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Incident / Recommendations

In January there was a boat fire in the East Basin Marina. Thanks to several alert boaters and the help of Marina staff and Dana Point Harbor Patrol, damage to the boat was moderate and no other boats affected. The apparent cause of the fire? Old strings of holiday lights that had been left on 24/7 for several weeks. To avoid similar incidents the Marina recommends the following:

- Don't use old worn out strings of holiday lights. Consider new LED lights which use less power and generate less heat than the old incandescent lights.
- Thoroughly inspect holiday lights prior to installation. If the light string has damaged insulation and or exposed wires, do not use.
- Do not leave holiday lights continuously. Use a timer to activate lights for a few hours each night or better yet, *only turn on holiday lights when you are present*.
- Avoid excessive extension cords and make sure any used are in good shape and marine grade.
- Inspect the ends of extension cords and shore power cords for signs of heat damage or corrosion. If you encounter any, have the cord ends or the entire cords replaced.

The Marina is currently conducting their annual inspection of slip renter shore power cords and will notify you of any problems are observed.

Whales

Its currently Gray Whale migration season as they make their annual trip from Alaska, to the gulf of Baja and back. If viewing whales by boat, remember to stay 100 yards from the whales, maintain your modest speed and course, and if whales or dolphins get close on their own, put the vessel in neutral and wait for them to pass.

For more information go to oceanconservation.org.

47th Annual Dana Point Festival of Whales

March 3 - 4 & 10 - 11

Come enjoy the Dana Point Festival of Whales!

A wide variety of events throughout the Harbor
and the City of Dana Point with something for everyone.

For more information check out: <http://festivalofwhales.com/>.



REMINDER:

Please keep the Marina office updated with any changes to your address, phone number, email address, and emergency contact information. Thank you!
