



THE MARINA

AT DANA POINT

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Greetings from The Marina at Dana Point!

Earlier this month we hosted a fun filled Awards Reception for participants of the 49th Annual Dana Point Harbor Boat Parade of Lights. During the event, we enjoyed great food, drinks, and company while parade winners were announced! I would like to thank all our parade participants along with Dana Point Harbor Partners for such a fantastic harbor event! We also want to thank Orange County 5th District Supervisor, Katrina Foley and Dana Point Mayor Pro Tem, John Gabbard for spending the evening with us at the Awards Reception and presenting their winners as well as Dana Point City Council Member, Mike Frost for attending. The results are in and the winners are:

Supervisor's Cup: #20 URSULA

Mayor's Cup: #99 PIGGY BANK III

Best Sailboat: #35 CLAREBUOYANT

Best Powerboat: #58 MALUHIA

Craziest Crew: #2 ENJOY

Rollercoaster of Fun: #18 MOLA MOLA

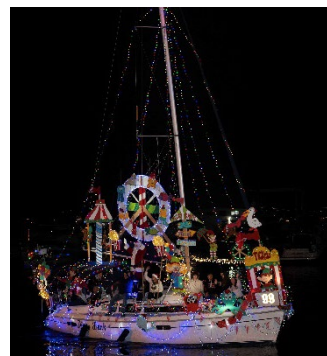
Carnival Classic: #93 BRAVEHEART

Spirited Spectacular: #33 EGE GESME

INFINITE FUN: #81 FIELD OFFICE

People's Choice: #84 SPARKS FLY

Magical Musical Runner-up: #59 WHY KNOT



Magical Musical: #97 BEACH RETREAT

Most Original Runner-up: #89 TRITEIA

Most Original: #38 DOLPHIN IN ME

Best in Theme Runner-up: #29 RUNNING WATER

Best in Theme: #9 DANA OUTRIGGER

Best Overall Runner-up: #99 PIGGY BANK III

Best Overall: #25 HEIR TIME



One more time, we want to thank all the participants. You brought the carnival to Dana Point Harbor, and it was AMAZING!

We are already looking forward to December 12, 13 & 14, 2025 for the **50th Annual Dana Point Harbor Boat Parade of Lights, Carol of the Boats Golden Jubilee!** Mark your calendar and plan to join in on the celebratory fun.



As we move into February, it is officially the height of gray whale season in Dana Point! Gray whale season extends from November through April but I have always found February and March to be prime time for seeing these magical mammals. With the early sunsets and perfectly clear and crisp days, whale spouts are easy to spot and often found in abundance just outside the mouth of the harbor this time of year.

With whale season in full swing, the 54th Annual Dana Point Festival of Whales will return for a fun-filled three-day celebration in Dana Point Harbor and surrounding on March 7, 8 & 9, 2025! In addition to the classic festival events such as the Clam Chowder Cookoff, Cardboard Classic & Dinghy Dash, and Concert on the Water, the City of Dana Point has announced the launch of the Festival of Whales Carnival. While the Festival of Whales Parade will take a hiatus in 2025, this three-day carnival at Lantern Bay Park is sure to bring excitement and joy to the community! Click [HERE](#) to check out the event lineup.



Remember...the harbor restaurants, retail and adventures are open during construction! Many are offering great Valentine's Day specials! Click [HERE](#) to check them out. Use Casitas PI to access and support our local businesses.

Marina Office



You may have noticed a nice new feature on your most recent monthly statement...we now offer a Click to Pay option which allows you to easily pay your monthly fees direct from the statement. The Click to Pay link is found at the top of the statement and takes you directly to your payment portal which will display your open invoices. If you use Click to Pay, an access code is required to enter the portal. The access code is your zip code.

The easiest way to keep your slip fees current and avoid those pesky late fees is to set up monthly autopay with the marina office. Monthly autopay is available using ACH (bank account) or credit card. Contact the marina office to get the ball rolling, (949) 496-6137.

We are often asked by marina tenants about changing vehicles and the process for being issued a replacement RFID tag. It's simple...bring the new vehicle to the marina office along with the vehicle registration. We will deactivate the old tag and issue a new one. Easy!

Our office is open daily from 8 AM to 5 PM. We are here to help with anything you need. Give us a call, send an [EMAIL](#) or stop by anytime.

On the Docks



We have had some January days filled with bright sunshine and calm seas and some just the opposite. Wintertime tends to be a slower time of year on the docks with less boater activity. With weather elements at their peak during the winter, it is important that boaters check on their boats occasionally to make sure the bilge pump is properly functioning, boat is secure in the slip, lines are in good shape, scuppers are clear, and the overall condition of the vessel is prepared for wind and rain. It is also a good idea to keep your boat locked and secure while in the slip and be sure not to leave items such as fishing poles, kayaks and paddleboards unsecured in the vessel cockpit or other areas where they may become a target for theft.

All vessels in the marina are required to be maintained and in seaworthy condition. New dock or old...it does not make a difference. If you have been putting off repairs or maintenance, now is the time to get it done. We continue to work through vessel seaworthy evaluations. As the project moves to east basin island later this year, we will begin to focus on this area.

Wi-Fi on the docks is a marina amenity managed by a third party. If you are experiencing issues with Wi-Fi service, please use the below methods for support:

New Docks

Ssid: Boater WiFi

Password: wireless

Before you call support, check the support webpage FAQ for tips and troubleshooting. Click [HERE](#) or visit <https://support.boaterwifi.net> For tenants on the new docks, use the Boater Wifi portal to get to relevant articles. Support tickets can be added via the website or you can use the following for WiFi support:

Support Phone Number: (949) 850-WIFI (9434)

Support Email Address: support@boaterwifi.net

Old Docks

Ssid: Marina WiFi

Password: gosurfing

If you are on the old docks, you can use the same email address, phone number and web address for support.

Wifi on the old docks offers limited free use with pay to use subscriptions. Access to premium WiFi on the new docks is included.

Enjoy the sunshine. We'll see you on the docks!

Marina Revitalization

Great news! We have reached the point in the marina revitalization project where we are able to continuously bring in new boats off the waitlist! We have several new 25', 26', 30' and 35' tenants coming into the harbor and will continue to offer slips to waitlist as they turn over. We are excited to see the progress and to give more boaters an opportunity to have a slip in Dana Point Harbor. It truly is a dream come true for many!



Phase 8 (west basin island) is well underway and expected to open for occupancy on April 1, 2025. Dock of the **Cardinal** Lantern is looking great as Bellingham continues to make quick progress. Marina tenants that selected a slip in Phase 8 will soon receive a letter outlining the seaworthy assessment and ground fault leakage testing requirements to be completed prior to occupying the slip. Several boats are moving directly from Phase 7.1 (west island east half of E-dock) to Phase 8. Since Phase 7.1 is next up for demolition, there is limited time to have the boat moved into the new slip. We encourage all boaters going to a slip in Phase 8 to contact the marina office and schedule the seaworthy and ground fault leakage appointment. If you wish to make an appointment, please call the marina office at (949) 496-6137. We will confirm availability and add you to the calendar on the date/time of your liking. On appointment day, you will bring your boat to the testing spot along with your shore power cord. One of our maintenance managers will meet you at the location and go through the process. In total, it takes less than 30 minutes.

If you occupy a slip on E-Dock in the west basin island, you will receive a relocation letter in mid-February. Boats in this phase will need to move to a temporary relocation no later than March 30, 2025. All temporary relocation assignments are issued by the marina and not part of the slip selection process. Temporary slip assignments are in place until a new slip is selected. Once a new slip is selected and open for occupancy, this is your permanent slip. Of course, the marina

office does maintain a slip transfer list for anyone looking to change slips to a different location. The transfer list is available to tenants in both new and old slips.

We anticipate Phase 7.1 which includes the east half of E-dock west basin will begin in April 2025 and open for occupancy in July 2025. Once Phase 7.1 is complete, the entire west basin will be finished! This is certainly something to celebrate!

By now, we have a very good idea of where all marina tenants want to end up in the newly built marina. If you have not talked to us about your preferences, please come by or call the marina office and we will be happy to talk through the project and note your slip selection preferences.

It's a beautiful thing to see the brightly lit lanterns swing. Boats sway in new docks all day while boaters laugh and play. Hooray!



Community News, Events & Education



2025 Midwinter Regatta

Attention Racers! Dana West Yacht Club is holding their Nonspin Midwinter Regatta on Saturday February 15. All sailors are welcome to compete in this casual event. Skippers can choose to race in the Beginner, Intermediate, or Advanced division. There will be a short white-board talk on Saturday morning before the race, radio communications out on the water, and the option to use your engine if need be. Join the fun! More information and registration are available [HERE](#).

**USCG AUXILIARY
FLOTILLA 6-8, DANA POINT
PUBLIC EDUCATION CLASS**



Boat America – 1 day – 8 hour class. Saturday, March 1, 8:30am to 6:00pm

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

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.

Cost: \$40

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

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

BOATING CLEAN & GREEN



Minimize Sewage Impacts

- Plan ahead for restroom stops. Always use on-shore restrooms when docked and before casting off.
- Boats without toilets – use a portable toilet on board your vessel and empty at a dump station or at home.

Any boat with an installed toilet must have a Coast Guard approved Marine Sanitation Device (MSD). There are 3 types of MSDs. A type 1 or 2 pretreats sewage before discharge overboard (require treatment chemicals). Type 3 uses a holding tank that must be discharged at a pumpout facility. With a type 3 MSD, the waste is treated like at home, either at a sewage treatment facility or in a septic system.

- **It is illegal to discharge raw sewage into any of California's lakes, rivers, reservoirs, or coastal waters within three miles of shore.**
- State law prohibits dumping any treated or untreated human waste in a marina, yacht harbor, freshwater lake, reservoir, or freshwater impoundment, No Discharge Zones, rivers that don't support interstate traffic, and water sanctuaries. If you operate in these waters, your type I or II MSD must be connected to a holding tank or secured to prevent all sewage discharges.
- Always use a Pumpout facility to empty holding tanks.
- Avoid holding tank disinfectants and deodorizers that contain chlorine compounds (including sodium hypochlorite), formaldehyde, para-formaldehyde, ammonium compounds, glutaraldehyde, para-dichlorobenzene, or antimicrobials (such as Dowicil or Bronopol). It only takes one-tenth of a part per million of chlorine to harm or kill aquatic organisms in the vicinity of discharge.
- Use enzyme and bio-active treatments to break down solids and reduce odor. These are biodegradable and less toxic.

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
