot can be accessed by making a right turn from the eastbound lane on Dana Point Harbor Drive just east of Island Way. For vehicles heading west on Dana Point Harbor Drive, rather than making a U-turn at the bridge, we recommend you use the turnaround near OCSEC/Baby Beach.

Friendly reminder that any slips that appear to be vacant are being used to accommodate visiting guests. As always, we ask you to please not use slips that appear to be vacant. We continue to find dinghies,

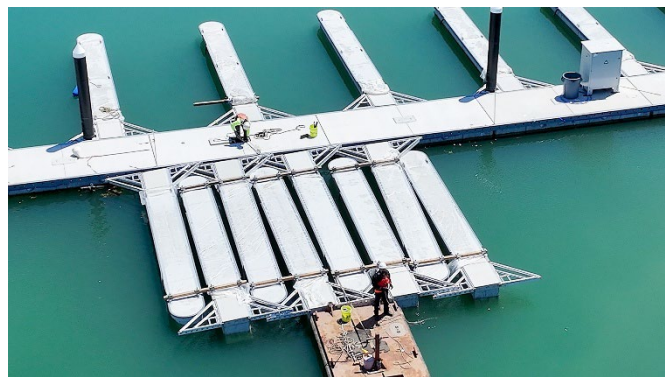
kayaks, rafts, etc. in our vacant slips which is problematic for arriving vessels. If you require an additional slip for a few days to accommodate floaties, dinghies, etc., please contact the marina office to secure a guest slip.

Everything is looking great out there and continues to improve as we make progress on the marina revitalization. You may have noticed our maintenance team recently sanding and oiling the new walkway guardrail. They look GREAT! This effort will be ongoing approximately every six months to keep the Ipe wood looking fresh and new.

Please do not hesitate to contact the marina office if there is anything you see in need of our attention. We'll see you on the docks!

Marina Revitalization

Phase 11 is open and occupied! All boats have made it to their new slips on G34, Dock of the **Royal** Lantern, G35, Dock of the **Magenta** Lantern, G36, Dock of the **Aqua** Lantern, and G37, Dock of the **Sand** Lantern in east basin island and they look great!



Boats occupying old slips in Phase 12 continue to trickle to their temporary relocations with all boats to be out of slips on docks D, E and F in east basin island by May 31, 2026. Bellingham will begin demolition of Phase 12 on June 1, 2026.

Slip selection for all remaining slips coming into the east basin island will begin in early June 2026. If you are waiting for a slip in east basin island, please keep an eye on your inbox for the notification.

To highlight some of the great features that come with the new docks; we have the in-slip pumpout capability on all docks with slips 30' and larger. In-slip pumpout has been described as a "game changer" by some tenants. In addition to having the ability to perform the pumpout yourself in the slip, we also offer pumpout service to our tenants complimentary. Either way you choose to use it, you must schedule a lesson with our staff and/or be there with them for the initial appointment in order to be permitted to do it yourself. If you have not taken advantage of the service or used the new in-slip pumpout, please contact our office to schedule an appointment at your convenience. Not only is this super convenient, it is also an excellent environmental effort to improve water quality! In addition to in-slip pumpout capability, each slip on the new docks offers a dedicated power pedestal with the capability for tenants to login into



a custom portal to view usage and turn water and power on and off. The dedicated power pedestal is a huge improvement over the shared power and water in the old dock boxes providing tenants with more than adequate power to run the boat while also eliminating confusion and cords running across the docks. New docks have wifi built in providing the capability for boaters to connect smart televisions, security cameras and other smart devices. Lastly, all new docks have electronic

access which offers the ability to be issued an access pass via an app on your cell phone which allows you to easily grant entry to yourself or your guests. All in all, the new docks are smart, practical, environmentally friendly and beautiful!

If you are still in an old slip, we encourage you to please contact the marina office to schedule your vessel seaworthy assessment and ground fault leakage test. Getting this out of the way early makes the process easy when it comes time to move into your new slip.

If you are still in an old slip and are unable to pass the vessel seaworthy assessment or ground fault leakage test, it is time to start making plans to vacate the harbor or repair your vessel to pass both assessments. Boats that do not qualify to occupy new slips will need to plan to vacate the harbor by the end of this year, 12/31/2026. The project will move to the east cove in 2027 to complete the final two phases, Phase 14 and Phase 15. We will only have enough old slips to accommodate those boats that will be occupying slips coming into these two phases.

Commemorative dock pins are available in the marina office! If you are in a new slip and have not picked up your dock's pin, please stop by and grab one before they are gone!

USCG Auxiliary Dana Point

Upcoming Boater Education Courses



SUDDENLY IN COMMAND USCG AUXILIARY DANA POINT UPCOMING PUBLIC EDUCATION CLASS

Do you go out on a boat but don't have a lot of experience in operating it? What would you do if the skipper is incapacitated and can't operate the boat? If so, this class is for you.

This class will prepare you to take control of a vessel in the event the operator is incapacitated and is unable to command the boat. The class covers many of the most critical tools to get you back to the dock safely. You will learn how to use the vhf marine radio, GPS, safety equipment, dealing with emergencies, and other skills. It is designed for people with little or no experience in operating a power vessel or sailboat, although more experienced operators are welcome.

When: Wednesday June 3, 2026. 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Where: Dana Point Community Center. 34052 Del Obispo, Dana Point 92629

Cost: \$20

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

HOW TO USE A VHF MARINE RADIO USCG AUXILIARY FLOTILLA 6-8, DANA POINT PUBLIC EDUCATION CLASS

Most boaters have a VHF Marine radio onboard, but do you know how to best operate it, and are familiar with some of the many features? If so, this class is for you.

The VHF radio is one of the most important safety devices you have on a boat especially when you are in an emergency situation. This class will teach you how to operate a radio, make emergency calls, contact other vessels, get Coast Guard updates, use the MAYDAY “red button”, learn about AIS, and other features of a Marine VHF radio.

WHEN: Wednesday June 17, 2026. 7:30pm to 9:00pm

WHERE : Dana Point Community Center. 34052 Del Obispo St., Dana Point CA, 92629

COST: \$20

To register contact Eric Gritzmacher at: ericgritz@gmail.com or (949)632-2378.

Boat America – A Course on Responsible Boating

USCG AUXILIARY FLOTILLA 6-8, DANA POINT

PUBLIC EDUCATION CLASS

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.

Boat America A 1 day, 8 hour class. Saturday, June 20, 8:30am to 5:30pm

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

Cost: \$40

Where: Seaside Villas 25746 Oceanwood Dr #122, Dana Point, CA 92629

Once you register, directions and where to park will be provided

To register contact Eric Gritzmacher at: ericgritz@gmail.com or (949)632-2378.



To register for this class, contact Eric at the above email or scan the QR Code to be directed to our education pages for this class and others information.

BOATING CLEAN & GREEN

Maintain Your Boat Responsibly

- Perform engine maintenance regularly to reduce emissions and fuel waste.
- Use tarps or vacuum sanders when painting or sanding your hull.
- Dispose of oil, batteries, solvents, and antifreeze at approved recycling centers.
- Wash boats with freshwater sparingly and avoid harsh detergents.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our marina clean and our waters healthy!

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

