



BOATER NOTICE

Sea Lion Deterrent Pilot Program

DANA POINT HARBOR INITIATES SEA LION DETERRENT PILOT PROGRAM

Boaters in Dana Point Harbor can expect some lanky new neighbors – ones with perpetually waving arms and shaking hips, and usually spotted dancing on top of car dealerships.

The hot-air-powered, brightly-colored characters – known as air dancers – are being deployed to the harbor's docks to deter sea lions from making themselves at home on docks and boats, which can cause costly damage.

Dana Point Marine Company is initiating this pilot program after a dramatic increase in sea lion activity over the past 18 months.

The unusual movement of the air dancers should encourage sea lions to move on to other areas where human encounters are less likely.

The program will begin July 4 with three air dancers placed near the Harbor Patrol dock.

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