

## Dana West Marina's

# HARBOR HIGHLIGHTS

January 2015

## HAPPY NEW YEAR 2015!



Dana Point was all aglow for the holiday season and it was fantastic! IllumiOcean was on display for forty nights and wonderfully complimented the existing festive harbor holiday ambiance. But what makes celebrating the holidays in a harbor most special are the boats on the water all lit up and magical just like the season.

The 40th annual Boat Parade of Lights was an absolutely stunning display of imagination and holiday spirit. The theme was FantaSea Holiday and the over 70 participants did not disappoint. Congratulations to all parade participants! E-dock Licensees Dan & Lynn Hannegan were big winners along with Chuch Gramlich from F-dock, Gary & Julie Champlin from A-dock, Mike & Donna Groves on E-dock and the Dana West Yacht Club Juniors! Way to show your holiday spirit! You left us already looking forward to this year's holiday season!



Now that the 2014 holiday season is over and we are into the new year; it is time to remove holiday lights. **Please remove all holiday lights from your boat no later than January 31, 2015.**



## HUNKER DOWN!

It's winter time in Orange County and that means there is a chance of inclement weather. **To protect your boat during the winter, we recommend the following preventative measures:**

- ◆ Secure your gear so it doesn't come loose during common winter Santa Ana wind conditions.
- ◆ Clear all scuppers and drains on your boat.
- ◆ Check mooring lines to make sure they are secure and in good condition.
- ◆ Secure halyards, rigging and canvas covers.
- ◆ Bilge should be clean and clear of debris.
- ◆ Inspect bilge pump and float switch for proper function.
- ◆ If you own a sailboat; secure your sails to prevent them from coming loose in high winds.
- ◆ Batten down the hatches.

## 2015/16 BOATER APPRECIATION CARDS

In last month's slip billing you received a 2015/2016 Boater Appreciation Card. This card offers Dana Point Harbor boaters great deals and discounts at the local shops and restaurants like The Harbor Grill, Coffee Importers, Divine Food & Wine, The Dana Point Marina Inn and many more!

Visit [www.BoaterAppreciation.com](http://www.BoaterAppreciation.com) for a complete listing of participating harbor merchants.



## DANA POINT—"WHALE CAPITAL OF THE WEST"

2014 was a stellar year for whale sightings in Dana Point. It seems these magnificent mammals love it here as much as we do! **Many boaters were in for a treat on Thanksgiving Day when a pod of Orcas was spotted about two miles outside of the harbor.** The two adult and two juvenile killer whales were near a continental shelf feeding on rockfish or giant squid. A pod of these unique visitors were also spotted just outside of Dana Point Harbor on January 7 & 8, 2015. It has been about two years since orcas were seen in Dana Point. These particular orcas were from Mexico. Experts say Dana Point is about as far north as they will travel. **I know a few Dana West boaters who were out on Thanksgiving Day and all reports say the killer whale encounter was "unreal", "amazing" and "awesome"!**

Later that same November weekend, a juvenile humpback whale was spotted close to the Laguna Beach shore. **The young whale breached 30 times, and at one point launched completely out of the water** (see photo above). Wow!

2015 is looking to be just as action packed with hundreds of gray whale sightings already in the books! **The season is officially set to kick off with the 44th Annual Festival of Whales March 7-8 & 14-15, 2015!** Visit [www.FestivalofWhales.com](http://www.FestivalofWhales.com)



# CLEAN & GREEN IN 2015!

We are proud to be a certified Clean Marina and even more proud to be part of a harbor that is entirely green and certified clean. What does it mean? It means that **every boating facility in Dana Point Harbor is a certified Clean Marina**. This includes not only Dana West Marina but Dana Point Marina Company, Embarcadero (dry storage), Dana Point Yacht Club and OC Sailing & Events Center! **As we move into 2015, it is our goal to continue being as "clean & green" as we can be.** But we need your help!

**Here are a few reminders to help you help us to be Clean & Green in 2015:**

- Use our boater recycling center and take advantage of our free bilge pad exchange program. Our recycling center is behind the marina office at B-dock and accepts used oil, oil filter, oil pads, automatic transmission fluid and batteries. New bilge pads are also available!
- Don't throw your trash on the ground or in the water—Use facility trash receptacles and ash urns.
- Don't leave items on the dock that could potentially blow into the water. Keep loose items securely in your dock box or aboard your boat to avoid losing them on a gusty day.
- Clean up after your pets. We provide pick-up bags at each marina service building for your ease and convenience.

**THANK YOU FOR DOING YOUR PART!**



## DWM APPROVED MARINE SERVICE CONTRACTORS



AAADocs.Com Floating Docks	949 636 4358	Marine Care & Repair	714 349 4204
Accurate Marine Services Inc.	760 994 6391	Honda Certified Tech Motor Service	
Diesel Engine Repair/Service		Marine Diesel Services, Inc.	949 336 0282
Acuotellus-Divers	949 463 8917	MDI Glass	949 290 1069
Advanced Marine Power	949 548 9791	Mission Hull-Complete Marine Services	949 493 2321
Alcom Marine	949 637 1727	Motu Estate & Yacht Watch Services	949 220 3355
Alex Rosas, Up & Down	949 395 7933	Nautical Yachts Services	949-205-3160
Diving, Varnish, Wash, Wax		Bottom Cleaning, Wax, Wash-downs	
American Yacht Service		North Sails	949 645 4660
Wash Downs & Details	949 212 8978	OC Marine Installation	949 940 8343
Aqua Tech Yacht	949 495 2762	Ocean Canvas	949 248 2422
Ardemco Marine Plumbing	949 722 7672	Ocean Diving Services	949 395 5296
The Armstrong Company	818 618 9741	Ocean Odyssey	562 229 2888
Arrow Covers (Boat Covers)	949 496 0403	Orange County Detailing	949 374 4743
Bare Bottoms Boat Cleaning	949 547 1922	Outbound Yacht Service	949 488 0652
Bruno's Boat Maintenance	949 275 7309	Pacific Coast Hull	951 738 9283
California Yacht Services	949 514 2119	Pacific Coast Mobile, Upholstery	949 240 3229
Washdowns Wax Detail & Teak		Pacific Sign Center	949 248 7474
Capistrano Marine	949 637 2628	Pacific Touch	949 338 7035
Captains Choice Marine Tech—C. Linden	949 370 5390	Gelcoat Fiberglass Repair \$ Color Match	
Captains Choice Yacht Service	949 498 4513	Patagonia Boat Maint.	714 376 1996
Captains Crew Yacht Service	949 489 1162	Performance Marine	949 510 8269
Wash Downs, Wax, Detail, Teak Work		Marine electrical and electronics	
Coastal Pacific Marine	626 339 5769	Ricardo Vega Bottom Cleaning	949 291 8901
Crew West Marine Electronics	949 646 4346	Rincon Marine, Marine Diesel	949 492 3520
Custom Marine Diesel	949 412 6442	Ryan & Son Marine Services LLC	949 633 1869
Dana Harbor Marine Services, Steve Dills	949 683 8977	Engine Repair & Maintenance	
Dana Point Marine Service	949 496 4137	Scuba Duba Corp	562 598 9444
Dana Point Yacht Maintenance	949 661 7227	Sea Carpet	949 722 3505
Rex Harker Complete Underwater & Topside		Sea Power	714 931 4041
Delgado Boat Cleaning	949 270 6993	Sea Wolff Canvas, Custom Canvas	949 412 5856
Detail Depot	949 463 4687	Seaside Marine Electronics	949 675 7866
Dolphin Divers	949 661-6878	Service & Installation Electronic Systems	
Ed Reiner Diving Co, Inc.	760 721 1928	So Cal Surveys, LLC	949 495 3232
Explorer Marine	619 223 2182	SOS Maintenance	951 522 5973
Harvard Marine	310 482 7043	Diesel Engine, General Repair, Inboard-Outboard	
Hoffman Marine Services	949 350 8649	Whitewater Marine	949 493 5005
Island Canvas	949 291 6900	Mechanical Engine Out-Drives	
Jeddy's Upholstery & Interior	949 240 9569	Wright Repair	714 552 0759
John Ross Marine Maintenance	949 496 6748	Inflatable Boat Repair Service	
Kozwel Boat Works	949 456 9935	Yachtbedding.com	213 254 5835
Leading Edge Yacht Services	949 675 2823	Yacht Engineering Systems	949 436 0085
Marine Plumbing Services	949 631 3763	Yacht Ready Consultants	949 369 9100