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OC Dana Point Harbor

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Boater Appreciation WHITE Card

Included in this mailing is the modified Boater Appreciation Card exclusively for Dana Point Harbor boaters. This new white card will replace the previous blue card some of you may already have. Please destroy the blue cards and use the white card for discounts throughout the Harbor.

Fourth of July

The Fourth of July, typically the most popular day of the year in Dana Point Harbor, was very busy this year. Many boaters enjoyed the beautiful weather; 472 boats were launched from the Embarcadero launch ramp, the most ever in one day and no boats were turned away. The City of Dana Point's Police Services provided full staffing to the Harbor and beach areas, while OC Sheriff's Harbor Patrol kept things safe on the water. OC Parks' crews, OC DPH staff, and the Operators of the managed areas of the Harbor did a great job of keeping up with the needed maintenance. On July 5th there was a Dana Point Harbor Clean Up with 20 volunteers from the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 29 (of Dana Point), the City of Dana Point, and the Earth Ocean Society to collect trash that was inadvertently deposited on the water and surrounding areas in the Harbor.



Expanded Recycling Services

Effective August 15, 2008 the Marina Operators will be providing battery, coolant and automatic transmission fluid (ATF) recycling. These new services will be provided free of charge at the waste oil recycling station. Coolant and ATF will be accepted by appointment only to ensure the maximum purity for recycling. Our goal is to provide boaters with convenient methods of disposal, thereby helping you protect the environment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your Marina Operator: DPMC (949) 496-6137; DWMC (949) 493-6222.

Project Update

The Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) is being drafted for the marina improvements project. Once the draft is complete, OC DPH will notify residents as required by CEQA when it becomes available for viewing and open for public comment. This public comment period typically lasts 45-60 days. The Revitalization Plan web site, www.DPHplan.com, shows the different alternatives presented to the public during the March 2008 public meeting, and are now being analyzed for the SEIR. Please check the web site for updates on this project and other information from OC DPH.

Marine Flare Shoot and Disposal Event

On Saturday, October 11th from 8:30am to 11:30am, the United States Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary, in cooperation with OC DPH and the Ocean Institute, will present an opportunity to lawfully shoot your own marine flares and properly dispose of expired flares. This will be done on the south side of the Ocean Institute. Expired flares can also be easily disposed of by turning them over to US Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Examiners. All boaters should understand that expired flares are for back-up purposes only, and may remain on your vessel only if they are in good condition, separated from unexpired flares, and clearly marked as expired. Unexpired flares remain the primary distress signal and are required by State and Federal regulations. More information is available by calling US Coast Guard Auxiliarist Norma Lococo at (949) 246-3662.

Web Waitlist

Beginning August 15, waitlist applicants will be able to conveniently check waitlist status <u>online!</u> To protect your privacy applicants will be listed by account number only. Your account number can be found on your monthly billing statement or by stopping by the marina office.

The East Basin Marina public waitlist will be posted on the Dana Point Marina Company website, www.danapointmarina.com; and the West Basin Marina public waitlist will be posted on the Dana West Marina Company website, www.danawestmarina.com.

You can still check the public waitlist at any time by stopping by the Marina offices during business hours.

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Harbor Improvements

OC DPH has been coordinating with other County agencies to have the streets cleaned, curbs painted, and crosswalks installed at key crossing locations in the harbor. In addition, OC DPH staff has paid extra attention to landscape maintenance, ensuring hedging is performed regularly, the debris is removed from the Harbor Patrol point, and the sidewalks and concrete bollards are cleaned. If you notice any items you would like to bring to our attention, please do not hesitate to contact the OC DPH office at (949) 923-2236.

Tips from the Harbor Patrol

In the last newsletter we noted the importance of having the proper safety equipment. Although not mandated by law, it is also important to have a functioning VHF marine radio aboard your boat. In the event of an emergency, you will get the quickest response by reporting the nature of distress over VHF radio as rescue personnel can track the signal from your radio to quickly locate you and render aid. There are etiquette rules related to VHF radio usage, so new users should familiarize themselves with these guidelines.

New users can purchase VHF marine radios at any marine retail store and can visit www.boatsafe.com/nauticalknowhow/radio.htm to find useful information.

Maintenance Dredging

On 7/22/08 the Board of Supervisors awarded a dredging contract for the OC DPH Maintenance Dredge Project to Dutra Dredging Company. The construction will begin immediately after summer ends and will be completed by early February. The project will clear silt and sand buildup in certain areas throughout the Harbor. Some of the dredged material will be deposited off shore, while the sand that meets reusable standards will be deposited onshore at Baby Beach in the Harbor as well as Capo Beach just south of the Harbor entrance. A pre-dredge public information meeting will be held September 10th from 5:30pm-7:00pm in the OC Sailing and Events Center Dana Cove Room.



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Tall Ships Safety Advisory

The following are safety guidelines that will make viewing the Tall Ships parade and Cannon Battles on Sept. 5th-7th safe for boaters and the tall ships alike. Please remember that tall ships do not maneuver quickly and that ship crews may not see smaller vessels as they close in.

- All spectator vessels should stay at least 300' from the tall ships during the parade and cannon battles.
- If a spectator vessel sails in between tall ships during cannon battles, the ships cannot fire.
- Spectator vessels should not cross in front of the tall ships; remember that these ships cannot slow or turn easily to avoid you.
- The Harbor Patrol and the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be maintaining a safe anchorage area in the Harbor so the tall ships can safely enter and exit from the Ocean Institute docks. A traffic lane will be maintained so that all boaters can view the ships. If you are planning to anchor in the Harbor, please check with the Harbor Patrol or Coast Guard authority that will be present, or call the Institute at (949) 496-2274.

UPCOMING EVENTS:	
International Year of the Reef Ocean Institute	Weekends May-Sept. 2008
Dana Point Summer Concert Series Heritage Park	Sundays June 22– Aug. 24
Wet Wednesdays Race Dana West Yacht Club	Wednesdays in Aug.
Whitey Harrison Classic Outrigger Canoe Race Dana Outrigger Canoe Club	Aug. 16
Shakespeare in the Park Lantern Bay Park	Aug. 28-31
Dana Point Raft Up West Basin Marina	Aug. 29-31
Richard Henry Dana Charity Regatta Dana Point Yacht Club	Sept. 4-7
Toshiba Tall Ships Festival Ocean Institute	Sept. 5-7
24th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day California Coastal Commission	Sept. 20
Harvest Festival of Dulcimer OC Sailing and Events Center	Sept. 27
Haunted Campground Doheny State Beach	Oct. 25