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for the Boaters of Dana Point Marina

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Sea Lions

Sea Lions in the Marina are destructive and a nuisance. As temps warm we anticipate the problem to increase. Here are what we are doing and what we recommend for boaters:

The Marina:

- When we receive sea lion complaints, staff are sent immediately to “flush” them from docks and boats. Immediate abatement is one of our best tools, discouraging the critters from roosting in particular areas.
- Using orange plastic buckets as obstacles to sea lions jumping on the docks.
- If you have a problem with sea lions boarding your boat, the marina will install plastic orange OSHA fencing zip tied to the boat. This is provided to boaters at no charge.

Boaters:

- Do not feed sea lions, cut bait or clean fish at dockside.
 - If you see sea lions on the docks or a boat, notify the Marina immediately.
 - For additional ideas on abatement, check out: <http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/>
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California Boater Card

You have probably heard that effective January 1, 2018 the State of California began implementing their new Boater Card. A California Boater Card is proof that the holder/boater has successfully passed a state approved boater safety examination. The program is phased in according to age, and the card remains valid for life. For more information check out: Californiaboatercard.com.

Parking Gates

When inviting guests to the Marina, remember to properly instruct them on access through the parking gate. The following is recommended:

- Either provide your guests with a cell number to reach you or wait for them at the parking gate.
 - Warn them that tailgating other vehicles through the gate or otherwise failing to follow posted instructions will result in severe tire damage. Have them wait until you can provide them access.
 - IF THE GATE ARM IS BROKEN DO NOT DRIVE THROUGH THE GATE UNLESS THE SIGNAL LIGHT IS GREEN.
 - If unable to meet guests at the parking gate, direct your guests to use public parking.
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Rule Reminders

The following rules will help you and your neighbors enjoy the Spring and Summer seasons:

- Fishing and swimming in the harbor is not allowed. (Rule 5)
- Do not allow your boat to overhang the dock...it's a safety hazard! (Rule 7)
- Refueling at dockside is prohibited. (Rule 11)
- Dinghies and inflatables may not be stored behind the vessel if they extend more than 3 ft beyond the end of the dock finger. (Rule 28)

Marina Rules and Regulations can be found on the Marina website danapointmarina.com.
