



DANA POINT BOATERS ASSOCIATION

Dana Point Boater Liaison Program

Submissions Report
October, 2013

Summary

New Business

1. Waitlist Management – Slip change/transfer waitlist process too slow.
2. Slip Rules – Boat overhang rules enforcement
3. Anchoring – Rules for anchoring outside harbor
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5. Dinghy/PWC Storage – Inconsistencies
6. 5mph/Wakeless Rule – Suggestion for signage improvements
7. Oil Recycling – Suggestions for improvement of boater education/notification
8. Launch Ramp – Suggestion for segregating PWCs and larger boats
9. Harbor Maintenance – Landside litter
10. Harbor Dept. Website – Request for weather info and live web cam
11. Guest Slips – Concerns about slip reservation process
12. Dock Carts – Concerns about availability, suggestion for improvement
13. Marina Parking – Concerns about motorhomes and “squatters”
14. Boat Slips – Rules enforcement
15. Marina Parking – Where does parking revenue go? Stay in harbor?
16. HPC Storage – Where will it be after revitalization.

Old Business / Follow-up

1. Marina Wi-Fi RFP
2. Waitlist Management – Partnership Fees / Random Audits

Submissions

Following are samples of submissions for each topic.

1. **Contact Info:** Available

Stake in the harbor: Boat in a slip - East Marina

Share with the following: Marina Operators (Dana Point Marina Co., TBW, Vintage/Embarcadero)

Description: Am in slip on island side and want to move to cave side. Have been on the transfer wait list for 4 years. Inquiries of the marina people, they have stated that they fill open slips from the slip wait list and then if there is time and slips available for transfer then they will work on it. Took me less time to get a slip in the first place <8 months--why not clear this list first so existing customers are taken care of first and the transfer list would probably be short. Thanks

2. **Contact Info:** Anonymous

Stake in the harbor: Boat in a slip - West Marina

Share with the following: OC Dana Point Harbor (Harbor Department); Marina Operators (Dana Point Marina Co., TBW, Vintage/Embarcadero); Landside Operators (VMP, County Parks, OCDPH)

Description: A friend of mine recently purchased a Catalina 27 in a 25 ft slip that has been in Dana Point Marina for decades. The new owner was told that the boat was too long for the slip according the "county" The marina operators apologized stating that it was out of their hands as it was the county who instigated this new policy. Exactly who in the county is responsible for this new rule and why is it deemed necessary. Just look at all of the empty 25 ft slips now vacant in the marina because of this policy.

3. **Contact Info:** Available

Share with the following: OC Dana Point Harbor (Harbor Department); Harbor Patrol (Orange County Sheriff's Department)

Description: I am sailing in the vicinity of the harbor and would like to drop anchor temporarily in the calmer waters off Doheny Beach in the lee of the short jetty, but not in the boat channel as marked by the buoyage system. If I do so will I be sited for anchoring within 500 yds of the 5mph speed limit buoys?

4. **Contact Info:** Anonymous

Stake in the harbor: Boat in a slip - East Marina; Human-powered craft (kayak, paddle board, etc.); Waitlister

Share with the following: OC Dana Point Harbor (Harbor Department); Marina Operators (Dana Point Marina Co., TBW, Vintage/Embarcadero)

Description: Having seen the increase in rent of the dinghy racks by 500% and the increase of the dinghy slips by 30% with a 30 day notice, I have strong concerns over the combining of the harbor to one governing entity. I fail to see one single advantage given for these increases. Just the power of the harbor department to milk every last dime from the boater because," they can". I prefer to be anonymous only because I know there is retribution to those that disagree with this regime.

5. **Contact Info:** Available

Stake in the harbor: Boat in a slip - West Marina

Share with the following: Marina Operators (Dana Point Marina Co., TBW, Vintage/Embarcadero)

Description: In the East basin they are renting "dinghy" slips (vacant, un-rented slips) for \$20.00 per mo to store dinghies if you have a large boat docked there. We inquired about this in the West basin and they said they do not do this. I am currently paying \$230.00 per mo for a side tie dinghy slip adjacent to the walkway in the West Basin where our large boat is docked. It seems the East basin cares more about their renters than the West Basin...WHY???

6. **Contact Info:** Anonymous

Stake in the harbor: Boat in a slip - West Marina; Human-powered craft (kayak, paddle board, etc.)

Share with the following: OC Dana Point Harbor (Harbor Department); Harbor Patrol (Orange County Sheriff's Department)

Description: All 5 mph signs should be changed to say NO WAKE ZONE!!!!

7. **Contact Info:** Anonymous

Stake in the harbor: Boat on trailer - Embarcadero

Share with the following: Marina Operators (Dana Point Marina Co., TBW, Vintage/Embarcadero)

Description: It is great to have signs posted about the Free Pad Exchange to keep oil/fuel out of the harbor and ocean. Some language needs to be developed that the disposal of used oil is not "Free" or easy to do in the marina. Possibly just posting the current fee per gallon and where may get the job done under the current postings. I have noticed that some used oil sadly ends up in the trash bins.

8. **Contact Info:** Anonymous

Stake in the harbor: Boat on trailer - Embarcadero

Share with the following: OC Dana Point Harbor (Harbor Department); Marina Operators (Dana Point Marina Co., TBW, Vintage/Embarcadero)

Description: To help control the flow and access to the launch ramps and docks, I would suggest a posting on the pylons of the outside docks which says something with the idea "Boats Under 25' Use this Dock" both outside docks, and/or center dock "Boats over 25' use this dock weekends & holidays". Many times there are jet ski's or some other small boats using the center dock which is the only dock which the larger boats can reasonably access due to the curbs and walls which block rig alignment to the ramp. This should be discussed to get the best possible solution.

9. **Contact Info:** Available

Stake in the harbor: Former slip renter Dana West, now daily walker in harbor

Share with the following: Maintenance personnel for island walkways

Description: Every week I retrieve tangled fishing line from the fence railing and walkway area under the bridge on the island side, so that it does not blow into the water. Can this area, which is heavily used by people fishing, please be added to a more frequent litter patrol? Gratefully, [redacted]

10. **Contact Info:** Anonymous

Stake in the harbor: Boat in a slip - West Marina

Share with the following: OC Dana Point Harbor (Harbor Department)

Description: Would like to see a Dana Point Cam on the web site, similar to the San Clemente Pier Cam or Avalon cam(s). Also in that vein, would also like to see weather details also similar to the San Clemente site. Should include air & water temp, wind speed barometer, rain optional... also historical graphs.. I can supply links to the web sites if needed. thanks in advance!

11. **Contact Info:** Available

Stake in the harbor: Boat in a slip - West Marina

Share with the following: OC Dana Point Harbor (Harbor Department); Dana Point Marina Co.

Description: Investigate simplification of getting a guest slip, possibly by internet reservations, similar to Catalina, and also make it possible for a vessel at sea to come in after hours to take refuge in a guest slip. This is important to our friends and vessel guests. The present system is unworkable for a vessel coming in to the harbor for an overnight stay after 5PM not to mention getting to the east marina office for paperwork. Anchoring opportunities are becoming limited inside as well as outside of the harbor especially in the afternoons early evening when the westerly winds are at their peak in the summer & fall.

12. **Contact Info:** Anonymous

Stake in the harbor: Boat in a slip - West Marina

Share with the following: OC Dana Point Harbor (Harbor Department); Marina Operators (Dana Point Marina Co., TBW, Vintage/Embarcadero)

Description: Dock Carts.... Seem to be not enough available, zero on some days during the week not necessarily just weekends. Problem is not that someone is using them, but they are not on or near the dock head or fingers! Recommend that the marina staff be assigned to daily checks to see that the required number of carts are available on each dock (is 5 the right number?) and take necessary measures to locate and supply the right number of carts per dock. I understand that the guest docks may pilfer some dock carts from Dana West Marina, A dock West Basin, but marina staff (both east & west marina since the east marina runs the guest docks (which doesn't make sense either)) should be alert and take the time to put dock carts back in their respective correct locations or restock carts to the proper level..

13. **Contact Info:** Available

Stake in the harbor: Boat in a slip - East Marina

Share with the following: OC Dana Point Harbor (Harbor Department)

Description: On the south side of Dana Point Harbor Drive there are typically 4-6 recreational vehicles parked on the street. It appears that these RV's are using this stretch of street as permanent parking. They occasionally will move their RV's so it looks like they're only temporarily parked there. However, as one who visits the marina 3-4 times a week, I see these same vehicles parked on Dana Point Harbor Drive all the time. Parking is already at a premium without "squatters" taking-up these parking spaces. One of the RV's is an eyesore with some political rhetoric painted on the back. Please put these vehicle owners on notice that they need to find an RV storage area for their vehicles. Thank you.

14. **Contact Info:** Available

Description: This issue might be of concern to no one other than me or it may have been discussed to death by all and abandoned. Whichever is the case, I'd like to hear from you.

There are marina rules that most responsible slip renters try diligently to respect and follow. Others, however, flaunt them regularly and there is nothing at all done about it by the marina management. Specifically, some boaters regularly end tie dinghies or tenders, some of them pretty good sized, across the transom of a boat that already fills the slip or even extends beyond the end of the slip by what might otherwise be an acceptable amount. I may be wrong, but it is my understanding and experience that marina management does nothing at all proactively to enforce this rule. Instead, it is up to other boaters to either talk to the offender or complain to marina management. Either way, we have made an uncomfortable enemy of someone in the next slip. That is not fair to us.

The marina management certainly monitors whether or not we have tendered our slip rental fees. They don't require that we police and report one another on that score. Why can't they be as diligent in enforcing rules that protect the ability of renters to safely get their boats in and out of slips?

It would be quite simple to assign each marina employee to actually leave the office for an hour each week to police this activity. Offending craft can be spotted from the sidewalks and marina management can take the initiative to contact them, warn them, impound craft, fine them and ultimately boot the offenders from the marina if they do not toe the line.

The same thing goes for these boat access steps that are often significantly oversized, compared to the written standard, and often on the wrong (port) side of a renter's boat. If I am sandwiched between someone with one of these steps on the correct (starboard) side and someone with their steps on the wrong (port side) I have difficulty boarding and debarking my own boat, especially with gear or provisions.

These issues are admittedly de minimus compared with the weighty ones on your plate, but they nonetheless detract from the experience we are paying for and should be able to expect. Because marina management won't enforce these very simple rules, it is left to the renter to suffer in silence or incur the wrath of someone who has already demonstrated that he is a selfish jackass by engaging in the behavior in the first place. We cannot enforce our request; so we're left with the offending activity and the angry jackass next door. It would be a very simple matter for the marina management to solve this problem...and they should.

15. **Contact Info:** Available

Stake in the harbor: Boat in a slip - East Marina

Share with the following: OC Dana Point Harbor (Harbor Department); Landside Operators (VMP, County Parks, OCDPH)

Description: How do the fees generated by Catalina Express parking fees in our lots (\$12 per day, per car) get re-distributed back to the county? Are any revenues from parking disseminated outside the marina non-profit organization?

Thank you for the answer.

16. **Contact Info:** Available

Stake in the harbor: Human-powered craft (kayak, paddle board, etc.)

Share with the following: OC Dana Point Harbor (Harbor Department); Marina Operators (Dana Point Marina Co., TBW, Vintage/Embarcadero)

Description: Rumor has it that in the area where the DOCC outriggers and OC1, OC2, SUP are stored, that parking is going to replace this storage area. Is this true? If yes, what is the plan to store the man powered crafts? Thank you.