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## OC Dana Point Harbor Releases Guidelines for Human Powered Craft

The last year has seen a dramatic increase in Human Powered Craft (HPC) usage in Dana Point Harbor. In an effort to educate all Harbor users on how to operate their vessels in a safe and considerate manner, working with the community, OC Dana Point Harbor has designed and produced a sticker (see below) promoting the safe operation of HPCs, as well as proper navigation while within the Harbor.

The sticker is to be placed on the top of stand up paddleboards, kayaks, etc and provides a map with suggested routes and safety guidelines that can be referenced while navigating through the Harbor. "Dana Point is a popular launching spot for Human Powered Craft, we're happy to once again see this collaborative effort with stakeholders and the County in developing an educational program to enhance the safety of all those who use the Harbor for their recreational boating adventures," stated Supervisor Pat Bates (5<sup>th</sup> D).

The decal will be available, free of charge, at the OC Dana Point Harbor offices at 24650 Dana Point Harbor Drive and the OC Sailing and Events Center at 34451 Ensenada Place beginning Friday, March 5th. Decals will also be available, and new informational signage will be unveiled, at the Festival of Whales during the Mickey Munoz Paddle Surf Fiesta Mongoose Cup on Saturday, March 13th at Baby Beach.

