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**CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST DANA POINT HARBOR PARTNERS AND ORANGE COUNTY**

Dana Point, CA, September 27, 2021 – On behalf of all slip holders in the County-owned Marina, three Dana Point Harbor boat owners filed a Class Action lawsuit on September 22, 2021. The Suit filed in Orange County Superior Court against the lessee/operators of the Harbor, Dana Point Harbor Partners, and the County of Orange, asks the Court to enjoin the imposition of a massive slip rate increase, a proposed increase that will result in a 26% to 96% increase in boaters slip rates, wildly out of line with the market rate for publicly owned marinas throughout Southern California. The Suit also asks for damages. The Suit alleges the rate increase violates the County's own orders on how slip increases should be determined as well as the Tidelands Grant under which the County holds the title as fiduciary for the people of California.

The lawsuit also alleges that the Dana Point Marina holds a monopoly position as the only large, publicly owned marina in Orange County and has breached the obligation to treat slip holders in a fair and reasonable manner. The failure of the County and its lessee/operator to recognize the rights of the boaters and the public has required the boaters to take this action.

Both the Dana Point Boaters Association and Save Our Slips, a group of boaters who oppose the rate increase, support the lawsuit and have rallied together to oppose the rate increase.

Lead legal counsel for the boaters is Mr. Dennis C. Winters, Winters Law Firm.