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Water Quality Improvements

In keeping with our commitment to environmental leadership, and our continuing effort to improve water quality, OC Dana Point Harbor has made multiple improvements to the Harbor area.

In early 2008, OC Dana Point Harbor voluntarily participated in the Metropolitan Water Districts' Public Sector Water Efficiency Program. The program involved a Harbor-wide audit of water usage, equipment, and procedures and resulted in numerous measures taken to conserve water and reduce runoff.

Several improvements were made to landscaping such as lowering soil levels in many planter areas and replacing spray irrigation systems with bubblers. Irrigation systems are frequently inspected and repaired, low maintenance yet visually appealing plants have been chosen for the common areas, and landscaping is now trimmed more frequently to minimize the amount of leaves falling into the water. All street and parking lot cleaning is performed on a regular basis using surface cleaners with built-in water recovery systems to eliminate runoff.

OC Dana Point Harbor has also taken multiple steps to guarantee that wasteremoval procedures promote environmental protection and conservation. Daily trash collection is mandated throughout the facility and OC DPH worked with OC Parks to provide trash receptacles that prevent birds from scattering the contents. Additional cigarette urns are being installed along the public walkways to encourage proper disposal of cigarette butts, keeping the amount of potential debris entering Harbor waters to a minimum. Harbor Maintenance personnel make regular sweeps in a small boat along the basins, collecting trash and debris as needed.

Additional recycling receptacles such as monofilament line recycling collection stations have been established at several Harbor locations. OC Dana Point Harbor has also made provisions for the disposal of oil, oil filters, automatic transmission fluid, engine anti-freeze/coolant, batteries and bilge pads. Also available are hydrocarbonabsorbing bilge pads, to be placed in the bilges of boats to absorb oil, fuel, etc. as opposed to discharging these items overboard through bilge pumps.

In 2006 both the East and the West Marinas were designated Clean Marinas by the Clean Marinas California Program, and today continue to exceed the program's requirements. The Harbor now strictly enforces the Environmental Protection Agency's Best Management Practices and has also increased education and awareness efforts in order to encourage boaters to take an active role in safeguarding water quality.

Dana Wharf Restroom Renovation

• What is the status of the restroom renovation project?

The existing public restroom on Dana Wharf was constructed in 1971 and remodeled in 1980. It is the primary public restroom for visitors in the Dana Wharf area of the Harbor. The County has seen an increase in the number of visitors to the Dana Wharf area since the restroom was last remodeled. The project is planned to renovate, modernize, and increase the capacity of these facilities. Plans for the Restroom renovation were finalized by OC DPH and authorized for bid by the Orange County Board of Supervisors on January 13, 2009. The Board of Supervisors voted to award the contract to Prava Construction Services on March 24, 2009. The project began April 27, 2009 and is expected to take approximately 4 months.

• What does the project entail?

The prime contractor and their subcontractors will be demolishing existing restroom fixtures, some exterior walls, portions of the concrete slab and portions of the adjacent walkway. The reconstruction work will entail: sewer, water and electrical utility connections and improvements, concrete slab, framing, roofing, tile work, plumbing, and electrical fixtures.

The renovation will increase the number of restroom stalls from the three existing to nine total. This will provide for ADA access to the Men's, Women's and the new Family restroom. The Prime Contractor will have an area adjacent to the facility for their use and will provide protective fencing around the project site during construction.

- What restroom facilities will be available for use during construction?
 Prior to the commencement of any demolition work, a temporary restroom trailer with ADA access was installed in the parking lot adjacent to the original restroom. This temporary restroom will remain for the project duration.
- How long will the project take?
 The project is scheduled for 120 calendar days (approximately four months).
- What are the contractor's working hours?
 Typical working hours are from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm, Monday through Friday although additional hours may be required at certain times.





Harbor Beautification Awards

The City of Dana Point Chamber of Commerce awarded two Beautification Awards to Harbor businesses on April 23, 2009. Mayor Lisa Bartlett presented the awards during the State of the City address luncheon at the Laguna Cliffs Marriott. The Chamber's awards were both in the category of Beautification, one for Proud Mary's in the New Construction category and one for Vintage Marina Partners/Dana Point Harbor in the Maintenance of Existing Facilities and Landscaping category. During the presentation of the awards, the Harbor's entrance monument was given as an example of beautified landscaping. OC Dana Point Harbor is honored that these efforts to maintain and improve the Harbor area were recognized.



Proud Mary's Patio



Dana Point Harbor Entrance Monument

Dana Point Fuel Dock Prices

Collaboration between the County of Orange and Dana Point Harbor's fuel dock operator, KDL Services, Inc. has resulted in fuel pricing that is in line with current market prices. Dana Point Harbor boaters previously making the trip to Newport Harbor and other harbors seeking market fuel pricing will now find competitive fuel pricing much closer to their boat slip. Boaters are encouraged to check the current pricing at our Dana Point Harbor fuel dock before making the decision to expend the time and effort to purchase fuel elsewhere.

OC Sailing and Events Center

Our summer season at OC Sailing and Events Center will be offering sailing camps, classes, clubs and specialty programs for beginning to advanced sailors of all ages and beach and theater camps for ages 4-13. Also for the summer are classes in kayaking, stand-up paddle, outrigger paddling, Jazzercise and Bear-le-there Tots Gymnastics.

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 and 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.

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Tips from the Harbor Patrol

Throughout the year the Harbor Patrol is frequently asked about fishing license requirements. Anglers are not required to have a sportfishing license if they are under 16 years of age, fishing from a public pier in the ocean such as the short pier by the Pilgrim, or the East and West Jetties, or fishing on Free Fishing Days. Other than these rules, a fishing license is required in all other areas of the Harbor. The Free Fishing Days do not apply to fishing for abalone, spiny lobster or sturgeon, for which a license is required.

The complete sportfishing guide can be found at http://www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/pdfs/oceanfish2009.pdf.

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS:		
Leukemia Cup Dana West Yacht Club	June 5th - 7th	
Movies in the Park Lantern Bay Park	June 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th	
San Diego Breakaway Cruise Dana Point Yacht Club	June 13th - 21st	
International Surfing Day Ocean Institute	June 20th	
Father's Day Celebration Events Ocean Institute	June 21st	
Summer Concerts in the Park City of Dana Point	Sundays	
Dana Days One Regatta Dana Point Yacht Club	July 5th	
West Basin Raft Up Cruise Dana Point Yacht Club	July 10th - 12th	
Catalina Snorkeling Cruise Ocean Institute	July 11th, Aug. 1st, 15th, & 29th	
Around the Island & BBQ Dana Point Yacht Club	July 18th	