



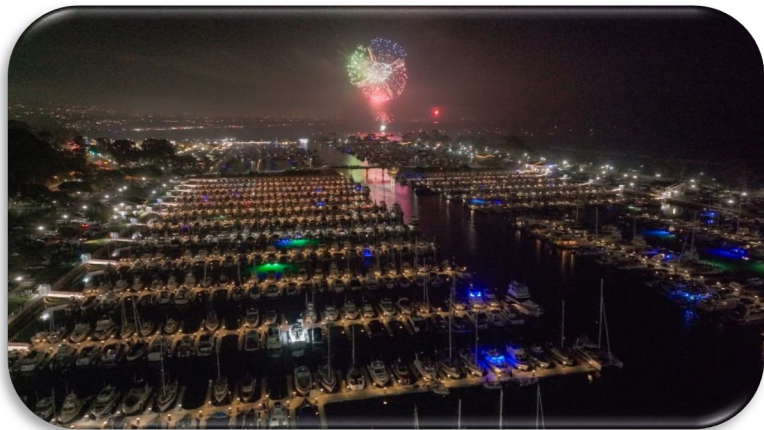
THE MARINA

AT DANA POINT

NEWSLETTER | JUNE 2026

Greetings from the Marina at Dana Point!

Tis the season for water wars, fireworks, family, friends, dockside vibes and sunshine! Summer is here and July 4th is near. It is time to start planning for the big day! Please review our May 2026 Newsletter [HERE](#) for all the specific details to help you navigate the July 4th holiday with ease if you plan to spend time in the harbor.



Dana Point Harbor is a special place to celebrate Independence Day.

Complete with tradition, festive fury and the greatest fireworks show on the coast, our harbor is a great place to be for the holiday. As you begin to plan and prepare your perfect holiday, please keep in mind the following important information:

Boater parking is reserved for slip tenants only. **There is NO GUEST PARKING on July 4th.** Please direct your guests to park in the parking structure and use the trolley, take ride share or other means of transportation.

All boater dedicated parking lots will be managed by an attendant. It is required that you have your valid RFID tag adhered to your vehicle or the corresponding QR code on your cell phone. Those without valid RFID access will not be permitted to park.

Having a boat slip in the harbor does not guarantee you a parking space. We recommend you arrive early and remain parked. Parking lots will be closed once they are full and you will be directed to the nearest lot with available parking.

We have six parking areas reserved for boaters that will be managed by attendants including the boater stalls in the parking structure (access for tenants in slips on L through O docks east cove), the village surface

lot off Casitas Pl (shared with Marina Inn Hotel guests), East Basin Cove, West Basin Cove, East Basin Island, and West Basin Island.

Traffic control will be in place on Dana Point Harbor Drive preventing left hand turns. You will need to go to the roundabout near OC Sailing & Events Center and follow the road back to access the west basin cove boater lot, east and west island boater lots, and east basin cove boater lot.

Please be a good neighbor during the busy holiday weekend. Please do not set off fireworks on the docks or property. Please do not use amplified sound. Please keep the docks clear to allow safe access for everyone. Please do not use slips that are not assigned to you. Please remember that BARBECUES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE DOCKS (boat barbeques are okay). Please be safe, kind, courteous, and have a great time!

Trolley service ends at 8:30 PM on July 4th. Expect traffic and congestion immediately following the fireworks show.

Look to the sky on July 4th from 5:50 PM to 5:55 PM for the annual Condor Squadron flyover, featuring WWII North American AT-6 aircraft soaring above Dana Point.

Fireworks will go off at 9 PM from a barge off Doheny. The City of Dana Point is extending this year's firework show in honor of the 250th celebration. Enjoy the day! Enjoy the show! Our office will be open 8 AM to 5 PM on July 4th and throughout the weekend. Please give us a call or stop by should you need assistance.

2026 SUMMER T-SHIRTS ARE HERE!

2026 summer T-shirts have arrived! Stop by the marina office to secure your 2026 design while supplies last. This year we celebrate the many adventures Dana Point Harbor has to offer. We have short sleeve - shirts, long sleeve T-shirts and crewneck sweatshirts available. Stop by and check them out!



Marina Office



Summertime is a busy time for boating. The Marina at Dana Point offers guest slips to visiting boaters wishing to spend time in Dana Point Harbor. The guest slip reservation process through the marina is the only acceptable process for coming into slips in the harbor as a visiting boater. Marina tenants are not permitted to loan their slip out to clubs, visitors or friends. Your assigned slip is in connection with your vessel. Any vessel found in your assigned slip that is not named on the Wharfage Contract is an unauthorized vessel and subject to impound. This is applicable for all uses, including yacht or boat club reciprocal use. All slips assigned in the harbor are assigned by the marina. If you have someone interested in visiting, please refer them to the marina office for assistance with reserving a guest slip.

We are excited to see everyone in the harbor enjoying the sunshine summer days and warm nights. Everyday is a good day in Dana Point! Don't forget to stop by the Marina office to say hello and purchase your 2026 summer T-shirt. We always enjoy seeing you!

On the Docks



Our maintenance team is busy getting the docks and property ready for the July 4th crowds. We have a lot of dock repair work happening in east basin cove as well as work in parking lots and around the facility. They are working as hard and fast as possible with dock repair prioritized based on severity. If you see something in need of our attention, please contact the marina office and we will make sure it is on the list, (949) 496-6137.

Our marina is more than just a place to keep your boat- it's a community of neighbors who share a love for the water and the boating lifestyle. Like any neighborhood, a little courtesy and consideration go a long way in keeping our docks welcoming, safe, and enjoyable for everyone. Please always keep the dock clear and clean, be mindful of noise, respect your neighbor's space, keep pets on a leash and look out for one another. A friendly wave, a helping hand and a little consideration can make the docks a better place for everyone.

Friendly reminder that dinghies are not permitted to be left in the slip with your boat unless the LOA of the boat and dinghy is within the allowable LOA of the assigned slip. Dinghy overhang beyond the permitted LOA creates challenges for boats trying to navigate in the channel. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation.

We look forward to another fantastic boating season in Dana Point! Please reach out to the marina office if there is anything we can do to help.

Marina Revitalization

The marina revitalization project is making great progress with Phase 12 well underway and expected to open for occupancy in September. Phase 12 will bring us G31, Dock of the **Juniper** Lantern, G32, Dock of the **Cobalt** Lantern and G33, Dock of the **Coral** Lantern in the east basin island.

The phasing plan will continue to move in order with Phase 13 up next. Phase 13 includes east basin island docks A, B and C. Phase 13 is the last phase on the island and will complete by the end of the year. Temporary slip relocation letters for tenants occupying slips in Phase 13 (east basin island docks A, B & C)

will go out mid to late July with an August 31, 2026 deadline to relocate. Of course, if you are in a slip in east basin island docks A, B or C and select a slip coming into Phase 12, you will move from your current slip location directly to your new slip.

Slip selection for both Phase 12 and Phase 13 is in process and will be ongoing until the two phases are full. Slip selection is done via email and is based on seniority in the specific slip size. If you are looking to get into a slip in the east basin island and have not heard from us yet, be on the lookout for an email from us soon. Exciting times!



Bellingham is making great progress on the dock lights with testing happening now. If you notice your pedestal light changing colors or in a different shade, it is likely due to the testing process. Once everything is installed and tested, we will start to see the pedestal lights on all docks turn to their dock color for a short time each day at sunset and sunrise with special celebratory colors on holidays and special occasions. The large lanterns at the gangway of each dock will always remain lit in the dock color. We are excited to see this vision come to life!

New docks ROCK as friends and neighbors gather together to celebrate summer. High tides and good vibes come alive in daytime delight. Fireworks explode overhead in the night. A holiday delight!

BOATING CLEAN & GREEN

Celebrate a Plastic Free July with Stand up to Trash!

Stand up to Trash is hosting Yoga, Beach Cleanup and Lunch & Learn on Sunday, July 12, 2026, 8 AM to 11 AM.

The festivities begin at Baby Beach with yoga and a beach cleanup followed by a fun Lunch & Learn event featuring basket weaving. See the flyer below for more information.



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

