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Spring in the Harbor

There are always a lot of things to see and do in the harbor.

- Beaches – Almost everyone knows about Doheny State Beach, but to the north, just beyond the Ocean Institute, is a beautiful little hidden beach just below the Point. Just don't get caught by the tide! Then of course, Salt Creek and Strands north of that for the true beach enthusiasts.
- The Ocean Institute educational facility is often open for tours on the weekends which include the brig Pilgrim. Check out their website at: <http://www.ocean-institute.org/general-admission>.
- The Harbor is full of restaurants that appeal to every taste.
- For the Dana Point Summer Concert Series check out <http://www.danapointconcertseries.com>.

Many sightings of whales off the coasts these past couple of weeks, and even a few reports of good fishing already.

The Facility

We've been working on a number of landscaping upgrades to improve the facility and reduce water consumption. We completed fall and spring parking lot patching projects, are installing solar led lights on dock gates, and in March completed repairs of the two patio structures on either side of Dick Simon Yachts (Pergolas). There are a lot of maintenance projects underway making sure the facility is ready for the busy season. Please let us know if there are items you see that need to be addressed.

Parking Gate Access

The parking gates are an important part of the harbor parking management program and boaters are reminded of a couple tips regarding their use:

1. It is one car per green light. Tailgating can result in severe tire damage.
2. If the gate arm is broken make sure the green light is on (or off) and teeth down before proceeding. Report it to the marina office day or night (the after-hours number is posted on phone – but must be dialed from outside phone.)
3. If expecting guests warn them not to attempt to circumvent the gate system...it will spoil their visit. The best advice is to provide them a cell number and meet them at the gate.
4. If a guest is following you in a vehicle, PLEASE warn them not to tailgate you in. This is one of the most common reasons for tire damage. Tell them to wait, pull all the way through the gate letting the arm close, and then open the gate for them.
5. Don't be in a hurry. If a car is ahead of you, let the gate close completely before presenting your access card. That is the only sure way to know that your card has been detected.