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DOHENY UPDATE for JULY 2014

SURF FEST A BIG SUCCESS: The 3rd Annual Doheny Surf Festival held the last weekend of June was a great success. Okay, so maybe the waves weren't as good as last year, but how amazing was it to see those young-gun wave riders tear it up on those small bumps? And talk about great water skills, the tandem surfing was amazing. The park was full of vendors selling a vast variety of items. Oh... and the food... Wow!!! The food trucks and our own **Bone Yard Café**... it was so hard to decide what to eat (many of us tried them all!). The music was phenomenal with Aloha Radio and Common Sense once again rock'n the park. A special thank you goes to our good friend PT Townend for arranging a special showing of the classic surf movie "Endless Summer" at the Stillwater Grill Restaurant in Dana Point with an in-person discussion session with PT, Mike Hydson and Danny Brauner. Our thanks to **Utopia Entertainment** and **Subaru of America**, and the Surf Festival official sponsors: Hobie, Kona Brewing, City of Dana Point, and California State Parks. Plans are already in the works for the Doheny Surf Festival 2015. **Cowabunga!**



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SILENT AUCTION / OPPORTUNITY DRAWING WINNERS!



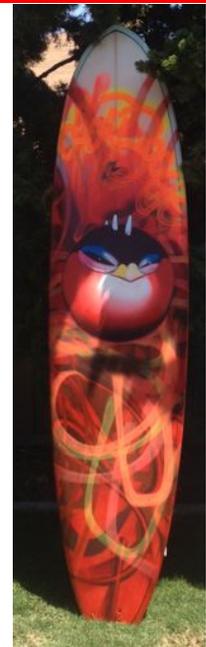
DSBIA had silent auctions and an opportunity drawing at this past weekend's **Doheny Surf Festival**.

Congratulations to Darcy Patch and her son who peddled off on the classic **Kona Brewing Beach Bike Cruiser**. Congratulations also to Silent Auction winners Rachel Clark (**Ohana-Kemp Pro-Light Surfboard**), Adam Goodhue (**Balti Performance Thruster Surfboard**), Tom Haight (**Balti Boogie Bird Surfboard**), Mike Prestridge (**Ohana- Kemp Vietnam Veteran Surfboard**), and to Oscar Teresztuk and Justin Mandes who each paddled off with one-person kayaks.

DSBIA wishes to thank **Kona Brewing**, **Ohana-Kemp Surfboards** [https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ohana-](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ohana-Kemp-Surfboards/356184497760044)

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<https://www.facebook.com/baltierrasurf> and artist Cho Boogie for their very generous support.



THANK YOU, DANA POINT HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Dana Point Historical Society (DPHS) made a generous donation of \$100 to DSBI at their recent Doheny scholarship fund raising dinner. We were pleased to open our Visitor Interpretive Center to them before the meal and happy to receive so many positive comments. To find out more about the Dana Point Historical Society, visit <http://www.danapointhistorical.org/>. DPHS is an Organization Member of DSBI.



MEET RANGER GEOFF "RED" WHISNER: DSBI happily congratulates Ranger "Red" Whisner on being named Temporary Doheny State Beach Supervising Ranger. Ranger Whisner will serve in the position while the California State Parks Orange Coast District Office conducts a search for a permanent ranger to fill the position formerly held by Ranger Kevin Best (now a Supervising Ranger at Cuyamaca State Park in San Diego). Ranger Red is a good friend to, and member of DSBI, and a highly respected professional. We look forward to working with him for a long time (hint, hint).

JULY 4TH DAY USE FEES RAISED: Prepare to dip a little deeper into your pockets if you plan on paying Doheny day use fees on the 4th of July. Standard day use fee will be \$20, large vehicles will be \$40.

JULY 4th, THE BUSIEST DAY AT DOHENY: By far, the 4th of July is the busiest **park visitors** day of the year at Doheny State Beach. Cars will be lining up to get into the park before the sun comes up and towel space on the beach and on the lawns will be close quarters. The smell of barbecue will waft over all the celebrants. The offshore fireworks are always spectacular. Independence Day at Doheny is a grand tradition for many, and if that includes you, plan your day well. Enjoy the day, enjoy the fireworks, have fun. **God Bless America!!!**

JULY 5TH, THE GRAND CLEAN-UP: By far (again), the 5th of July is the busiest **clean up** day of the year at Doheny State Beach. We hope many of you will come by the park for an hour or so of park and beach cleaning. We sure would appreciate your help. **THANKS!**

START-UP OF NEW PARKING PLAN PROBABLY NOT UNTIL SEPTEMBER: Although the metering stations have been installed, the new "Pay-by-the-Hour" parking at Doheny will probably not be implemented until after Labor Day. The logistics of how folks will enter the park and use either the full day use fee method of paying or the pay-by-the-hour method have not been clearly worked out, and starting such a new plan in the middle of summer would probably cause more headaches than it would be worth.

DANA POINT LOBSTER BEACH FEST, SATURDAY, AUGUST 16: The Monarch Beach Rotary



Lobsterfest is a great summer's evening of schmoozing with new and old friends, listening to great music, dancing, a silent auction, feasting on delicious steak and east coast lobster... all you can eat., and toasting it down with a variety of soft drinks, great beers, wines and/or cocktails. Check out the video for all the fun <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rzjvht0Z04> and visit the website for more information and to purchase tickets.



<http://www.danapointlobsterfest.org/>. Profits from the event benefit local children's charities and the **Doheny State Beach Interpretive Association.**

RAINBOW SANDALS; STILL A GREAT FRIEND OF DSBI: We were contacted recently asking if Jay “Sparky” Longely and Rainbow Sandals are still supporters and friends of DSBI. **YES!!** Apparently, they were not mentioned in some publication (not ours) as one of our supporters. Although the **Battle of the Paddle Stand Up Paddleboard event** is trying a new venue this year, DSBI still considers Jay and Rainbow Sandals **good** friends. They are “**Gray Whales**” on our list of supporters donating \$25,000 towards the Visitor Interpretive Center over the past years <http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/shortcodes/> . We wish them well with this year’s **Battle of the Paddle** event, and hope they will consider Doheny a site for future events and as worthy of their continued support.

SUNRISE / SUNSET: On July 1st, we lose 27 seconds of sunlight from the day before. July 31st, we lose 1 minute & 32 seconds from the previous day.

July 1: Sunrise @ 5:45 AM / Sunset @ 8:08 PM = 14 hrs. 23 mins. 02 secs. of sun

July 31: Sunrise @ 6:04 AM / Sunset @ 7:55 PM = 13 hrs. 50 mins. 53 secs. of sun

LOST MINUTES OF DAY LIGHT: 32 minute & 09 seconds

DSBI MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS CHANGED TO THURSDAY: Beginning in July, DSBI will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on **the 3rd Thursday of the month**, still to begin at 7 PM at the DoubleTree Hotel on Pacific Coast Hwy in Dana Point (across from the park). All members of DSBI are welcome to attend.

VISITOR INTERPRETIVE CENTER: Have you visited the newly restored Visitor Interpretive Center yet? If no, plan on it! Our tide pool tank has a shovelnose guitarfish, some rays, junior garibaldi, painted greenlings, opal eye and more. Our other tanks have a variety of fish, including lovely cabazon (well, lovely to another cabazon maybe), halibut, flounder, bass, perch, adult garibaldi, a wolf eel, lobster (including one with 3 head feelers) and more. It’s a cast of characters that constantly change. You’ll also see displays of the many birds that inhabit our area, as well as the many mammals that call, or once called Doheny home. The Visitor Interpretive Center is now open most Wednesdays – Sundays from 10 AM to 4 PM.



BE A VOLUNTEER IN THE VISITOR INTERPRETIVE CENTER! The visitors to our aquariums and displays in the Visitor Interpretive Center love it, but we need more volunteers to help keep the doors open for more days. Interpreter Vicki Wiker has just trained our second set of docents, but more are needed.



HOW ABOUT YOU?!? You don’t need to be an expert on the critters, just be willing to learn. We ask that you commit to one, six-hour shift per month (but you’re always welcome to do more). **Come on, it’s fun!** Send contact information to Doheny Park Interpreter Vicki Wiker at vwiker@parks.ca.gov .



CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS 150TH ANNIVERSARY: Our state parks are celebrating their 150th Anniversary with many great events at the parks across California. Learn more by visiting the website at <http://www.150.parks.ca.gov/> .



WHALE WATCHING CRUISE DISCOUNTS: Our friends at **Dana Wharf Sports Fishing and Whale Watching** in Dana Point Harbor offer a **50% discount** to DSBI members on whale watching excursions. When registering for a trip, just mention you are a DSBI member. The Dana Wharf Sports Fishing and Whale Watching dock is at 34675 Golden Lantern, Dana Point (949) 496-5794.

CALENDAR: Not all events are DSBI sponsored, but all will be fun.

JULY 4th, FRIDAY, 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA: Whether you come for a day at the beach and the evening fireworks display, or just for the amazing fireworks extravaganza launched from the barge off shore, this is a great 4th of July tradition.

<http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/event-items/4th-of-july-fireworks-extravaganza/>

JULY 5TH, SATURDAY, 4TH OF JULY AFTERMATH BEACH AND PARK CLEAN UP: The staff at Doheny State Beach would sure appreciate any help from volunteers to clean up after the masses of picnickers! This is the messiest day of the year, but when were done, the beach and park are beautiful again. We suggest you bring gloves. Thank you, everyone!!

AUGUST 9TH, SATURDAY, WHITEY HARRISON CLASSIC OUTRIGGER RACE: Teams of the Southern California Outrigger Association, hosted by the Dana Outrigger Canoe Club, hold their first 9-man event of year paddling from Doheny to Main Beach in Laguna, miles out to sea and back to Doheny. It's a great day on the beach to meet the men's and women's teams, see their outrigger canoes, visit vendors, and cheer on your favorites. Who knows, you may be moved to join a team next year. <http://www.danaoutrigger.net/>

AUGUST 16TH, SATURDAY, ROTARY LOBSTERFEST: See information above.



SAVE THESE DATES

September 6 & 7, Saturday and Sunday: Camp SUP Trade Show and Fun Days at Doheny: Stand Up Paddleboard vendors, demos, chances to try paddling, races, games, music, food and more. More information to come!!!

October 5th, Sunday Evening, Annual DSBI Members-Only Wildlife Cruise: A free event of schmoozing with whales and dolphins, and with food and drink for DSBI members. More information to come.

NOT A DSBI MEMBER YET? Join us in supporting the mission of Doheny State Beach Interpretive Association to provide activities, materials and financial support for the purpose of educating the public about the natural and cultural importance of Doheny State Beach. Here's a printable membership form: <http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Membership-Ap.pdf>

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS: With the exception of December, DSBI Board of Directors meetings are held on the **third Thursday** of the month, 7 PM at the DoubleTree Hotel on Pacific Coast Highway across from Doheny State Beach in Dana Point. Meetings are open to all DSBI members.

VISIT OUR WEB SITE at <http://www.dohenystatebeach.org>

DSBI SUPPORTERS: <http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/shortcodes/>

DOHENY SURF CAMERA: http://www.surflife.com/surf-report/doheny-southern-california_4848/

DOHENY SURF FORECAST: <http://magicseaweed.com/Doheny-State-Beach-Surf-Report/2588/>

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