

# **38<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DANA POINT HARBOR BOAT PARADE OF LIGHTS**

## **“LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION A HOLLYWOOD HOLIDAY”**

**Friday, December 7 & Saturday, December 8  
Friday, December 14 & Saturday, December 15  
7:30pm – By the water’s edge**

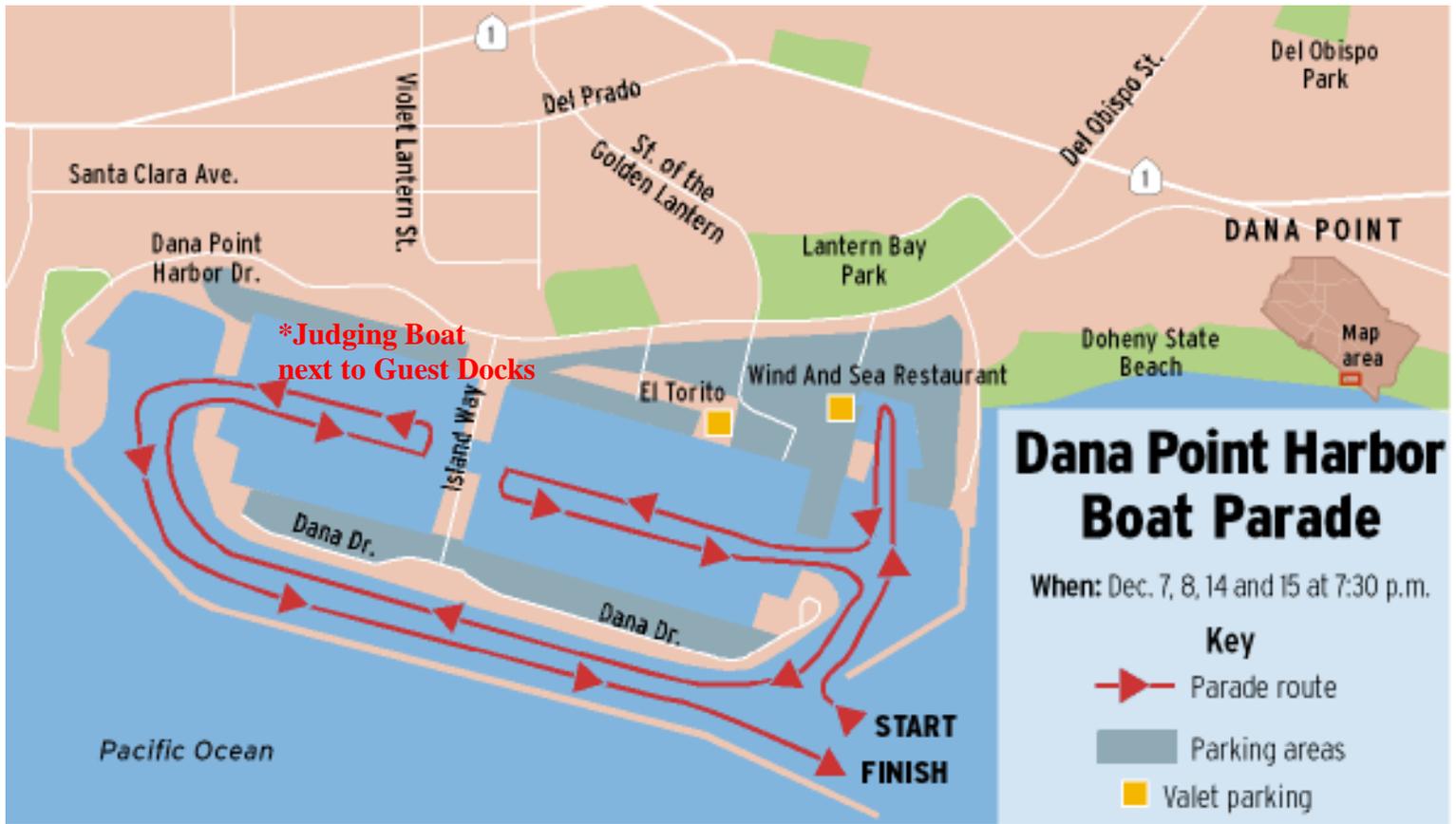
### **RULES & INFORMATION- UPDATED 12/5/12**

Lead boat of parade is the Harbor Patrol Boat and the 95’ “Dana Pride” donated by Dana Wharf Sportfishing

1. Assemble and start staging just inside the harbor along the outer channel by 7:15pm. Please leave PLENTY of room between the boats. It is not a race, it is a parade. Use caution and patience at ALL times.
2. The Dana Pride, Sum Fun, Clemente and Ocean Adventures will be just outside the jetty until the Harbor Patrol calls the Parade to Order (monitor Channel 68) at 7:30. They will then start the parade line with the Dana Pride in front and other Dana Wharf Boats following, please wait until these boats have cleared the entrance before merging into the parade line up.
3. 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.
4. Please allow a substantial amount of spacing between boats as you merge into the line.
5. Please be cautious of boats in the launch ramp area. We have provided Rules but they don’t always follow them.
6. All Human Powered vessels are to assemble at the Jolly Roger Launch ramp by 7pm.
7. All Human Powered vessels are to wait until the parade is towards the end in order to not cause delays due to lack of speed.
8. Have your VHF radio on channel 68 – use low power. The Harbor Patrol & USCG Aux will monitor parade over this channel.
9. Channel 16 is for EMERGENCIES only.
10. 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.)
11. Keep speed below 5mph 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.**
12. Keep at least 3 boat lengths behind the preceding vessel.
13. Maintain a SLOW speed not to exceed 5 MPH during the parade.
14. Make sure you have lights on your boat and Human Powered vessels and dinghys.
15. 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).
16. Dana Point Harbor is a No Discharge Harbor and courtesy pump-out stations are located throughout the Harbor.
17. Designate a look-out on board to assist the vessel operator during the event.
18. Insure there are sufficient life jackets for all on board.
19. Children 12 under MUST have life jackets on and be in a secure location of the vessel.
20. Generators must be secured properly.
21. Do not overcrowd your boat with participants. The Coast Guard Aux will be out in full force and checking that ALL boats are following proper safety procedures.
22. US Coast Guard Aux teams will be station at: Judging Boat, OCSEC, Bridge, Wind & Sea, Launch Ramp

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. An Auxiliary Coast Guard vessel will be on hand should you require assistance, please monitor Channel 68. **DO NOT PASS** another vessel while in the parade line!

**NEW!** The Judging boat is located aboard the  
Judging takes place all four nights, but some sponsors will be judging only one night and that could be any of the four nights of the parade, so the more nights you participate, the better your chances at winning a sponsored award/cash prize. The DPHA Awards are for each category and is judged by a different judge and the points are totaled up for each night. Sponsor trophies/cash prizes are judged by said Sponsor under whatever criteria they have established.



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# QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES FROM PREVIOUS DANA POINT HARBOR BOAT PARADE OF LIGHTS

IF YOU HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL THEM TO KIM TILLY AT [info@danapointharbor.com](mailto:info@danapointharbor.com).

**1) A request was made to stage the vessels in the main channel rather than outside the breakwater. It seems conditions were less than desirable last year both from the standpoint of sea conditions and traffic flow. Please advise if this is a possibility.**

**RESPONSE:** We will stage the vessels in the outer channel and request that you all watch out for each other and use extreme caution and allow regular traffic to get through. You will line up and then at 7:30, the Harbor Patrol will call the parade to order and the Dana Wharf fleet will leave their slips and start the parade. At this time, the staged vessels will move forward and proceed into the parade line. Keep your radio on Channel 68 for staging updates.

**2) A concern was raised regarding spectator kayaks and dinghy's mixing in with parade - safety was the issue as their profile does not lend itself well for visibility during the event. Advise how this might be addressed**

**RESPONSE:** We monitor dinghies and kayaks during the parade and direct them to the center of the channel so they don't impede the parade. They are welcome on the water as long as they do not impede vessel traffic-and display lights in compliance with State and Federal regulations. Additionally all boats 16 feet or more in length, except canoes and kayaks must have one wearable PFD(s) of sufficient number and size for every person on board which must be readily accessible and a Type IV (throwable) flotation devices must be immediately available. All human powered crafts of any length and all other boats less than 16 feet in length must have one PFD for each person on board. They well as all human powered craft are subject to citation for OC Codified Ordinances if they impede vessel traffic inside the harbor.

**3) Concern regarding participating Human Powered vessels (kayaks) impeding flow of parade line traffic.**

**RESPONSE:** We are requesting all HPV to stage in the Jolly Roger dock area and are to wait until the designated Parade Escort Boat meets them and escorts them into the parade line towards the end of the parade. This should help with the flow of the parade line not being impeded by the slower HPVs.

**4) Concern regarding traffic flow - either too close or too far apart. Apparently a couple of vessels were real slow so others were going around the slow vessel and this created problems with flow in both directions. Advise how this might be addressed.**

**RESPONSE:** Kim addressed this in her rules announcement to the participants to keep 3 boat lengths from the boat ahead. Need voluntary compliance, as we can't enforce this. We try to keep the parade speed below 5 MPH to try and keep a tight parade route. My staff will also be out asking boaters to tighten up gaps. Boaters need to use channel 68 to let us know of problems so we can try and address them. Please DO NOT PASS another boat in the parade line, it can cause a huge safety concern for all involved. Just be patient and courteous.

**5) Concern regarding rain or fog.**

**RESPONSE:** The parade is rain or shine. If the rain is really heavy and the wind picks up, or there is a heavy fog, please contact the Harbor Patrol (248-2222) before leaving the docks to find out the status of the parade. After you have left the docks, continue to monitor Channel 68. Emergencies go to Channel 16. The Coast Guard Auxiliary will have a Communication Center monitoring Channel 16 and 68 and can be hailed "Dana Point Control" if you need help.

**6) Concern regarding spectator boats without lights**

**RESPONSE:** State and Federal regulations: "All vessels are required to display navigation lights between sunset and sunrise..." "...A power-driven vessel of less than 12 meters in length may exhibit an all-round white light and sidelights...If a power-driven vessel of less than 7 meters in length whose maximum speed does not exceed 7 knots may in lieu of the lights prescribed above may exhibit an all-round white light..." They are subject to citation for failure to display lights as required. Every attempt will be made to redirect non-compliant boats back to their slips or launch area.

## 7) Concern regarding bunching at the launch ramp and Wind & Sea area

**RESPONSE:** Every attempt will be made to assist participating and spectators boats with parade rules regarding traffic flow.

## 8) Thought regarding a kayak/dinghy/paddleboard viewing area

**RESPONSE:** The West basin area has historical been a viewing area for boaters and I would suggest this be promoted. (Kim—It is difficult to get the word out that there is a particular 'viewing area'. Additionally, it then becomes something that has to be managed. We will bring it up at our next meeting and discuss it in more depth. It is too late to do it this year, but we will look into it for 2013.

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Channel 68 and 16