



Saturday, February 10, 2024

Boaters Liaison Submission Form

Dana Point Boaters Association Boater Liaison Submission Form

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PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR STAKE IN THE HARBOR:

Stake in the harbor:

Boat in a slip - West Marina

Human-powered craft (kayak, paddle board, etc.)

General Harbor Use (dining, shopping, walking, dog walker, jogger, etc.)

PLEASE RAISE MY ISSUE/QUESTION WITH:

Share with the following:

Marina at Dana Point (Marina Operator)

DPHP - (Dana Point Harbor Partners)

OC BOS (County Board of Supervisors)

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ISSUE/QUESTION YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED OR ANSWERED:

Description:

Marina bathrooms are dangerous for slip and fall accidents. My wife had one around a year ago in the bathrooms below Dana West yacht club. When try the floors, feel tacky underfoot, which is awesome. However, when wet there are extremely slippery, there's a slope in that woman's restroom outside the stall door, where she slipped in injured, her hip took many weeks and treatments to fully recover. We reported to the Marina at DP office simply to inform. However there is still a serious issue. Recently I slipped in the men's restroom from the same cause. As well the cleaning solution remains on our tennis shoes and with a damp steep D-dock ramp during high tide I slipped but caught myself with out injury. We should hate to see the redevelopment of the marina hampered by additional lawsuits. No amount of money is worth an injury rehab and potentially permanent pain and suffering. Theirs clearly no true concern or consideration for boaters from the Marina at DP. It's truly sad knowing in the past our marina management would have definitely seen this types of issues thru.

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Boat in a slip - East Marina

PLEASE RAISE MY ISSUE/QUESTION WITH:

Share with the following:

Slip Renter

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ISSUE/QUESTION YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED OR ANSWERED:

Description:

Hi The East Basin is a non boater design. Only 3 ramps for over approximately 600 boats. Going to have 3 drop stations to drop your stuff off and then drive to the high rise to park your car, walk back to the high rise and pick your car up and drive back to the drop off ramps. How does that make it safe and time efficient to come down to use your boat for an afternoon or on a Fourth of July, Christmas parades, other holiday's. Can you imagine the added cost for boat mechanics, boat washers and bottom cleaners. Just the logistics' makes no sense for once a very easy to use Harbor. (East Basin)

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Marina at Dana Point (Marina Operator)

DPHP - (Dana Point Harbor Partners)

OC BOS (County Board of Supervisors)

Harbor Patrol (Orange County Sheriff's Department)

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ISSUE/QUESTION YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED OR ANSWERED:

Description:

Besides the illegal rate increases, the access to friends of the boaters is gone. There is a program for a single day permit but even after bringing my phone to the marina office for them to program and instruct me on the use, they could not make it work. Boater security is not the issue. The issue is providing a means for the marina company to make money on parking. There is no concern by the company to make the boater experience better.

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Stake in the harbor:

Boat on trailer - Other

General Harbor Use (dining, shopping, walking, dog walker, jogger, etc.)

PLEASE RAISE MY ISSUE/QUESTION WITH:

Share with the following:

Marina at Dana Point (Marina Operator)

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ISSUE/QUESTION YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED OR ANSWERED:

Description:

Please return the launch ramp parking spots in compliance with the law.

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Stake in the harbor:

Boat in a slip - West Marina

Trailer at Embarcadero

PLEASE RAISE MY ISSUE/QUESTION WITH:

Share with the following:

At this time only the boaters association

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ISSUE/QUESTION YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED OR ANSWERED:

Description:

Hi, my boat is in a slip, and its trailer has been in dry storage at the Embarcadero for a few years. I get a discount on the trailer storage as long as my boat is in a slip.

I just learned today that due to the parking structure construction, my trailer needs to be relocated within 30 days. They were kind (?) enough to offer a referral to another space outside the harbor at more than triple the rate I'm paying now.

Is all of this legit, especially with that short time frame in which to relocate?

Thanks

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Wednesday, March 20, 2024

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Stake in the harbor:

Boat on trailer - Other

PLEASE RAISE MY ISSUE/QUESTION WITH:

Share with the following:

Embarcadero at Dana Point (Embarcadero Operator)

DPHP - (Dana Point Harbor Partners)

OC BOS (County Board of Supervisors)

Landside Operations (DPHP, OC PARKS, OC BOS)

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ISSUE/QUESTION YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED OR ANSWERED:

Description:

All of the tenants in the dry storage area just received a rent adjustment letter. I don't mind a reasonable adjustment but, a 50% increase in one fell swoop? I just don't see how this is justified. DPHP is a greedy, uncaring outfit. I hope the Orange County Board of Supervisors has a bail out clause with these crooks.

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Stake in the harbor:

Boat in a slip - East Marina

PLEASE RAISE MY ISSUE/QUESTION WITH:

Share with the following:

See below

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ISSUE/QUESTION YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED OR ANSWERED:

Description:

Just interesting that the statement dates to be on the 26th of the month and rent due on the first. Even much shorter than this trend on shortening the billing cycle on credit cards. Seems to encourage late fees. I asked and was told that rent is due even without a statement, that is just a courtesy. The problem will be with the plan now to charge for utilities and things so the total charge cannot be known in advance.

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Stake in the harbor:

Boat in a slip - West Marina

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Share with the following:

Marina at Dana Point (Marina Operator)

Waterside Operations (Marina Operations, OC Harbor Patrol)

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ISSUE/QUESTION YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED OR ANSWERED:

Description:

The moment I saw that work started on the parking structure I knew a slip rate increase was imminent. Obviously DPHP does not have the financial means nor financing in place for this project so the financial burden has once again been put on the sliprenters.

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PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR STAKE IN THE HARBOR:

Stake in the harbor:

Former slip renter until the County sold us out to pirates.

PLEASE RAISE MY ISSUE/QUESTION WITH:

Share with the following:

OC BOS (County Board of Supervisors)

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ISSUE/QUESTION YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED OR ANSWERED:

Description:

So frustrating to read these updates on what Mr. Uberoth and DPHP is doing to the harbor. I went to many of the meetings and listened to Lisa Bartlett tell us how OC would not allow DPHP to turn us into another Newport Beach Harbor with exorbitant slip fees. She told us how she grew up in DP and the vision was to upgrade the facility because the boaters who had been paying for so long without any improvements deserved it. The once friendly small harbor has turned into a money grab for a few elites. Glad I bailed out when I did. In my opinion the board of supervisors are not honest people if they let DPHP get away with this.

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Stake in the harbor:

Boat in a slip - East Marina

Boat in a slip - West Marina

Wait-list

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Marina at Dana Point (Marina Operator)

DPHP - (Dana Point Harbor Partners)

OC BOS (County Board of Supervisors)

Waterside Operations (Marina Operations, OC Harbor Patrol)

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ISSUE/QUESTION YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED OR ANSWERED:

Description:

Hi,

Just a quick thought on boat slip fee arguments.

While I like the argument of the public trust doctrine and the language "benefit of the people of California", there actually seems to be a logical inconsistency with the way the residency data is presented by the Marina.

The actual test of whether or not Dana Point slips are overpriced is not reviewing where the current Tenants reside but is rather reviewing if any Tenants in Oceanside, San Diego, and Long Beach reside in Orange County. For instance, if it could be shown that some percentage of Oceanside Tenants actually live in South Orange County, that would be evidence that rates are too high in Dana Point, resulting in economic displacement of local boaters. The fact that no one is traveling from Oceanside to have their boat in Dana Point is evidence that rates are high, not that rates are low.

Just food for thought.

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Share with the following:

Marina at Dana Point (Marina Operator)

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ISSUE/QUESTION YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED OR ANSWERED:

Description:

We're a middle-class family that enjoys boating. I've been on boats for over 45 years. Currently, we lease a 45-foot slip in Dana Point. While the monthly fees are steep, we manage to budget for them among our family expenses. Although I must admit, it's very difficult with kids in college.

However, if you continue to raise the slip fees according to your proposed 5-year plan, I'll likely be priced out of boating altogether and forced to sell my boat. This essentially excludes the middle class from enjoying boating. It feels like nothing but greed! Only the wealthy will afford boat slips, which isn't fair. Last I checked, you don't own the Pacific Ocean.

I'm deeply disappointed that you'd push out the middle class, especially considering you've already alienated those who can't afford the current prices.

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Boat in a slip - West Marina

PLEASE RAISE MY ISSUE/QUESTION WITH:

Share with the following:

Marina at Dana Point (Marina Operator)

DPHP - (Dana Point Harbor Partners)

Supervisor Foley

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ISSUE/QUESTION YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED OR ANSWERED:

Description:

The waiting list of 2000 people is not a realistic number. About 3 years ago I had my eye on an end tie as I knew the tenant at that time had sold his boat. When I went to the marina office I was told that there were more than 50 people ahead of me for that size end tie. I put my name on the list anyway as I was ready to move in. I received a call 3 days later that I could have that slip. The marina had called all the people ahead of me and nobody was ready (didnt have a boat yet, bought an RV instead, daughter got married and can't afford a boat now etc....)

By that metric you can divide that number of 2000 by 50 and you have 100 serious potential tenants. I challenge DPHP to call the 100 first people on that list and tell them they can possibly have a slip in a couple of months, just as a test. I guarantee they wont have more than 5 people that will take them up on that!!! That will give us a realistic number of what the size of the waiting list really is.

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DPHP - (Dana Point Harbor Partners)

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ISSUE/QUESTION YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED OR ANSWERED:

Description:

I am a live aboard and pay \$700.00 a month live aboard fee (40%) while the new rate increase it will go to over \$800.00 I live alone on a 47 ft sail boat my stove is propane could you get them to explain how I am using \$700.00 of water and electricity per month I would be happy to put a meter on the water and electricity and pay for what I use otherwise I consider this to be just gouging me because they can this would be criminal if a land lord did this to a renter of an apartment thanks would appreciate your feed back

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Stake in the harbor:

Boat in a slip - West Marina

2nd boat in West Basin

PLEASE RAISE MY ISSUE/QUESTION WITH:

Share with the following:

DPHP - (Dana Point Harbor Partners)

OC BOS (County Board of Supervisors)

OC Parks (Park Areas, Sailing Events Center)

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ISSUE/QUESTION YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED OR ANSWERED:

Description:

DPHP (and the County of Orange) hit us over the head with the previous massive increase in slip fees. Many boat owners concluded they could no longer afford to keep a boat in Dana Point and have left. After reviewing the 5-year plan for rate increases, I too must face the reality that I will no longer be able to afford a boat in this harbor. Allowing rate increases that tie to average CPI seems reasonable. Allowing annual increases in excess of 10% is not. This harbor is a public-owned recreational resource that should remain affordable to OC residents! Unless there is some sanity applied to limit these outrageous increases, I too will need sell my boat and say goodbye to this special place.

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PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR STAKE IN THE HARBOR:

Stake in the harbor:

former slip holder for over 15 years until forced out by wicked slip rent increase

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Share with the following:

OC BOS (County Board of Supervisors)

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ISSUE/QUESTION YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED OR ANSWERED:

Description:

Well, it's pretty disingenuous to say that the county didn't have regular slip fee increases and kept rates at artificially low rates. Dana Point Harbor rates were always higher or at least in line with the rates in Alamitos Bay, Hunting Harbor, Oceanside, Shoreline and most San Diego Marinas. They were of course lower than the rip off rates of the private marinas in Newport Beach. It's untruthful to say they were "artificially low". Anyone who reviews the historical slip fees in Dana Point Marina will clearly see they went up on a regular basis so it is untruthful to say they didn't. I think my slip fee was around \$330/ month when I first started and ended up being \$630 when I was forced out by DPHP raising the rate to \$830. Supervisor Foely should live a proper life and not fabricate information to support the pirates who currently run the harbor.

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OC BOS (County Board of Supervisors)

Waterside Operations (Marina Operations, OC Harbor Patrol)

OC Parks (Park Areas, Sailing Events Center)

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ISSUE/QUESTION YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED OR ANSWERED:

Description:

Why is the county allowing Dana point Harbor partners to destroy our marina? The docks Definitely needed improvement. The rest of the Harbor should remain a small quaint atmosphere. We are not Newport Beach. I spent 15 years there because of the outrageous great charge and things that they did. Please don't let them destroy our Harbor.

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Name (First, Last):

[Redacted]

E-mail:

[Redacted]

Phone:

[Redacted]

Remain anonymous?

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PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR STAKE IN THE HARBOR:

Stake in the harbor:

Boat in a slip - East Marina

PLEASE RAISE MY ISSUE/QUESTION WITH:

Share with the following:

DPHP - (Dana Point Harbor Partners)

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ISSUE/QUESTION YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED OR ANSWERED:

Description:

Hello,

I have not chimed in for some time now due to the many legal referenced MOU's I sent to OC legislators outlining (before it happened) what did, has an will keep happening since the Tidelands Trust Act has been ignored and the harbor given to a 3rd party actually, a 4th party when the original assignments was from the #1 State to #2 OC County to #3 a manager/Parks and Rec. to now a private developer.

I suggest as I have always suggested is to send the complaints to the State legislators and or the Coastal Commission. The Tidelands Trust is very clear,, and the other aspect is where it the Tidelands Trust Act funds that were appropriated for the task of maintaining the harbor.

It is useless to deal with the OC legislation since Bellingham (in my opinion from a Developers perspective) is in bed with them, They, Bellingham, just took over a large portion, if not all of Newport Harbor. JUST HAPPENED!!! The disregard for the slip holders there, are now experiencing the same tactics we are dealing with. NO REPRESENTATION.

This is about revenue;;; OC property tax;;; and not considering the owners of the Tidelands Trust Act THE USERS OF THE HARBOR. We are the real trustees and we should do some FOYA requests to see behind the scenes. Bellingham followed the Newport Harbor Master to Dana Point/OC where she is now, I believe. I entered the search for that position she now occupies,, and the effort revealed much of how Dana Point is now to become a sister harbor to New port Harbor.

They know the higher the slip rate is equal to the ones who will move out, bringing in a selection process, by Bellingham, of higher valued vessels to raise property tax revenue.

Just my bloviating!!

[REDACTED]

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Monday, June 3, 2024

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Marina at Dana Point (Marina Operator)

Embarcadero at Dana Point (Embarcadero Operator)

DPHP - (Dana Point Harbor Partners)

OC BOS (County Board of Supervisors)

Harbor Patrol (Orange County Sheriff's Department)

Landside Operations (DPHP, OC PARKS, OC BOS)

Waterside Operations (Marina Operations, OC Harbor Patrol)

OC Parks (Park Areas, Sailing Events Center)

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ISSUE/QUESTION YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED OR ANSWERED:

Description:

The boats in the marina are the reason for hotels and restaurants. The slip rental has nearly doubled in the last few years. This excessive rent has caused me to seriously consider relocating to a different marina. I have had a boat in Dana Point for 25 years. I have a circle of friends that I cannot relocate as well as adjacency to my home.

The access gates have been cut in half and the new programs for parking access don't work on my phone. Restaurants have left and yacht clubs are struggling. There is no way that I want to see new hotels built or considered until slip rents are first addressed.

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Wednesday, June 5, 2024

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Boat in a slip - East Marina

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PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ISSUE/QUESTION YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED OR ANSWERED:

Description:

05 June 2024

Donald P. Wagner

400 W Civic Center Drive
Santa Ana CA 92701

Dear Supervisor Wagner:

We are boaters renting a slip in Dana Point harbor for over 40 years. When the conglomerate known as Dana Point Harbor Partners acquired the lease allowing them to manage and develop the harbor it was represented that they were self funded and would be able to proceed with renovation and revitalization of this important part of the Dana Point community. It was acknowledged that the previous management of the harbor had failed to maintain and repair the facilities or to adequately provide funds for deferred maintenance. We were assured that there was a timetable for the improvements and that the costs would not be borne by the boater tenants. The timetable was an epic fail (it is understood that the pandemic and failure to receive timely approvals from government entities impacted the project) and allowed the County to break the lease but they chose not to. It subsequently became obvious that the cash the Partners purported to have did not exist.

I am not sure when in 2018 the "Partners" took over but there was a slip rate increase of 2.8% in late 2018.

The "first" slip rate increase by the Partners disguised as an "adjustment" in January of 2019 resulted in increased slip fees for the majority of boats in the harbor. Dana West boaters were previously charged based on the slip length and boats were permitted to occupy a designated slip "size" with an allowable 3 foot overhang. While it has been common practice for marinas to charge a per foot rate based on the greater of slip length or vessel LOA (as described by the manufacturer, e.g. Cal 29), DPHP chose to measure each boat in the harbor from the furthest point forward, e.g. anchor, to furthest point aft, e.g. swim step. On our boat this resulted in an increase from 26 feet to 31 feet as measured by DPHP staff, an increase in our slip payment of 19%. Many of our boat neighbors disputed the accuracy of the measurement and upon protest and re-measuring rates were adjusted lower. In fact, we requested re-measurement in September of 2022 and our rate was changed by half a foot. No compensation was offered for the two and a half years of "overcharge".

DPHP claims that this "adjustment" to fees was not an increase and that they, therefore, did not increase slip fees from the time they were given the lease until the first "official" slip fee increase that was imposed in 2021.

That increase was 26% for our boat. For some boats, this increase was near 100%. Despite a lawsuit and considerable protestation DPHP has steadfastly refused to perform desperately needed maintenance of the "old" slips while relocating boats to the "new" slips with fewer amenities (no dock boxes) and increased costs (water and electricity). Now they have increased our slip fee another 6.5% effective June 1 while temporarily relocating us to a less desirable and more debilitated dock.

Several supervisor meetings about estoppels and other terms I am not familiar with indicate that the partners are repeatedly seeking funding. Have those searches proved successful? It would seem not and a recent quote ascribed to Mr Ueberroth indicates that the burden of costs to complete the project will be on the boaters. Is that a fact?

I may have a fundamental misunderstanding about the purpose of an "oversight" committee. Can you explain the purpose of this committee as regards DPHP's management of the harbor, please?

It seems that Mr Ueberroth's vision of market price is closely related to the principle that if anyone will pay more for a product or service, it has not yet reached "market" price. If you apply this theory to housing you might find the county further inundated with homeless. Is this the direction we should go with a "public" harbor?

As for the dock box issue, DPHP has presented that dock boxes are not desirable and are a threat to the environment as boaters tend to store hazardous materials within. Storage of hazardous materials has long been prohibited by marina slip rental agreements. Responsible boaters obey the rules. Attached is an inventory of the contents of a dock box that our boat neighbors have shared for years. Our personal dock box also houses chamois, windex, simple green, boat brushes, umbrellas, tools and buckets. In the 2023 Slip Guide to Pacific Coast Marinas, 89 of 113 Southern California marinas specifically identify dock boxes as a feature. Bair Isand Marina promotes their value in offering:

Berth Features

95 prime boat slips and end-ties from 30' to 75'

- Bellingham concrete docks for ease of boarding
- Ultra-high-speed internet & cable
- 30 and 50 amp power outlets
- Spacious dock boxes
- Complimentary dock carts available
- Kayak and stand up paddleboard storage

Why the Dana Point Harbor Partners has elected to remove dock boxes as a boater amenity seems only to be in the interest of charging more fees for dock "lockers" that can be rented by boaters (and are, to date, not available). More revenue for them, less convenience for us. The pattern is fairly clear. It's obvious that the intent of the County to have a publicly available harbor for ordinary people is a farce. I think DPHP would love to have a marina full of big expensive boats with owners who use their boats to impress their friends and customers during boat parades and otherwise don't need parking, access, or amenities to perform maintenance and enjoy the boating culture. Is this also what the County wants for Dana Point?

We cherished the opportunity that the Dana Point public harbor afforded us to enjoy the boating lifestyle without a Newport Beach income. We sincerely regret its loss.

cc: Dana Point Boaters Association; Katrina Foley; [REDACTED] Andrew Do

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Marina at Dana Point (Marina Operator)

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ISSUE/QUESTION YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED OR ANSWERED:

Description:

About 20-30 slip tenants and their cars were locked in the West basin parking lot from about 7:30PM to 8:45PM last night 6/6/24. The exit gate would not open. The response time by security was over an hour! I have photos if you want them. Again I need to remain anonymous. Thanks

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Monday, June 10, 2024

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OC BOS (County Board of Supervisors)

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Description:

In your letter to supervisor slip rates it would have been impactful if you showed both of the exorbitant two slip increased that the Harbor partners made on a chart so the supervisors can see what has happened already not just what is going to happen per the 5 year plan which only included the most recent rent increase.

Also I observed to my dismay that the Harbor partners closed off pedestrian access to the launching ramp. They did so with a sign and block wall to the pedestrian entrance from the public parking lot.

This had the effect of reducing boater/tenant access to the launching ramp. Many boater tenants have tenders. To launch or retrieve them they have to walk back and forth between their boat and the launch

ramp. By Harbor partners closing off the pedestrian access they are requiring boater tenants to walk around to Dana Point Harbor drive making the walk much longer.

They don't care about the tenant or restricting access to this important boater amenity.

Further it was observed that they put up solar powered kiosk to charge boaters for water to rinse their boats and reduced the available parking for boaters launching their boats (marking the dry storage area as over flow parking) behind newly installed barbwire topped gates.

I don't recall seeing other county launching ramps locked down and signs prohibiting public access. How can they lock down public land and prevent public pedestrian access? Did the coastal commission approve this reduction of public access? I suggest taking a photos of the sign at the entrance prohibiting public access.

I would request that they open back up the pedestrian access from the public parking area so that boater tenants can access the launch ramp without having to walk around. Again please do not release my name I need to remain anonymous. Thanks

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prior 30 yr boater - left Dp harbor June 2023

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DPHP - (Dana Point Harbor Partners)

OC BOS (County Board of Supervisors)

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ISSUE/QUESTION YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED OR ANSWERED:

Description:

Nothing to address or answer. We departed DP marina after 30 yr. slip/boat owner due to "writing on the wall" - June 2023.

It's obvious for everyone to see - BIG MONEY Interests control POLITICAL CLIMATE and will do whatever they wish. THEY DON'T CARE and WILL NOT BE HELD to prior AGREEMENTS.

The little gem of the past 30 yrs.. sleepy, quaint "Dana Pt Harbor" is TOAST. Welcome Big Money interests from Newport Beach. How sad and typical for today's monetarist society.

Great job OC Supervisors! Well Done! You suck!

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Stake in the harbor:

Wait-list

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OC BOS (County Board of Supervisors)

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Description:

<https://www.smharbor.com/files/5c8e2cbee/Bid+Advisory+-+Bellingham+Marine+Industries+Inc+-+FFC+Case+No.+1217SJ.pdf>

Recently learned about a lawsuit involving Bellingham marine industries here in Orange County regarding wage theft. Furthermore, San Mateo county harbor district was recently guided by the FFA to refuse "low ball bidder" Bellingham due to illegitimate financial promises etc. court case in orange with judge Randall Sherman

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Harbor Patrol (Orange County Sheriff's Department)

Waterside Operations (Marina Operations, OC Harbor Patrol)

OC Parks (Park Areas, Sailing Events Center)

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ISSUE/QUESTION YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED OR ANSWERED:

Description:

Why are boatowners paying ever increasing slips fees not allowed to have guest parking for the 4th of July? No Barbecues no parking for guests but ONE HALF THE PARKING LOT IS REPAINTED TO DESIGNATE PARKING FOR WARF PARKING? Increasing slip fees and decreasing access. Who is responsible for this outrage?

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Whoever

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Description:

On the point that revenue is down, just noting that is during and after slip fee increases, so the increases fail to keep up with decreasing boaters. On the point that most people left because of rent increases, probably also anticipation of the demolishing of more relaxed friendly docks in favor of ones with no deckboxes and restrictive policies. Also apparently planned big brother monitoring of all gates, power consumption, and everything else.

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DPHP - (Dana Point Harbor Partners)

OC BOS (County Board of Supervisors)

OC Real Estate (County CEO Real Estate)

Harbor Patrol (Orange County Sheriff's Department)

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ISSUE/QUESTION YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED OR ANSWERED:

Description:

pre qualified means you have the money (they lied)

small and micro busseness laws state that developments need to give oppertunity to said bussiness
time to kick the greedy trust fund babies out
pay for construction so far and put the harbor back into public trust

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OC BOS (County Board of Supervisors)

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Description:

Just got your email about [REDACTED] [REDACTED] In October 2021 when they first raised the fees our rate went up by 96% equal to the 60 ft rate. Their reasoning seemed to be that [REDACTED] were taking up a 60 dock so we should pay the 60ft rate. Well now I am on the "only" 38 ft end tie in the entire new harbor. Still paying the 60 ft rate!!!! How can they justify this???? I have already told them one more increase and will probably be kicked from boating. I must be on an end or side tie. I say good luck to them finding a mono hull boat willing to pay double when they don't have to!!!!

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Left for another marina because if rate hike

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The Marina at Dana Point (Marina Operator)

DPHP - (Dana Point Harbor Partners)

OC BOS (County Board of Supervisors)

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ISSUE/QUESTION YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED OR ANSWERED:

Description:

Greed has its consequences. You arrogantly spit in the face off long term loyal slip renters. You mislead us and then told us we had it good for too long. The County sold out to developers and this is what you get. Of course the pirates are still wealthy and I'm sure couldn't care less.

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Description:

Please see article in the Orange County Business Journal on July 29, 2024 titled "Newport Harbor is Backyard for OC's Wealthiest". The article states that Newport Harbor is one of the most expensive places to dock in the US. Obviously, the use of private NB marina slip prices as a comparable is unfair and inappropriate when setting prices for a small public-owned marina such as DP.

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County

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ISSUE/QUESTION YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED OR ANSWERED:

Description:

Back when Dana West ran the west basin we were required to pay a refundable \$50 deposit for a key. I assume when the current operator acquired the lease they also inherited the obligations. With the new slips having rfid access the keys of course became irrelevant. Just curious—has anyone ever received a refund of their key deposit? \$50 times a couple thousand keys is a pretty big chunk of change.

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Stake in the harbor:

Boat in a slip - West Marina

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Description:

This may be a fact you already know.

I learned that the original funding (few years ago) from QBE bank fell through and the County Board of Supervisors gave the harbor partners a \$250 million loan so they could get the project going. So we are the bank and get to pay the higher fees?

On another note, some of us replaced the lightbulbs in our pedestals (new docks) with colored light bulbs to add some individuality. Our lightbulbs were removed and discarded (brand new - \$20) and no warning or comment was given. Upon inquiring within the office I got the usual - we don't know about that - yes you can't do that - they got thrown away and finally they are supposed to put colored ones in themselves, so that can change the colors for x-mas. Basically they lied.

It's a small thing but it rubbed as all the wrong way and certainly did to help our distance against the

harbor management.

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OC BOS (County Board of Supervisors)

Harbor Patrol (Orange County Sheriff's Department)

Waterside Operations (Marina Operations, OC Harbor Patrol)

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ISSUE/QUESTION YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED OR ANSWERED:

Description:

The slips of Forest Lantern dock (adjacent to the old docks current demo being demoed) has excessive debris. In the slips causing potential damage to boats and marine life.

I have pictures showing this serious violations of
Clean Water Act. ...
Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act. ...
Clean Boating Act. ...
Marine Debris Research, Prevention and Reduction Act. ...
Coastal Zone Management Act. ...
and Shore Protection Act.

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OC BOS (County Board of Supervisors)

OC Parks (Park Areas, Sailing Events Center)

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Description:

Aside from the excessive rent increase, the total rent is more than twice the rent for non private marinas. The new marina design cuts the number of entrances into the boater parking lots in half. The on line computer pass is inaccessible with my cell phone as even the marina staff couldn't make it work. The paper pass given to me at the office couldn't be accessed without contacting the parking management company. The number of gangways in the recently completed north side of the island has gone from 5 to

1. The marina was federally funded but given to DPHP at no cost. The future plan will allow for no yacht clubs, no restaurants, and no parking for boaters. I am leaving this harbor after 25 years as soon as my name comes up on the waitlist.

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OC Real Estate (County CEO Real Estate)

Waterside Operations (Marina Operations, OC Harbor Patrol)

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Description:

The Dana point Harbor partners claim to base their slip rates on an average of Southern California Marinas. My neighbor has a 35 foot slip in Santa Barbara and he pays \$400 a month. I looked up Santa Barbara slip rates on the Internet and they charge \$5.80 a foot. Does that seem like a very good average to

me.

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Description:

When the original study was done, they did not take into account the different amenities at each marina. For example, some of the marinas have community meeting rooms, gyms, secured parking, etc. Also only looking at Orange County skews the results upward because there are only 3 marina areas in OC with 90 in Newport Beach. Hello, the average will be skewed too high.

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Human-powered craft (kayak, paddle board, etc.)

General Harbor Use (dining, shopping, walking, dog walker, jogger, etc.)

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Description:

So yet another rate increase with out prior notice, or justification as why once again we are paying for the "improvements" thru more increase in our slip fees . When will this stop ? Do we have to pay for everything because their finances are bad ? Who is getting all of this money

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