



DANA POINT BOATERS ASSOCIATION | PO BOX 461, DANA POINT, CA 92629-0461  
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Sent via Email

Mr. Joe Ueberroth  
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Thomas "Mat" Miller, Chief Real Estate Officer  
County Executive Office | Real Estate  
Hall of Administration  
333 W. Santa Ana Blvd., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: Dredging of Dana Point Harbor

Dear Mr. Ueberroth and Mr. Miller,

It has been brought to the attention of Dana Point Boaters Association that the lack of dredging of the marina and harbor has caused, and is continuing to cause, considerable damage to a number of boats in the marina.

According to California Coastal Commission permits, the last two dredgings of Dana Point Harbor were in 2015 and 2009. Previous Orange County Administrators indicated dredging should be completed at least every six years, so the process is past due.

With the tidal fluctuations and accumulating sediments, severe damage is being caused to the underside of both sailing and power vessels due to low water depth and damage from the boat slips. In low water depth, sailboats, mainly larger ones, are sinking into the accumulated sediments in their slips and incurring major damage. The silt and sand act like abrasive sandpaper causing damage down to the fiberglass and gelcoat. On some boats the cost to repair the damage could be in the thousands of dollars.

Concerned boaters have reported the issue to marina management and are basically told they will address the problem when they can. Marina management has offered to move some of the boaters who have reported problems. But when there are no empty slips in the size needed, they are offered an end tie with a substantially higher monthly fee. Harbor administrators have even suggested that if the boater doesn't like it, he can leave.



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This is a violation of Section 10.1 of the Master Lease agreement between Orange County and Dana Point Harbor Partners and needs to be addressed immediately. Please advise what action will be taken to rectify this situation.

Sincerely,

Anne Eubanks  
President

Cc: James Campbell, Orange County Real Estate Office