



Fourth of July Traffic Control

Released by Dana Point Police Services: Once again, the Fourth of July is approaching and will be upon us sooner than we think. As you are all well aware, Dana Point Harbor is a popular destination for thousands of locals and visitors alike. The popularity of the harbor area brings a series of parking and traffic management problems with it.

One major problem involves traffic backing up on Dana Drive waiting for available parking in the yacht club parking lots. Another involves the enormous flow of traffic in and out of the Harbor when the fireworks show ends. These conditions have the potential to block emergency vehicle access to various locations within the Harbor.

Beginning in the early afternoon on July 4th, Police Services personnel will begin checking the parking lots on the island. If the parking lots become full resulting in a traffic build-up on Dana Drive, the bridge will be closed by barricading Island Way at Dana Point Harbor Drive. This could happen at any time between 12:00 noon and 7:30 pm, but typically happens around 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. If you need access to the island, contact the deputy at the barricades. If there is available parking at your destination, you will be allowed to cross the bridge. If conditions permit, Police Services will re-open the entire island. **Please remember that your slip rental does not guarantee you a place to park your vehicle, only your vessel!**

Additionally, around 7:30 p.m., Police Services will be closing all entrances to the Harbor along Del Prado and PCH. During the closure, no vehicles will be allowed into the Harbor except for public transportation and emergency vehicles. The closure will remain in place until the Harbor is emptied after the fireworks show (approximately 10:30 p.m.) Although this will inconvenience some people, these measures are needed to ensure public safety.

Police Services will make every effort to minimize the inconvenience to everyone entering Dana Point Harbor for the festivities. No one will be prevented from crossing the bridge as long as there is a place to park. **The best way to avoid problems is to plan to arrive early and allow extra time!** If you have questions or comments regarding this notice, please do not hesitate to contact Deputy Brett Gardner during business hours at (949) 248-3517 or by email at blgardner@ocsd.org.

Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.