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After hours of public testimony and deliberation, the California Coastal Commission voted in favor of the Local Coastal Program Amendment for Dana Point Harbor on October 8, 2009. For years the County and City of Dana Point have been preparing for this hearing, and are pleased with the positive outcome. The amendment must now be adopted by the City of Dana Point and is anticipated to be agendized by the City Council soon. This approval provides the framework for the Revitalization Plan and allows the project to move to the next phase.

Next steps for the Harbor Revitalization Plan involve various planning and design efforts on both the waterside and the landside projects. The County will prepare specific projects for Coastal Development Permits (CDP) within the Planning Areas as appropriate. All of these projects will be based on the policies contained within the new Local Coastal Program. Phase one is anticipated to be the landside commercial core which includes new designs for increased public parking and launch ramp, shops, restaurants and the Festival Plaza- an open gathering area for the public. Several water quality improvements will be incorporated into the designs, as well as enhanced public access to this precious section of the coast.

For more information, please visit www.DPHplan.com.



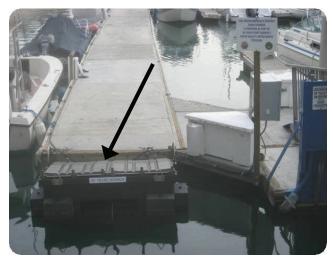


## **Harbor Improvements**

OC Dana Point Harbor has placed a Marina Trash Skimmer (MTS) in the Harbor to collect debris. The skimmer is located in the West Basin Marina corner near the C Dock entry gate, and has collected significant amounts of marine debris due to wind activity.

The MTS utilizes water displacement and works around the clock to collect and retain all floating debris in its vicinity; its large collection area is enhanced with currents and shifting tides to attract collect and clean the water surface throughout a larger surrounding area. The skimmer not only collects trash such as styrofoam cups, plastic and glass bottles, plastic bags, wood and cardboard, but also removes the oil sheen from the water surface.

This single MTS was placed in the Harbor as a test to determine success and potential prior to purchasing and installing additional ones. This effort is part of OC Dana Point Harbor's continuing water quality improvement program, and has already shown an immense decrease in floating debris.



Marina Trash Skimmer



Location in West Basin Marina

## **Underwater Cleanup**

OC Dana Point Harbor held the second underwater cleanup event on Saturday, October 17, 2009 in the East Basin Marina on the cove side between Gangway E and Gangway J. Certified volunteer scuba divers searched the Harbor bottom and recovered a significant amount of debris, including power tools, chairs, and an old drum used as a bait tank. The locations of several larger items were also noted for later recovery. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary provided personnel to protect the divers from vessel movements, and East Basin Marina staff utilized their workboat to be sure no vessels approached the underwater work area.

The semi-annual event will move throughout the East and West marinas. OC DPH would like to thank the staff at Dana Point Marina Company, Harbor Patrol, Coast Guard Auxiliary, and Volunteer Coordinator Andy McTigue for their assistance in making this a safe and successful day.



# Holidays in Dana Point Harbor

End of year celebrations begin December 4th with Holiday in the Harbor. Dana Wharf, Mariner's Village, and Mariner's Alley will all host holiday activities including photos with Santa, kids crafts, and musical performances.

The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Dana Point Harbor Boat Parade of Lights will be held December 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm by the water's edge. This year's theme is "Santa's Surfin' Safari" and each award category will be for boats under 30' and over 30', with the addition of new trophies and cash prizes. This unique event is a time-honored holiday tradition which draws community members, family, friends, and visitors to the Harbor. Visitors and residents will again be treated to an evening filled with sparkling lights, fun entertainment, and lots of holiday cheer.

Boater participation in the Parade of Lights is a valuable contribution to the community spirit of the holiday season. The parade has become an exciting tradition in Dana Point Harbor and your involvement and support is greatly appreciated. Please visit www.danapointharbor.com for registration information and entry forms.

#### 2010 Census

In 2010, the U.S. census will define who we are as a nation. Taken every 10 years, the census determines how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the boundaries of legislative districts. Census data also helps direct federal and state funding, strengthening communities in need.

Census questionnaires will be mailed or delivered to households in February and March 2010. Every residence will receive a short questionnaire that is simple and fast to complete and return. All information the Census Bureau collects will remain confidential.

For more information about the 2010 Census, please visit www.census.gov/2010census.

# Tips from the Harbor Patrol

During the winter months theft tends to increase in all areas, but especially marinas. Since people use their boats less as the weather cools, there are less harbor users, and subsequently fewer people that are the eyes and ears important to harbor security. The thieves know this and use it to their advantage. The Harbor Patrol spends time walking docks and looking for boats that may be easy targets. When they find such boats, they leave yellow courtesy cards on board identifying the problem areas so the owner can take action to prevent becoming a victim.

The biggest factor in theft crimes is opportunity; if you take away the opportunity, you take away the crime. Please take the time to remove your valuables from the boat during periods of non-use, and do not leave unsecured items in plain view. Kayaks, dinghies, and outboard engines are the most common stolen items. By securing them, recording serial numbers, or by utilizing owner-applied numbers such as a driver's license number, you will greatly decrease your chance of becoming a victim, help in the recovery of your property, and increase the likelihood of locating the perpetrator.

If you see a suspicious person in the Harbor, such as someone who has jumped over one of the dock gates, take note of the person's description (clothing, age, height, weight, race, and identifying characteristics such as facial hair, scars, and tattoos) and contact the Harbor Patrol immediately by VHF radio or at (949) 723-1000.

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Holiday in the Harbor Hospitality Night

Year-End Regatta
Dana Point Yacht Club

Boat Parade of Lights Dana Point Harbor

Jazz in January
Ocean Institute

December 4th

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December 11th, 12th, 18th, 19th

January 29th-30th



