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THE MARINA NEWS

A Monthly Newsletter for the Boaters of Dana Point Marina

Fourth of July

The BIG day is almost here! OC Dana Point Harbor (County of Orange) is making a number of preparations to help make the day a little easier:

- Relocating Catalina Express parking from the Marina lots July 4 through July 6.
- Providing free boater cargo shuttles.
- Providing Security and Attendants to monitor and control parking lots.

In addition, the following suggestions are to help everyone enjoy the holiday to the fullest:

- Carpool whenever possible, parking resources will be stretched to the limit.
- Come early and plan to stay until after the fireworks.
- Bring supplies to your boat early. On July 4th boater cargo shuttles will operate until 5:00 PM.
- Absolutely no personal fireworks are allowed in the harbor due to the fire risk.
- Prior to the firework display, some parking lots will fill to capacity, and streets may be closed by police services. Additional parking is available at Dana Hills High School with free shuttles to the harbor provided by the City of Dana Point.
- Most of all, please be patient, courteous, and safe during the holiday.

Pets

There have been a number of people cited recently for failure to keep their pets lashed in the marina. One animal actually bit a marina employee. Marina rules require that pets be leashed at all times and under the control of an adult. Also, pets should not be allowed to disturb others on the dock. Be a responsible pet owner and considerate of your neighbors.

Contractors

When looking for someone to work on your boat...don't hire the cheapest person you can find. Make sure the individual or company is properly insured (it is required by the marina). Recently there have been reports of fly by night contractors taking money and not performing the work, damaging the vessels and even camping onboard the vessel without the owner's permission. A good place to find a contractor is the list of registered contractors on the back of each newsletter. Each contractor listed has provided proof of insurance (you should double check), and paid a fee for limited marina access.