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Festival of Whales - March 4 & 5, 11 & 12



The annual Dana Point Festival of Whales is one of Southern California's largest seafaring celebrations, reaching out to whale watchers around the world. Celebrating the annual migration of the Gray Whales off our coast, Dana Point provides a two weekend Festival of Whales that offers something for everyone.

The Festival draws nearly 100,000 visitors each year during these two special weekends.

Festival highlights include an opening day parade, Street Fair geared for families, art and craft exhibits, classic car, paddling events, sand sculpting, concerts on land and water, environmental activities, educational opportunities, interpretive crafts, kids activities, and fun food. Of course, whale watching excursions provide an up-close and educational view of the whales or view them from a distance from the breathtaking Dana Point Headlands Conservation Park.

For more information, check out: festivalofwhales.com

Gray Whale Season

Gray Whales are magnificent animals that are visible from Dana Point from mid-to-late December through March. The last two years have seen an enormous number of gray whales and their calves heading north in February and March. After their birth off Baja California, Gray Whales hug the coastline as they head back to the waters off Alaska.

Don't miss one of the wonders of the California Coast.

Weatherizing Your Boat

In Dana Point Harbor it's easy to forget that we could experience inclement weather. To protect your boat during the winter the Marina recommends the following preventative measures:

- Santa Ana winds occur in January and February, so please make sure your gear is secure.
- Make sure mooring lines are secure and in good condition.
- Secure halyards, rigging and canvas covers.
- Bilge should be clean and clear of debris that could clog bilge pumps.
- Batten down the hatches.

Improvements

During the past several weeks there have been a number of lighting improvements...specifically over the restrooms and the parking gate entrances. Trash rooms will soon be lit throughout the night without using the manual switch.