

COUNTY OF ORANGE

#### OC Dana Point Harbor

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## Revitalization Project Update

The City of Dana Point's Local Coastal Program Amendment (LCPA) is tentatively on the April 2009 Coastal Commission hearing agenda. This LCPA will provide the framework for the future improvements for the entire harbor, as well as set the project level conceptual design for the landside portion – Planning Areas I and 2.

Planning Area I is designated the Marine Services Planning Area and includes a boat storage building holding up to 400 boats, designates space for dry surface storage and considers space for a stand alone marine retail store, and efficiently re-aligns the launch ramp parking.

Planning Area 2 calls for the renovating or rebuilding of the existing 80K square feet, and construction of an additional 30K square feet, of restaurant and retail space concentrated in one location near the Wharf. Currently the restaurant and retail space is spread over many acres on both sides of Golden Lantern and extends to the Wharf. This plan decreases the footprint for this use and allows for improved access to the coast and views of the Harbor, as well as providing additional parking for all Harbor users.

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

# OC Sailing and Events Center

The spring season at OC Sailing and Events Center is underway, offering introductory sailing clinics, classes, clubs and specialty programs for beginning to advanced sailors of all ages. Classes are available in kayaking, beginning Stand-Up Paddle Fitness training, Jazzercise, Bear-le-There Tots Gymnastics and basic boating safety and coastal navigation. During spring break, April 6<sup>th</sup> through April 10<sup>th</sup> sailing camps will be offered for ages 6 through 13.

The OC Sailing and Events Center also has rooms of varying size and price available for activities ranging from family gatherings and weddings to business conferences and meetings. For smaller events the Pilot House and Boat House can seat up to 30-48 people respectively. For larger events, the Dana Cove Room can accommodate up to 150 guests.

For more information, visit www.OCsail.com or contact the Center at (949) 923-2215.



### **Maintenance Dredging**

The Maintenance Dredge Project was completed in early February with all identified areas being dredged as planned. Several feet of sand was removed from the top of Baby Beach and replaced by 6000 cubic yards of newly dredged sand from the sand built up along the breakwater. Additionally, 48,000 cubic yards of sand from the sand built up along the breakwater was piped to Capo Beach from the Harbor through a two mile pipeline as part of the Beach Nourishment Program. This dredged sand improved the appearance and quality of sand on both of these beaches. Planning has already begun for the next Maintenance Dredge Project, scheduled for 2013-2014.







# **Dine & Shop Promotion**

Enjoy the new Dine & Shop promotion in Dana Point Harbor from February 2009 through June 2009. Visit restaurants in Dana Point Harbor and receive a Dine & Shop entry form; then visit one of the retail shops in the Harbor and complete the entry form to become eligible to win two \$25 Harbor Gift Certificates (\$50 combined value). Drawings will be done weekly and the winners can then use \$25 to \$50 toward any retail store purchase (not restaurants). You can use one or both certificates, but no money will be refunded or returned. Take advantage of this great incentive to Dine and Shop at Dana Point Harbor!

#### **OC Dana Point Harbor**

### Harbor Improvements

OC Dana Point Harbor will be renovating the Dana Wharf Restroom this summer. The Orange County Board of Supervisors approved the bid package for the project in January, and will consider the construction contract in March. The new restroom will include additional stalls and fixtures, a separate Family Restroom, and will be ADA accessible. This renovation will be a much needed improvement to the Dana Wharf area.

OC Dana Point Harbor is also working with other County Agencies and our Harbor Operators to make improvements to the public open space and recreational areas. OC Dana Point Harbor is working with OC Parks on projects such as repair and maintenance of existing slope drains and sidewalks within the Harbor. Some of the improvements you have seen are new smokers outposts for proper and safe disposal of cigarette butts, trash receptacles with lids to prevent birds from feeding on the trash contents, monofilament line disposal canisters located on the Wharf and near the fishing pier, new disposal sites for automatic transmission fluid, oil, grease, and other boating related materials, and increased attention given to landscape maintenance and irrigation. These efforts will continue as we find other opportunities to enhance the Harbor public areas.





### OC Dana Point Harbor Business Update

With the struggling economy looming over us, OC Dana Point Harbor is currently working together with the Harbor Operators to develop a sensible budget which allows us to maintain a high level of service with fewer resources.

Although some staff reduction was experienced in OC Dana Point Harbor, interruption to our business was minimized as assignments were redistributed to the remaining staff members. Additional cost-saving methods such as deferral of salary increases and equipment purchases are being implemented as we deal with a challenging budget situation.

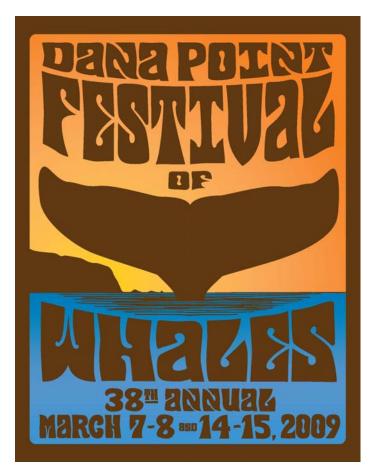
Aside from the routine maintenance projects, safety and customer service remain our top goals, and we are continuously looking for ways to create a realistic and healthy budget to ensure that the facility meets the expectations and needs of Harbor users.

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### Tips from the Harbor Patrol

Last month's rainfall and stormy conditions resulted in increased need for Harbor Patrol to provide vessel pump assistance. The majority of these instances are caused by faulty bilge pumps or electrical issues that result in inoperative bilge pumps. The Harbor Patrol suggests that boaters monitor the weather conditions and inspect their boats prior to inclement weather. Bilge pump operation should be checked, and the float switch should not be hindered by debris. Also check and secure the bilge area by making sure limber holes aren't blocked, check for propeller shaft log leakage, and close all seacocks. Make sure all compartments, hatches, and doors are secured, and that all dock lines are in good condition. Damaged dock lines can tear and cause a boat to break away from its dock. Lines should be checked for fraying or chafing and replaced if wear is evident.

For additional information or safety tips, please contact the Harbor Patrol at (949) 248-2222, your Marina Operator, or OC Dana Point Harbor at (949) 923-2236.



For a Festival of Whales schedule of events, please visit www.FestivalofWhales.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS:		
City of Dana Point Blood Drive Dana Point City Hall	February llth	
Pirate Adventure Sail Ocean Institute	February 15th	
SCYA Midwinter Regatta DP Yacht Club, Dana West Yacht Club	February 21st & 22nd	
Festival of Whales Dana Point Harbor	March 7th & 8th, 14th & 15th	
Newport to Ensenada Yacht Race DP Yacht Club, Dana West Yacht Club	April 24th - 26th	
Dana Point Grand Prix	April 26th	

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