

# The Marina News

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A Monthly Newsletter for the Boaters of Dana Point Marina  
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## United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating Safety Course



The US Coast Guard Auxiliary provides helpful classes for boater education:

**Dates:** Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.  
**Time:** 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.  
**Location:** 470 Camino San Clemente, San Clemente, CA 92672.  
**Cost:** \$65.00 per person (Check only, NO CASH, payable at first class).

**Registration Contact:** [USCG.Aux.BoatingCourses@gmail.com](mailto:USCG.Aux.BoatingCourses@gmail.com)

## Safety Hazard!

Under Marina rules, vessels are not allowed to overhang the dock. A vessel overhanging the dock can cause a serious injury when an unsuspecting person walks into a bow or anchor. Improperly tied vessels may be retied by marina staff without notice. Prevent injuries to your neighbors and guests by securing your vessel so that the bow does not extend over the dock. Secondly, tie your lines securely enough so that the vessel does not drift forward over the dock as a result of wind and waves. If you notice a vessel overhanging the dock, contact the marina office to correct the hazard.

## Security Cameras

During the past two weeks we have been performing preliminary work to install security cameras at the three marina parking entrances. The cameras will provide an added measure of security for the facility and document activities at the gate for the purpose of risk management. These first two installations should be completed by May, with additional cameras planned at other key locations.

## Spring has Sprung

For the most part it has been a very mild and enjoyable winter in Dana Point Harbor. With the weather warming up, be sure to make the most of your boating and harbor experience. The following are a few tips:

- [Dana Point Headlands Trail and Interpretive Center](#) - Spring is a perfect time to check out the Headlands with warming temps and native flowers in bloom. The views are terrific and it is an easy hike (if your drive up Cove Road!)
- [Doheny State Park](#) - Mentioned in the famed Beach Boys hit, Surfin' U.S.A. - this beach has it all.
- [Dana Point and Tide Pools](#) - A hidden jewel of a beach, right in the harbor's back yard; beautiful location and tide pools ( a marine preserve). Just beyond the Ocean Institute, it's a place for exploring!