



THE MARINA

AT DANA POINT

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Happy Holidays from The Marina at Dana Point!

It has been a beautiful and bustling holiday season! It is so joyous to see so many people enjoying the holiday lights and spectacular nights in Dana Point Harbor. Everything is exceptionally festive and tons of fun this time of year. It is a great time to bundle up, grab a hot cocoa and stroll with friends and family...straight out of a Hallmark movie!

If you were in Dana Point Harbor for the 49th Annual Boat Parade of Lights, you know that it was incredible! Our parade participants put on a spectacular show complete with carousels, Ferris Wheels, big tops, dancing clowns, popcorn, cotton candy and SO much festive fun! They took us to Santa's Seaside Carnival, and it was a wild ride of delight. We want to extend a sincere THANK YOU to all of our parade participants for taking time out of their busy holiday schedules to put on the GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH! Thousands of smiling onlookers felt every bit of your energy and festive cheer as you made your way around the harbor. Winners will be announced and over \$10,000 in cash prizes will be awarded at our Parade Participant Awards Reception on January 8th. Keep an eye on your inbox for results and be sure to vote for your top pick in the People's Choice category by following Dana Point Harbor on Facebook and Instagram. Voting will begin on Friday, December 23rd!



A new year is around the corner! It is crazy how quickly time flies. As we look to 2025, we look forward to beautiful days filled with boating, sunshine, family and friends. We are excited to continue with the ongoing marina revitalization project with much of the east basin island to be completed by the end of 2025. Exciting news on the commercial core revitalization with the new parking structure due to open in mid-2025 as they move into the next phase of the project.

Construction of the two new hotels is due to begin in 2025. Monumental happenings on the revitalization side in combination with incredible boating memories and harbor fun are sure to make for a fantastic year ahead!

We wish you Happy Holidays and thank you for being part of The Marina at Dana Point!



Marina Office



Our office is cheerful any time of year, but we are particularly joyous during the holidays. The customer service team has been singing their hearts out from Frosty the Snowman to Joy to the World and All I Want for Christmas is You. Stop by anytime for holiday cheer!

Please note that our office will close at 12 PM on 12/24/2024 and 12/31/2024 and we will be closed all day on 12/25/2024 and 01/01/2025.

Outside of the above, our office is open daily (including Saturday and Sunday) 8 AM to 5 PM. Please stop by, give us a call or send an [EMAIL](#) with questions or if there is anything we can help you with. We always enjoy hearing from you!

There are still a ton of holiday events and activities happening in Dana Point Harbor over the next two weeks including holiday lights, the Giving Machine, Holiday Modern Makers Mart and the Hanukkah Lighting. Click [HERE](#) for all the information and details!

On the Docks



Our maintenance team regularly walks docks and landside facilities to ensure things are in good order. During the walk, they test lights, check dock main walkways and fingers, check restrooms and check boats, slips and vacancy. During these walks, we often find items in vacant slips or on the dock fingers or walkways. This is problematic for many reasons. We ask you to please refrain from putting boats, dinghies and other items in slips you perceive to be vacant. We also ask that you please not leave items on dock fingers or main walkways. The idea is for the fingers and walkways to be clear of any items and for the dock areas to be tidy and nice for all to use. It has been written here and repeated many times. We really appreciate your ongoing cooperation.

We have new tenants coming into the marina regularly and will continue to bring new boats off the slip waiting list. There is nothing more fun than a new neighbor! Between boats being relocated for upcoming project phases and new boats coming into the harbor off the waitlist, you are sure to make many new friends!

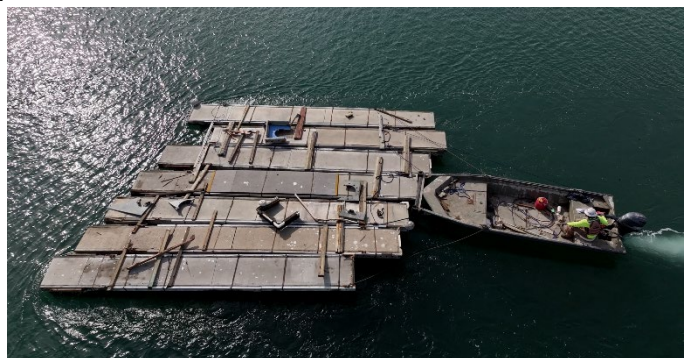
As we close out the year, we want to make sure everything is in order out there. If you have any feedback or see anything in need of our attention, please call the marina office and we will address it right away.

We always look forward to seeing you on the docks!

Marina Revitalization

Bellingham is making great progress as they continue with Phase 8 in the west basin island. We anticipate Phase 8, Dock of the **Crimson** Lantern, will open late March 2025. Phase 8 slip selection is underway!

Once Phase 8 is complete, we move to the second half of E-dock west basin island. This final phase of the west basin is expected to complete in June/July 2025 then we move to east basin island.



Time is flying and progress is fantastic. The docks look great! Hard to believe it has been another full year of marina revitalization. Working with Bellingham Marine has been a lot of fun which you would never expect when in the middle of a project as massive as this one. They make it easy and we really appreciate all the energy Tom and his team put into each day out there. We love the end result and all the positive feedback from our tenants occupying new slips.

If you are not in a new slip yet, it won't be long now! Until then, please come by the marina office if you would like to take a walk on the new docks or review your seniority status for slip selection.

Lanterns shine at holiday time. Full moon splendor over the water. Boats decorated with glee reflect on the night's still sea. There is a chill in the air. Hearts filled with cheer. There is nothing better than celebrating the season on the water!



BOATING CLEAN & GREEN

Hazardous Waste Disposal

It is illegal to throw hazardous waste (fuel, paints, solvents, cleaning products) in the dumpster. In CA, oil and oil-soaked absorbents are hazardous wastes.

Lead acid batteries: many retailers will accept your old battery for recycling.

Antifreeze: Segregate antifreeze from other wastes for recycling.

Zincs: Take them to a scrap metal recycler. Some will pay you for old zinc anodes.

The Marina at Dana Point maintains two boater recycling centers that accept used oil, used bilge pads, antifreeze and oil filters. We also provide FREE bilge pads upon request in the marina office. Recycling centers are available for use during business hours, 8 AM to 5 PM daily and are located in the east basin island boater lot and west basin cove boater lot.

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. Wishing you Happy holidays ahead and a happy, healthy and prosperous 2025!



Happy Boating,

Kelly Rinderknecht
