

THE MARINA *at* DANA POINT

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Greetings from The Marina at Dana Point!

2024 has been a magical year so far as many boaters were blessed to encounter a pod of Eastern Tropical Pacific Orcas within miles of Dana Point Harbor during the last week of December and throughout January. A rare sight to see, these Killer Whales are graceful in their movement and delightfully curious as they approach boats, surf wake, and navigate around and under whale watching vessels small and large alike. Thanks to Dana Wharf Sportfishing for the invitation, I was lucky to get a glimpse of the visiting Orcas on a



beautiful January afternoon when the sun was shining, and the sea was calm. We were about 10 miles southwest of Dana Point Harbor when we encountered the pod along with several Dana Point Harbor boaters out there enjoying this incredible experience and setting the tone for a great year to come! The Orcas are still here and, as a matter of fact, just outside the harbor as I type...hopefully you have had or will soon have an opportunity to get out there and pay them a visit!



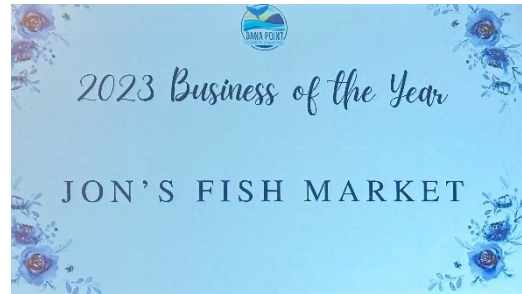
Speaking of whales...it is time to mark your calendar and **SAVE THE DATE** for the 53rd Annual Festival of Whales taking place in Dana Point Harbor March 1st through March 3rd. The Festival of Whales is an annual Dana Point tradition celebrating the magical gray whale migration right here in the DOLPHIN & WHALE WATCHING CAPITAL OF THE WORLD! Featuring a Friday night kickoff event, Magical Migration Parade, Clam Chowder Cookoff, Whale of a Concert on the Water and many more fun events, the Dana Point Festival of Whales offers something for everyone! Save the date and plan to join in on all the fun in March!

Since your calendar is open and you are saving dates, we encourage you to turn the page to April 20th and note a **SAVE THE DATE for The Marina at Dana Point's First Annual Maritime Swap Meet!** A place for boaters to buy and sell treasures, the Maritime Swap Meet is sure to have something for everyone. More

information to come in next month's newsletter as we begin planning. If you have any thoughts or ideas, please send me an [EMAIL](#) and share as we want to make this the best event it can be!

In local community news...on January 24, 2024 John's Fish Market was awarded 2023 Business of the Year by the Dana Point Chamber of Commerce at their annual dinner and awards event that took place at the Waldorf Astoria. Jon's Fish Market has been a Dana Point Harbor staple since founder Jon Mansur opened it's doors in 1980. From day one, Jon's Fish Market has supported local fisheries and offered the Dana Point community fresh seafood from boat to table. Sadly, Jon Mansur passed away in 2022 but the

Jon's Fish Market legacy remains alive and well with his daughter Shala at the helm. Shala and her team at Jon's Fish Market bring a fun vibe and great food to the harbor as they continue the tradition of offering their boat to table concept to locals and visitors alike. We offer a big CONGRATULATIONS to Shala and her team at Jon's Fish Market on your achievement as the 2023 Business of the Year...Jon is certainly smiling down on you with pride!



February is right around the corner which means spring flowers will be in bloom soon! There is a lot going on in the harbor. Continue reading for important information and updates.

Marina Office

Our office is open seven days a week from 8 AM to 5 PM and we are here to help! Please do not hesitate to stop by the office or give us a call if you have questions or would like clarification on something. There is a lot of information going around out there and not all of it is true. Best to get your information direct from the source. Call us at (949) 496-6137, stop by and stay a while or send an [EMAIL](#). We enjoy hearing from you!

The 48th Annual Dana Point Harbor Boat Parade of Lights was one of the holiday highlights of 2023. Winners were announced in an email sent earlier this month. In case you missed it, click [HERE](#) for the complete list of winners. Again, we thank all of our parade participants...it was awesome! Already looking forward to next year when we celebrate the 49th Annual Dana Point Harbor Boat Parade of Lights, "Santa's Seaside Carnival" on Friday, Saturday & Sunday, December 13, 14 & 15, 2024. We hope you can plan to participate...it is a lot of fun!

If you have sent in your new 2025 vessel registration, thank you! If you have not yet sent us your vessel registration renewal, please do at your soonest convenience. If your boat is registered with the California Department of Motor vehicles, your registration expired on 12/31/2023. You should have received a new certificate along with your 2025 stickers by now. We would like a copy of the certificate to put in your file and you will want to adhere the stickers to the hull of your vessel to replace the 2023 sticker that is now expired. If your vessel is documented with the US Coast Guard, this does not apply to you. Coast Guard documentation certificates do not have a universal expiration date. Of course, we appreciate you sending your certificate of documentation at the time it is renewed.

As we continue to offer relocation letters and help you to secure your new slips, we truly appreciate your kindness and cooperation. We understand that this type of change is difficult. Everyone has been so supportive and receptive and kind...thank you!

As always, we are here to help. Stop by or give us a call anytime...(949) 496-6137.

On the Docks

We have a lot of movement happening on the docks over the next few weeks as we open Phase 4 (west basin cove formerly B-dock) for occupancy and relocate boats assigned to slips due for demolition in Phase 5 (west basin cove A-dock and guest dock). If you are next to what appears to be a vacant slip, it will likely not remain vacant for long. Please refrain from putting dinghies, kayaks or other items in vacant slips. Items found occupying vacant slips will be impounded to make room for the incoming vessel. We appreciate your ongoing cooperation with this. If you do notice that you have a new boat neighbor, please be kind and welcome them to the neighborhood!

We are often asked if we have security and the answer is yes, we do. The harbor has 24/7 security service onsite 365 days a year. Unfortunately, security cannot be in all the places at one time. They patrol the entire facility by vehicle and on foot checking boater service buildings, parking lots and keeping an eye on the docks. That said, we recommend you put away any valuables and lock up motors and other high value items that may tempt a potential thief. We receive most reports of theft in the winter season when it is cold, dark and there are not many people around. Most theft comes from the water, meaning the thief or thieves come by dinghy or kayak and take loose items. Reported theft does not typically involve a thief boarding the boat. Most thefts reported cite removal of an item that was left loose on the open deck of the vessel or on the dock. With that in mind, be sure to lock up your boat, secure any valuables and check on your boat often.

As the weather begins to get a little bit wetter, please check your shore power cord to make sure the connection is secure and watertight. Also, check your vessel's bilge pump to ensure it is functioning properly and able to keep up with rainwater that may enter the boat in your absence. Check your boat to make sure it is secured to the cleats and your lines to verify they are not in jeopardy of breaking during a high wind event. If you find your boat is moving a lot in the slip, a spring line will help remedy this issue. If you are away for extended period and would like us to check on your boat, give us a call or send an [EMAIL](#). We are happy to give it a check and get back to you.

The marina maintains a list of authorized marine service contractors. Contractors on the list have gone through the appropriate steps with the marina and are authorized to check out keys to perform work on vessels in Dana Point Harbor slips. The process to become an authorized marine service contractor requires the contractor to sign an agreement, acknowledge water quality best management practices and provide evidence of insurance. Click [HERE](#) for the complete list of authorized marine service contractors.

Our maintenance team continues to repair docks and address issues in order of priority. If you see something in need of our attention, please give us a call and we will get it taken care of... (949) 496-6137.

Marina Revitalization

We have great news to share...**Dock of the Orange Lantern** (G13) opened for occupancy on Thursday, January 25, 2024! A few boats have made their way to their new slips and things are looking fantastic! Also part of Phase 4, **Dock of the Violet Lantern** (G14) and **Dock of the Cardinal Lantern** (G15) Will soon open for occupancy. These docks are all part of Phase 4 and include 21', 24', 25', 26', 28' and 30' slips. Slip selection is ongoing with a few slips still remaining. If you are currently assigned to one of these slip sizes and are interested in a slip in this phase, please contact [Kelly](#).

All boats will clear off of A-dock west basin cove and the guest dock by January 31, 2024, with demolition of Phase 5 due to commence on February 1, 2024. Phase 5 will complete the west basin cove and includes **The Dock of the Crystal Lantern** (G16), **The Dock of the Sunrise Lantern** (G17), **The Dock of the Emerald Lantern** (G18) and **The Dock of the Sapphire Lantern** (G19). Phase 5 includes a handful of 26' slips, 191 - 30' slips and 4 end-ties. Slip selection will begin for these locations in mid to late February.

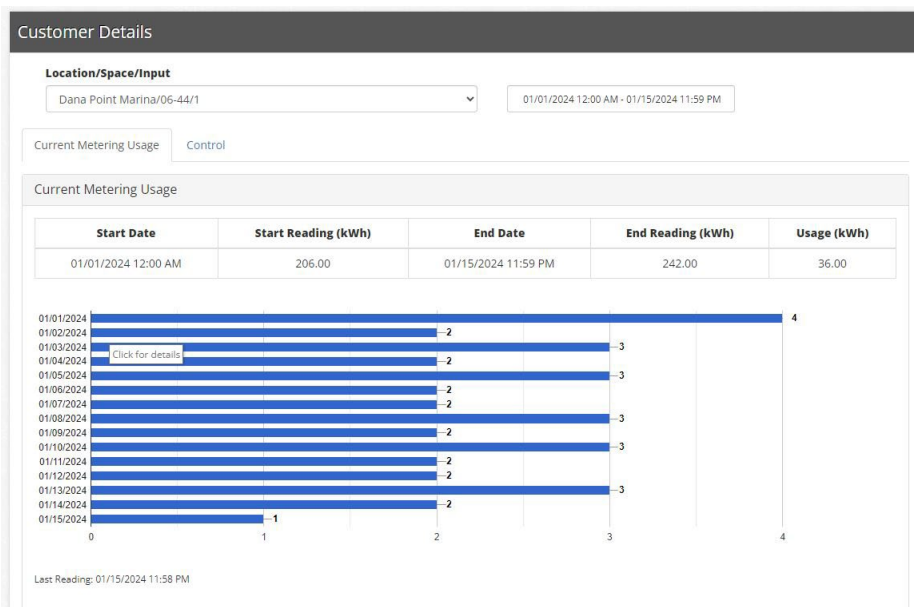


If you have not been following along or misplaced your copy of the current Phasing Plan, click [HERE](#). The project is moving along, and the marina looks amazing!

Now that we have a fair number of boats assigned to new slips, we have had an opportunity to really utilize the incredible technology that is built into this new dock system such as the electrical meters, water meters, Wi-Fi, lighting and access controls. In addition to the docks themselves (they are so nice), this technology is super cool and very different from what is offered on the old docks. In addition to the state of the art smart technology, there are several safety features built into the new dock system such as ground fault protection. All of these features are fun to talk about and we will highlight them all in future newsletters. This month, we want to share more detail about the smart electric and water meters and how billing for this usage works:

Smart Electric Meters – Each power pedestal is equipped with a MarineSync smart electric and water meter. When a vessel connects to the shore power at the pedestal, electrical usage is monitored. The slip tenant is provided with login information which enables them to access their MarineSync portal connected to their assigned slip. At any point in time, the electrical usage can be viewed by the slip tenant by logging into their MarineSync portal. Once in the portal, tenants can view usage by day or by a specified timeframe. The usage report shows the number of kWh used by day along with a total kWh usage for the period. When it comes time to process the billing, the marina logs into the full portal to pull a report for usage during the specific billing period. If a tenant is not interested in using the portal, the marina is always happy to pull the report and pass it along at the tenant's request. Billing for electrical usage is done in arrears from the 15th of the previous month to the 14th of the current month and included on the monthly statement. In addition to being able to view electrical usage, tenants can also control the power at their pedestal from the portal with the ability to turn the power off when they are away from the slip or anytime they choose to. All of the above is the same for water usage. Samples showing electrical usage pulled from customer portal and ease of water and electric on/off function from the portal:





Customer Details

Location/Space/Input
Dana Point Marina/06-44/1

01/01/2024 12:00 AM - 01/27/2024 11:59 PM

Current Metering Usage Control

Control Panel

Q Please start typing...

Controls

Power

R1 10719698
1C2481ED630F1695

On

Water

R1 LRM05873
3234313961318906

On

10 25 50 100

As you can see from the above, boaters are in the know as to their water and electrical usage if they would like to be.

Billing rates for water usage is based on the current South Coast Water District rates per gallon. The current per gallon billing rate for water usage is \$0.004786.

Billing rates for electrical usage are calculated for the specific billing period and are determined by San Diego Gas & Electric. SDGE sends a billing packet monthly which provides the specific details for calculating the submeter electric rates for liveaboard and non-liveaboard marina tenants. The current electric billing rate is \$0.27222 for non-liveaboard tenants and \$0.37824 for liveaboard tenants.

Electric and water rates are posted on the walkway bulletin board near the metered boat slips and can be found on the bulletin board outside the marina office.

Of course, the above is applicable to tenants in new slips. If you are in a new slip, you should have received an email from us with your MarineSync online portal login information. If you do not have this information, please reach out to us and we will resend it.

The project is moving along very well. It will not be long before we have all tenants settled into new slips. If you have not yet had a chance to review the layouts to get an idea of where slips in your assigned slip size will be in the future, please stop by the office anytime. We have large layouts and are happy to review them with you. We can even create a wish list with your desired locations.

We do not get into the actual slip selection until we begin demolition of the phase that will house the slips. During the slip selection process, you have the opportunity to secure a slip that will be assigned to you once the phase is complete and opened for occupancy. Once you select a new slip and it is ready for occupancy, you will be expected to relocate to the new slip location. Prior to that, you will go through a vessel seaworthy evaluation and ground fault leakage test.

We realize we share a lot of information and some of it can be confusing since it is all new. Please contact the office anytime if you have questions or would like clarification...we are happy to help clear things up.

It's the season of love and we love new docks! Stop by anytime to check them out...we know you will love them too!

Commercial Core Revitalization

Another monumental moment in the overall revitalization of Dana Point Harbor is about to happen as the commercial core prepares to begin construction on the three-level parking structure on the corner of Golden Lantern and Dana Point Harbor Drive. Construction on the parking structure is set to commence in early February. The area has been fenced off and you will start to see equipment arrive for staging.



The parking structure is part of the first phase of commercial core revitalization and is expected to take approximately one year to complete.

For more information, please visit <https://danapointharbor.com/revitalization/>

Things are getting exciting around here!

BOATING CLEAN & GREEN

Do-it-yourself Oil Changes

- Use a closed system for oil changes – a portable vacuum oil change pump drained into a container that can be closed to prevent spills during transfer to the recycle center.
- Recycle used motor and filters at one of the marina's oil recycling centers located in the east island and west cove boater lots.
- Used oil can't be recycled when mixed with other materials – keep it segregated.
- Use oil-only absorbents to clean up spills. Dispose of used absorbents at the marina recycling centers then stop by the office for FREE bilge pads as part of our bilge pad exchange program.



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
