



# DANA POINT BOATERS ASSOCIATION

Dana Point Boater Liaison Program

Submissions Report  
March, 2015

## Summary

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### **New submissions:**

1. Water conservation – Boat wash down.
2. Water conservation – Landscape maintenance.
3. Harbor Revitalization – Docks and dockside facilities.
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6. Boat Parade – Paddle boarders/kayakers.
7. Waitlist Management – Follow-up on slip transfers and boat “partnerships”.
8. Birds – Bird dropping mitigation.
9. Parking/traffic Management – Parking enforcement; event traffic management.
10. Noise Mitigation – Loud music at Sailing and Events Center.
11. Parking Management – EV charging stations.
12. Harbor Budget Management – Budget oversight.
13. Fishing in the Harbor – Concerns about obstructions to navigation
14. Parking Management – Valet parking in fire lanes.

### **Follow-up items:**

1. RFP for Wi-Fi service for boaters.
2. Waitlist Management – Partnership fees, random audits.
3. Online guest slip reservations

## Submissions

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1. **Stake in the harbor:** Aventura Sailing Club

**Share with the following:** OC Dana Point Harbor (Harbor Department); Marina Operators (Dana Point Marina Co., TBW, Vintage/Embarcadero)

**Description:** Is there a water conservation policy for the marina especially one related to rinsing down one's boat?

2. **Stake in the harbor:** Boat in a slip - West Marina

**Share with the following:** OC Dana Point Harbor (Harbor Department); Marina Operators (Dana Point Marina Co., TBW, Vintage/Embarcadero); Landside Operators (VMP, County Parks, OCDPH)

**Description:** Water conservation; we are in the midst of the worst drought in recorded history, Californians are called upon to conserve, yet there seems to be no reduction in the amount of watering of the grass/plants in the harbor, that, combined with the gross overspray of the areas means a huge amount of wasted water.

3. **Stake in the harbor:** Boat in a slip - West Marina

**Share with the following:** OC Dana Point Harbor (Harbor Department); Marina Operators (Dana Point Marina Co., TBW, Vintage/Embarcadero); Landside Operators (VMP, County Parks, OCDPH)

**Description:** Dockside buildings replacement/refresh/'improvement': the ancillary dockside buildings around the harbor at the docks are as old as the harbor and are as outdated as the buildings all scheduled to be 'revitalized', yet I am unaware of any plans at all to care for these buildings in all the upcoming work proposed for the harbor and its environs. If this is truly the case, is it not possible to at least rehab the restrooms and showers with more energy efficient lighting fixtures and controllers to help conserve energy, and water efficient toilets, urinals, and sink fixtures to help conserve at least a little bit of water in the harbor.

4. **Stake in the harbor:** Boat in a slip - West Marina

**Share with the following:** OC Dana Point Harbor (Harbor Department); Landside Operators (VMP, County Parks, OCDPH)

**Description:** The docks are falling apart faster than crew can repair. Plywood and 4x4s installed daily to be there for four months. What is the dock replacement plan? Parking lots falling apart and the space markings are not visible.

5. **Stake in the harbor:** Boat in a slip - West Marina

**Share with the following:** Appeal hearing

**Description:** I have looked at the plan to some extent. Do not believe that the plan mitigated boater access in the east basin during construction. Suggest that the change in guest docks to be near Harpoon Henry's be accelerated to occur before start of construction. This way fewer PERMANENT slip holders will be negatively impacted by the lack of access due to construction because they would now be located in the

west basin by the youth & group facility. Probably more can be done to mitigate loss of access to those boaters that cannot be moved during construction. I don't believe that it has been adequately planned or is simply an afterthought.

6. **Stake in the harbor:** Boat in a slip - West Marina; we've been in the harbor since 1979

**Share with the following:** OC Dana Point Harbor (Harbor Department); Harbor Patrol (Orange County Sheriff's Department); Marina Operators (Dana Point Marina Co., TBW, Vintage/Embarcadero); Christmas parade chairman

**Description:** Please try and keep kayakers and paddle boarders out of the parade and out of the parade route. We can't see them at night. They do not have any lights or any way to see them. It's dangerous for them.

7. **Stake in the harbor:** Boat in a slip - East Marina; Waitlister

**Share with the following:** OC Dana Point Harbor (Harbor Department); Marina Operators (Dana Point Marina Co., TBW, Vintage/Embarcadero)

**Description:** The waitlist for larger slips remains decades long, yet boat sellers continue to openly transfer their slips with the sale of their boat, and boaters boast about their "special deal" and loopholes that let them get their slip without being on the wait list. Last year the harbor dept. said "In the event we suspect a boat has sold and the buyer has taken possession of the slip, further investigation is performed" and "an annual fee for partnerships equal to the cost to order requisite reports to verify ownership and further refinement of the existing rules about partnerships has been recommended and is under consideration".

Is this happening now? What is being done to stop these phony partnerships that cheat the rest of us on the waitlist?

8. **Stake in the harbor:** Boat in a slip - West Marina

**Share with the following:** OC Dana Point Harbor (Harbor Department); Marina Operators (Dana Point Marina Co., TBW, Vintage/Embarcadero); Landside Operators (VMP, County Parks, OCDPH)

**Description:** Bird mitigation- Any thoughts to reducing the considerable bird populations in the harbor area? There is bird poop all over the place; in the trees, under the trees, in the parking lots, on the vehicles in the parking lots, on the sidewalks, on the dumpsters, on the trash cans and the grass in the beach area, on the buildings, on the docks, and of course, all over the boats in the harbor... harbor employees use a special machine to clean the sidewalks, harbor employees are even sent to baby beach to try and collect what poops they can from the water's edge in the effort to reduce the water pollution.

9. **Stake in the harbor:** Boat in a slip - West Marina

**Share with the following:** OC Dana Point Harbor (Harbor Department); Harbor Patrol (Orange County Sheriff's Department); Landside Operators (VMP, County Parks, OCDPH); Dana Point police services

**Description:** Parking control/traffic control: some time ago, an issue was attended to, that being the long term parking of RVs on Dana Point Harbor Dr., going so far as to put up signage limiting parking to 4 hrs, yet the enforcement seems to be intermittent rather than continual. Also, there is no real traffic control on DP Harbor Dr. during the many 'events' that are staged in the harbor throughout the year, leading to traffic

problems at the intersections at Island way and Cliff Drive. Any chance to get traffic control officers assigned to these spots during the traffic heavy events to help mitigate the ensuing congestion that occurs?

10. **Stake in the harbor:** Boat in a slip - West Marina

**Share with the following:** OC Dana Point Harbor (Harbor Department); Landside Operators (VMP, County Parks, OCDPH)

**Description:** Who can we call to have the loud music at the evening events on Fridays and Saturdays at the Sailing and Events Center turned down?

11. **Stake in the harbor:** Boat in a slip - West Marina

**Share with the following:** OC Dana Point Harbor (Harbor Department); Marina Operators (Dana Point Marina Co., TBW, Vintage/Embarcadero); Landside Operators (VMP, County Parks, OCDPH)

**Description:** EV charging stations; any plans to install dedicated EV charging stations throughout the harbor as part of the reconfiguration/revitalization, or even just as a general plan to keep up with the presumed growing use of EVs in southern California?

12. **Stake in the harbor:** Boat in a slip - West Marina

**Share with the following:** OC Dana Point Harbor (Harbor Department); Landside Operators (VMP, County Parks, OCDPH)

**Description:** Harbor budget oversight/discretionary spending; is there any official government oversight/review of how funds are reserved/allocated for use in the harbor? I am under the belief that monies raised in the harbor (particularly by slip fees) are to be applied to the maintenance and betterment of the harbor (Tidelands Trust?), yet how does anyone know how these funds are allocated and used? Is there any state agency accounting or official fiscal review of this information available to the public?

13. **Stake in the harbor:** Was received by email

**Share with the following:** OC Dana Point Harbor (Harbor Department); Harbor Patrol (Orange County Sheriff's Department)

**Description:** Greetings and thanks for your on-going efforts to keep us boaters up-to-date on what's happening in the Marina. While I am both an avid boater, fisherman and novice amateur lobsterman, I do have two concerns to express from recent experiences. First, I am noticing more and more small craft fishermen/women fishing inside the harbor in the middle of the channel, either drifting or anchored. Many do not seem to understand the rules of the road and the difficulties of maneuvering larger craft around them. Are there any rules about this? Second, as lobster season was in full swing last year, I noticed that some of the commercial guys seemed to be dropping their traps in close proximity to the harbor entrance. In fact, one time I ran across a buoy line, fouled my prop, and had to be towed in. There is a lot of ocean out there... can't this be regulated better? Thanks for any input you can give me.

14. **Stake in the harbor:** Boat in a slip - West Marina

**Share with the following:** OC Dana Point Harbor (Harbor Department); Harbor Patrol (Orange County Sheriff's Department); Landside Operators (VMP, County Parks, OCDPH)

**Description:** My submission is in response to the continuing parking problems associated with "Valet Parking" blocking the main entrance to the harbor parking lot. The Valets are allowing the parked cars and vehicles in "RED, NO PARKING" Fire Lane Zone within the parking lots and also parking up and down the main entrance to the harbor that is also a "No Parking Zone". This is something that has brought up to the attention of OC DPH in the past but, continues to be a problem and is against the law. This needs to be remedied immediately, especially with the Holiday Season upon us. If there is not a remedy quickly for this continuing situation, the public needs to respond to Orange County Fire Authority! If not, I will make sure they are contacted since the property management and OC Dana Point Harbor are allowing their Valet Operators to continue to break the law!

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## Follow-up Items

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### 1. RFP for Wi-Fi

OC DPH Response: The provision for Harbor-wide Wi-Fi service has previously been investigated and was not pursued due to the cost of implementing such a program. Wi-Fi is not a primary marina business, and the ongoing administration and maintenance of a Wi-Fi system is not something familiar to the operators. Limited Wi-Fi is already offered through Dana West Yacht Club, Aventura Sailing and Dana Point Yacht Club.

Should Wi-Fi service be pursued, it is mutually understood that this would be a program for an outside contract and the best way to determine the viability of a successful Wi-Fi service Harbor-wide is through the County's RFP process. OC Dana Point Harbor will investigate opportunities for a Wi-Fi vendor in the near future. Any cost for such a venture that may be charged by a successful proposer will likely be passed on to the user.

### 2. Waitlist Management – Partnership fees, random audits

OC DPH Response: An annual fee for partnerships equal to the cost to order requisite reports to verify ownership and further refinement of the existing rules about partnerships has been recommended and is now under consideration. Random audits will also be conducted. It is our goal to manage the waitlist in a fair and equitable fashion on a first come, first served basis. There are no "special deals" offered and we are always watching for signs of unauthorized subleases and/or slip transfers.

### 3. Online guest slip reservations

OC DPH Response: The requested web-based reservations system can be explored, evaluated and the prospective costs/benefits weighed.