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The Doheny UPDATE

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“Here is your country. Cherish these natural wonders. Do not let selfish men and greedy interests skin your country of its beauty, its riches or its romance.”

Theodore Roosevelt

Then.....and.....Now



Summer 1950s



Summer 2017

DOHENY BLUES FESTIVAL 2018 INFO: The Doheny Blues Festival is moving to a new location in Dana Point. The 2018 event will be held at Sea Terrace Park, across from Salt Creek Beach on May 19 & 20. For more information about the event, including tickets now on sale, visit



<http://dohenybluesfestival.com/>.

DSBIA TO PAINT ANOTHER WHALE: DSBIA will be looking for volunteer painters to help repaint one or two of our current whales on the Whale Walk, and adding a sperm whale and perhaps a baby gray to our pod during the Dana Point Festival of Whales. If that's you and/or your kids, plan on bringing your paint clothes down to the park on **Sunday morning, March 4th** (depending on weather, Saturday, March 10 is our backup date), maybe a brush or a roller and pan, and joining us. Further information will come in the February and March UPDATES. Questions? Email us at info@dohenystatebeach.org .





FREE
2018 HIGH & LOW TIDE BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE VISITOR CENTER



A VIRTUAL VISIT TO 110 STATE PARKS: Thanks to a partnership between California State Parks and Google Maps, you can now visit many of our beautiful parks right from your computer, tablet or smart phone. A total of 110 state park destinations have been filmed using Google Trekker, a backpack-mounted camera that provides 360 degree footage. Discover a new park you might want to visit.
<http://www.parks.ca.gov/GoogleTrekker>



SOUTH DAY USE BRIDGE CLOSED UNTIL MARCH: The pedestrian bridge on Pacific Coast Highway crossing the railroad tracks into Doheny's South Day Use Area was closed at the end of November. Orange County Public Works crews will begin retrofitting the bridge with plans to reopen it in mid-March. In the meantime, visitors wishing to park on PCH can enter the park through the walking/bike path leading from the county parking lot at the south-east end of the state park next to the County Parking lot.



RICHFIELD TOWER: It wasn't in the park, but just across the Roosevelt Highway (later renamed Pacific Coast Highway), but for Doheny surfers, along with boaters, car drivers and airplane pilots, it was a landmark to help guide them on their way. It was one of a series of 38 Richfield Towers that stretched up California's Pacific coast from south to north. Richfield claimed they were to provide guidance to pilots. Some Doheny surfers used the tower as a marker to line up with a particular tree in the park as a means of knowing the prime take off spot out in the waves. Erected in 1928, it was torn down in 1969.



YOU CAN TEXT A DONATION TO DSBI: We greatly appreciate the support of our members and friends. If you'd like to make a donation to DSBI, you can now do it by using the texting format on your cell phone. Send a text message to **707070** with the word "Doheny" in the message box. You will receive a message back with a link to our donation acceptance center. It's fast, easy, and we GREATLY appreciate it and you.

OUR EEL-IN-RESIDENCE: After being "eelless" for quite awhile, we now have one in our Morey Eel tank. Thanks to our aquarist Bill and the contacts he's made, we also have wavy top turbins, some whelks and halibuts in our tide pool tanks, and crabs and lobsters in the lobster grotto. Come in to the Visitor Center for a look.

< **Photo by Allan Wickstrom / FaceBook**

KIDS, TEACHERS, PARENTS, THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL ART AND POETRY CONTEST, AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST, AND COASTAL STEWARD STORIES CONTEST ARE ON.



The annual contests for Kindergarteners through 12th graders are a chance for students to explore coastal themes and present them creatively. For more information, visit the websites below. Flyer and entry forms are available at the second website and at the Visitor Center in the park. Entries must be postmarked by January 31, 2018.

<https://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/poster/poster.html>

<https://documents.coastal.ca.gov/assets/publiced/poster/flyer.pdf>



A REALLY GOOD WHALE BLOG FROM OUR FRIENDS AT THE O. I.:

Good friend, Leslie Kretschmar, Director of At Sea Programs at the **Ocean Institute** (just down the road on Dana Point Harbor Drive) recently published a great blog on the whales off our coast in the winter months. For those of you with even a slight interest in our cetacean friends, it's well worth the read.

<https://www.ocean-institute.org/post/bioblog-winter-whales>

BECOME A CITIZEN SCIENTIST: Urban Tides is a community based science effort launched in 2015 to document current tidal lines, beach erosion, and coastal flooding. The initiative has designated a series of beach and wetland locations where the public can take

photographs of changing tides, flooding and erosion then upload them into the Urban Tides database. <http://dornsife.usc.edu/uscseagrant/urban-tides-initiative/>

SUNRISE / SUNSET:

Jan. 1: Sunrise @ 6:50 AM / Sunset @ 4:53 PM = 10 hrs. 02 mins. 51 secs. of sun We gain 30 seconds of sunlight from the previous day.

Jan. 31: Sunrise @ 6:43 AM / Sunset @ 5:20 PM = 10 hrs. 36 mins. 38 secs. of sun

We gain 1 minute & 35 seconds of sun from the previous day.

Gained minutes of sun in January: 0 hrs. 33 mins. 47 secs.

January Moon Phase Dates:

Full Moon: 1st / Last Quarter: 8th / New (No) Moon: 16th / First Quarter 24th

KING TIDE ON JANUARY 2ND 2018 In January, we get our highest and lowest daylight tides of the year, and both occur on the same day. On January 2nd there will be a 9.5 foot difference between the highest and lowest tides. The high morning tide will be at 8:37 AM, a +7.5 foot tide. Low tide will be at 3:42 PM, a -2.0 foot tide. See video of the Doheny King Tide last year at <https://vimeo.com/200238318>

DSBIA ANNUAL BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ON JANUARY 18: This is the meeting where DSBIA board members and officers are elected for 2018 and goals are set for the coming year. All members of DSBIA are welcome to attend. If you will be coming to the meeting, please RSVP to Association Coordinator Kathy Wade at kathywade409@gmail.com so we can have enough chairs. Meeting to be held at the **DoubleTree Hotel** on Pacific Coast Hwy in Dana Point (across from the park).



CANDIDATES FOR THE 2018 DSBIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Mike Ahumada, Margie Black, Mario Cuevas, Donna Kalez, K.C. Kinnings, Jess Lopez, Rodger More, Ed Neely and Steve Stirett.



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 provides initial training, and fellow docents provide on-the-job mentoring during shifts.

HOW ABOUT YOU?!? You don't need to be an expert on the critters, just 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.

20% PARK STORE DISCOUNT: Don't forget that DSBIA members get a 20% discount on items purchased in the Park Store located in the Visitor Center.

WHALE WATCHING CRUISE DISCOUNTS: Our friends at **Dana Wharf Sports Fishing and Whale Watching** in Dana Point Harbor offer a **50% discount** to DSBIA members on whale watching excursions. When registering for a trip, just mention you are a DSBIA 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 DSBIA sponsored.

JANUARY 6, SATURDAY, 9 AM, DOHENY LONGBOARD SURFING ASSOCIATION MEETING: In front of the Boneyard Café at Doho.

JANUARY 18, THURSDAY, 7 PM, DSBIA ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING: DoubleTree Hotel on PCH across from Doheny.

FEBRUARY 7, SATURDAY, 9 AM, DOHENY LONGBOARD SURFING ASSOCIATION MEETING: In front of the Boneyard Café at Doho.

FEBRUARY 15, SATURDAY, 9 AM TO NOON, LOVE YOUR BEACH, BEACH CLEAN UP: You can start any time, but we have a rally up at 9 by the Lifeguard Headquarters, then head out to clean up the beach, park and creek. Suggested you bring gloves and recyclable or biodegradable trash bag (paper grocery bags work well). Sign offs for middle school or high school community volunteer hours available.

FEBRUARY 17, THURSDAY, 7 PM, DSBIA BOARD MEETING: DoubleTree Hotel on PCH across from Doheny.

NOT A DSBIA 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 and the California State Park System. Here's a printable membership form:

<http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/2015-Membership-Form.pdf>

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

DSBIA FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/dohenystatebeach>

ARTICLES ABOUT DOHENY: <http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/news/e-magazine/>

VOLUNTEER AT DOHENY: <http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/volunteer-at-doheny/>

DSBIA 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/>

GOOGLE'S STREET VIEW STATE PARK TREKS: <http://www.parks.ca.gov/whatsnew>

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