

39th ANNUAL
DANA POINT HARBOR
BOAT PARADE OF LIGHTS



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Holiday Open House - Fri Dec 6 - 4:30-7:30pm
Boat Rides with Santa - Sat & Sun Dec 7 & 8 - 10am-2pm
Santa Photos - Fri Dec 6 - 5:30-8pm, Thurs Dec 12 & 13 - 9-2:30pm
Strolling Carolers - Fri Dec 6 & 13 - 4:30-6pm, Sat, Dec. 14 - 2-4pm
Santa Paws - Sat Dec 14 - 10am-3pm
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RULES & INFORMATION FOR ALL REGISTERED PARADE PARTICIPANT BOATS

Lead boat of parade is the Harbor Patrol Boat and the 95' "Dana Pride" donated by Dana Wharf Sportfishing

1. Assemble along the wall of the outer channel. The lead boat of the parade is the Harbor Patrol Boat and then the 95' Dana Pride so please wait for them to get into position. The Pride will be leaving their slip and then making a turn just inside the jetty to head towards the Jolly Roger. At that point, the lead boat on the outer channel may start to follow.
2. We ask all Spectator boats to wait just outside the jetty until the final registered parade participant has passed. We have asked them to not line up with the Participant boats so that we do not have any confusion as to how to follow along the parade route or safety issues with them darting in and out and across the channels.
3. All registered Human Powered vessels should assemble at the guest dock in front of the old Jolly Roger restaurant (behind the Catalina Express dock) by 7pm and wait to enter the parade towards the end so that their speed (or lack thereof) is not a safety factor to other boats. Be advised, the water area in front of the launch ramp, due to safety concerns is a no SUP area. Proceed behind the parade procession directly from the dock staying to the far right and not crossing in front of any other vessels. All HP vessels are required to have a light, a life jacket and a means of making a sufficient sound on board.
4. Parade Participants are to follow in after Harbor Patrol and Dana Pride lead boats. Boats are to leave plenty of space between each other while merging into parade line. Please be courteous, placement in the parade is not important but safety is.
5. Please allow a substantial amount of spacing between boats as you merge into the line.
6. Have your VHF radio on channel 68 – use low power. The Harbor Patrol & USCG Aux will monitor parade over this channel.
7. Channel 16 is for EMERGENCIES only.
8. Display entry number on bow or mid-section of your boat on the **Starboard side**, in FULL view with a light shining on it so it is visible to the judges. (If the number can't be seen, your boat will not be judged.)
9. Maintain a SLOW speed not to exceed 5 MPH or No Wake and adjust for traffic. Be advised that sometimes the parade line gets bunched up and you will need to adjust accordingly. **DO NOT PASS ANOTHER VESSEL WHILE IN THE PARADE LINE.**
10. Keep at least 3 boat lengths behind the preceding vessel.
11. Make sure you have operating navigation lights on your boat and on Human Powered vessels and dinghies.
12. All participants will make one complete pass through the harbor, including behind the Jolly Roger Restaurant, using launch ramp turning basin-do not stop. Proceed with extreme patience and caution due to boats launching at the ramp (this cannot be avoided so just be courteous and patient).
13. Dana Point Harbor is a No Discharge Harbor and courtesy pump-out stations are located throughout the Harbor.
14. Designate a look-out on board to assist the vessel operator during the event.
15. Ensure there are sufficient life jackets for all on board. Do not overcrowd your boat with participants.
16. Every child under the age of 13 MUST have a life jacket on while on deck and be in a secure location on the vessel.
17. Generators must be secured properly.
18. USCG Auxiliary Vessel Examiners will be walking the docks prior to the parade to review safety items with you.
19. Towing-Please refer to the attachment regarding vessels that will be towing dinghies, Sabots, etc.

Keeping to the parade route is very important. With boats following each other and not much turning radius down the channels it is imperative the route be followed to the end. Upon return to your slip, please be aware of non-motorized vessels. Please monitor Channel 68. **DO NOT PASS** another vessel while in the parade line!

Harbor Patrol Contact is:
Sergeant Michael Scalise

USCG Auxiliary Contact is:
Command/Communication

Center

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Station Commander, Dana Point Harbor
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Hail: "DANA POINT CONTROL"
Channel 16 – Calling & Distress ONLY
Channel 68 – All other Radio Traffic



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR VESSELS INTENDING TO TOW ANOTHER VESSEL(S)

1. Provide written safety plan by **November 15th** to Richard Matteo, USCGA via email at rm4cgaux@gmail.com.
2. Be available for inspection on each night you intend to participate in the Parade
3. Towing Requirements:
 - a. Tow Boat:
 - i. Vessel of sufficient capability for the intended tow.
 - ii. Must have a minimum of 3 persons (Adults) on board that have the capacity to follow through in an emergency.
 - iii. Maintain a Forward (Bow) Lookout and an Aft (Stern) Lookout
 - iv. Have at least **1** Type IV throwable PFD (Life Preserver) on board.
 - b. **Maximum of 3** Sabots, dinghies, or other craft in the string.
 - c. Chase Boat:
 - i. Must have a minimum of 2 persons (Adults) on board that have the capacity to follow through in an emergency.
 - ii. Maintain an Aft (Stern) Lookout
 - iii. Have at least **1** Type IV throwable PFD (Life Preserver) on board.
 - iv. Must be in radio communication with Tow Boat at all times.
(Suggest using FRS -Type Radio, i.e. "walkie-talkie")
4. Tow and Chase Vessels shall have all required equipment on board in accordance with Federal and State Regulations.
5. Occupants of the towed vessels are required to wear a PFD (lifejacket).

DEPARTMENT OF BOATING & WATERWAYS HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE SAFETY TIPS

Holiday Boating Safety 01

Planning a holiday boating event? Bring your life jacket, but leave the alcohol at home. The boating environment can magnify alcohol's side effects, such as impaired judgment, reduced balance and poor coordination.

California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways reminds you that "if it's your boat, it's your responsibility." Visit boatcalifornia.com for more boating information.

Holiday Boating Safety 02

Did you know that operator inexperience is one of the leading causes of boating accidents? Play it safe—take a boating safety course before you take your boat out. You might even get an insurance discount for it!

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Holiday Boating Safety 03

Holiday lights look fantastic on your boat, but they can overload your electrical system if you're not careful. Use good quality outdoor lights on your vessel and make sure they're installed properly.

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Holiday Boating Safety 04

When it comes to holiday party guests, "the more, the merrier"—but too many guests on your boat can be a serious safety hazard. Make sure you're in compliance with your vessel's maximum capacity, and make sure your passengers wear life jackets.

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Holiday Boating Safety 05

Taking part in a holiday boat parade? Wear your life jacket, and make sure you observe the 5 knot speed limit. You'll enjoy the parade more, and you'll make it safer for you and all the other boaters.

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Holiday Boating Safety 06

Having holiday guests on board your boat? Make sure they're all familiar with the location of your vessel's safety equipment, and make sure they all wear their life jackets. California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways reminds you that "heroes wear life jackets. Now it's your turn." Visit boatcalifornia.com fo