The Marina News

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Gray Whales

The annual migration of the gray whale is a natural wonder along the California Coast. Over 20,000 gray whales make the journey from Alaska to Baja California and back again in a single year. The northern migration occurs from February to April. During this time, whale groups called pods, which include mothers and calves; keep close to shore. Therefore, this is the best time to view the graceful giants. As a boater, you have an amazing opportunity to share the beautiful migration with friends and family.

The following guidelines will help protect the whales during your whale watching experience:

OPERATION OF VESSELS IN THE VICINITY OF WHALES

- A vessel should approach an area of known or suspected whale activity with extreme caution.
- 2. A vessel within 1/2 mile (800 yards) of a whale is considered to be in the vicinity of whales.
- 3. A vessel entering the vicinity of whales is considered to be in the slow approach zone and should operate at a low wake speed. A vessel within 1/4 mile of a whale is considered to be in the slow zone and should operate at a recommended 7 knots or less.
- 4. The speed transition should also be observed in reverse while a vessel is departing the vicinity of whales.
- 5. When possible, all sonar, depth sounders, fish finders and other underwater transducers should be shut off whenever a vessel is in the vicinity of whales.

www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/pdfs/education/california_whale_watching_guidlelines.pdf



Festival of Whales March 7 & 8 and March 14 & 15



The Dana Point Festival of Whales is one of Southern California's largest seafaring celebrations and reaching out to whale admirers around the world. Coinciding with the annual Gray Whale migration, the festival offers something for everyone, drawing nearly 100,000 visitors each year over two weekends.

Festival highlights include an opening day parade and Street Fair geared for families, a Polynesian cultural experience, art and craft exhibits, classic car and vintage boat exhibits, paddling and sailing opportunities, sand sculpting, concerts on land and water, environmental activities, educational opportunities, interpretive crafts, kids activities, fun food, and of course, whale watching excursions on a variety of vessels. 2015 marks the 44th year of the Festival of Whales. Make plans to enjoy the fun!

Reminders:

- Keep pets leashed and restrained at all times.
- Return dock carts to the dock after use (behind the locked gate).
- Keep dock gates secured at all times. This protects your boating investment, and prevents small children from accessing the docks unattended.

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