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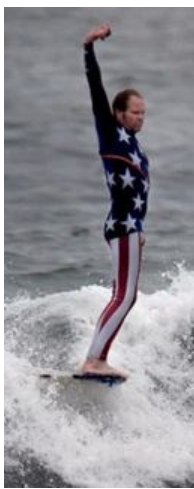
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## The Doheny UPDATE JULY 2018

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### **4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY, BUSIEST DAY IN THE PARK:** Whether



you come for the day at the beach and the evening fireworks display or just for the amazing fireworks extravaganza launched from the barge offshore, Doheny is a great 4th of July tradition. It is the most popular day at the park, so if you're planning to spend the day and see the fireworks in the evening, get an early start as the park and beach fills up early. You may walk into the park during the day with no fee charged. **There's also the Dana Point Free Trolley** that drops off just outside the park (stops 8 and 15). Park hours are 6 AM to 10 PM. Fireworks start at 8:45 PM. Bring a personal FM radio device and listen to the patriotic music accompanying the fireworks on FM 88.5 KSBP.



**Please remember** that no firecrackers or fireworks are permitted in the park, and alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

**5<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY, HELP!!!** Please come help us with the park and beach clean up. We hit the beach in the early AM (DLSA is usually there about 7 AM) and work till the last piece of trash is removed.

**THE DOHENY COLORING BOOK:** It's not just for kids, plenty of us "grown-ups" enjoy coloring with crayons, colored pencils or paint. Here's our coloring book for you (or the kids) to be creative with in your quiet time. Print out the whole coloring book or a page at a time. <http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Doheny-Coloring-Book.pdf>

### **SOUTH DAY USE BEACH CAN BE DANGEROUS**



The South Day Use area of Doheny is a popular place with lots of parking close to the sand and easy access for those parking along PCH and coming over the pedestrian bridge or through the gate at the south end of the park. **Everyone, however, should be aware of just how dangerous the wading and swimming areas can be, even with small waves washing onto the beach.** We run the following article every summer, but sometimes you just can't hear important information too many times.

<http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/South-Day-Use.pdf>



Sept. 28, 29 and 30<sup>th</sup>

For information and tickets, visit <https://www.ohanafest.com/>

### CALIFORNIA OCEAN AND COASTAL AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



Entry is free and open to all amateur photographers (someone who earns less than 50% of their income from photography).

Photographs in this contest feature the following subjects:

- The scenic coast and Pacific Ocean off California
- People and the California coast
- California ocean and coastal wildlife.

Submission deadline: 5:00 PM PDT July 27, 2018

For more information including prizes, visit <http://mycoastalphoto.com/>

**A GOOD OL' GAME OF HORSESHOES:** Ahhh, what a good game to play with family and

friends. Doheny has a great horseshoe pitch at the west end of the park across from the county parking lot; bring your own horseshoes, though. Here are the suggested “**Doheny Rules**” of the game, but feel free to modify them. Just be sure every player knows your rules before the first toss.

1. Each player gets two horseshoes to throw.  
2. Ringers (getting the shoe around the stake) = 3 points. To qualify, a straight edge must be able to touch both sides of the horseshoe while around the stake.

3. If no one scores a ringer, the shoe within 6 inches to the stake = 1 point. This includes “leaners,” a horseshoe touching the stake but not a ringer. Leaners do not have to lean on the stake, just touch it.

4. The Cancellation Rule: If one player scores a ringer, those points will be cancelled if the opposing player scores a ringer during the same turn and no points are earned by either player. The same is true for “closest to the stake.”

5. If a player scores both a ringer with one shoe and closest to the stake with another, player gets points for both (4 points).

6. 11 points wins the game.



**KIDS! TWO WAYS TO BE A JUNIOR RANGER:** Doheny has a great [Junior Ranger on-site program](#), but there’s another way to earn a **Junior Ranger badge**. You can complete the activities in **the Junior Ranger Activity Guide**. Moms, dads and other adults can help you. Some of the information you need can be found in different places on our website. Come on, take the challenge and earn a **California State Parks Junior Ranger Badge!**

[http://kids.parks.ca.gov/pages/22783/files/JrRanger\\_AdventureGuide\\_English.pdf](http://kids.parks.ca.gov/pages/22783/files/JrRanger_AdventureGuide_English.pdf)

## **ASK EMMA!**

Emma Goddard is the Senior Park Aide at Doheny. She receives many questions each month regarding visits and camping at the park. Here are a couple of interesting ones:



**IS THERE A “WAITING LIST” FOR CAMP SITES?** Unfortunately, there is no waiting list; campsites are reserved online 48-hours to six months in advance ([ReserveCalifornia](#)). Online cancellations will be shown on the ReserveCalifornia website. We sell campsites that have been cancelled in person, or if campers have not shown within 48-hours of their reservation, in our kiosk lottery at 12 noon. Campsites are sold for that night only, one night at a time, and you must be present at the kiosk for the drawing. A lot is drawn first for campers who stayed the night before, then for walk-ups. You would need to enter the lottery again the next day to continue your stay, though you would be included in the first lot. On weekends, particularly during the summer, there are rarely sites available for the lottery.

**INFO ON THE GROUP CAMPING AREA?** The Group Campsite is available for reservation through [ReserveCalifornia](#) only. Select Doheny SB from their campground list and then select 'Doheny Group' at the park loop overview. Availability is listed through their site. The Group campsite is \$300/night. It supports twelve vehicles, ten of which are free with the reservation, two of which follow the standard \$15/night extra vehicle fee. The Group campsite can host up to 40 people in tents only.

**DANA POINT SCIENCE NIGHT, How Does Fire Affect The Native Ecosystems:** Dana Point Community Center, **July 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM, 34052 Del Obispo Rd, Dana Point.**

## **THREE NEW CRITTERS IN THE VISITOR CENTER**

**AQUARIUM:** There are now two horn sharks and a stingray in the Visitor Center. The California horn shark is a sluggish species with an enlarged blunt-nosed head, featuring pronounced ridges above the eyes and a pig-like snout. The [pectoral fins](#) are broad and muscular, allowing this species to clamber along the seabed, while the two [dorsal fins](#) each bear a sharp spine, which help to deter predators. The overall coloration is dark to light grey or brown on the upperparts, with numerous small, dark brown or blackish spots all over. They do not give birth to live young, but pass an egg pouch that the mother wedges into rocks or buries in the sand. The baby develops in the pouch for 7 to 9 months. For more information, visit <https://www.arkive.org/california-horn-shark/heterodontus-francisci/>



**GRUNION RUNS IN JULY:** Grunion runs are predicted for the following dates / times in July:

1<sup>st</sup> @ 11:30 PM, 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 12:07 AM, 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10:52 PM, 15<sup>th</sup> @ 11:42 PM, 17<sup>th</sup> @ 12:36 AM, 18<sup>th</sup> @ 1:38 AM, 29<sup>th</sup> @ 10:41 PM & 30<sup>th</sup> @ midnight. Grunion runs take place over two hours with the second hour being best. The best runs usually occur in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> nights of a 4-night run. Grunion hunters 16 and older must have a CA fishing license and all hunters must use their hands

only. There is no bag limit, but **PLEASE** only take the fish you will use.

**REMEMBER...** Grunion don't read the prediction charts found in tide books.

**SAN CLEMENTE STATE BEACH SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES:** Wednesday, July 18, **Dangerous Snakes of Orange County with Steve Bledsoe. Hosted Reception & Gallery Viewing 6:30 – 8 PM. Lecture @ 8 PM.** At the Historic Cottage in the State Park, 225 Ave. Califia, San Clemente.

**Tickets:** [click here](#) or search [www.ocdangeroussnakes.eventbrite.com](http://www.ocdangeroussnakes.eventbrite.com)

## **WHAT'S IN THE VC STORE**

<http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/doheny-gift-store/>



A few Doheny Surf & Art Festival tee shirts and posters remain. If you want one, get it quick!



### **SUNRISE / SUNSET:**

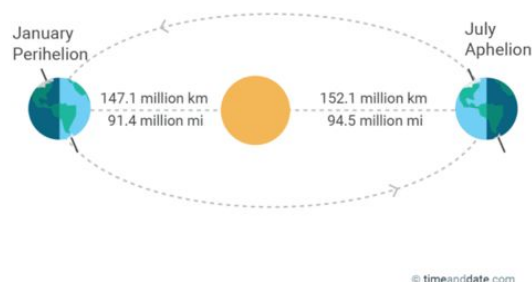
**July 1:** Sunrise @ 5:44 AM / Sunset @ 8:00 PM = 14 hrs. 16 mins. 00 sec. of sun

We gain 0 minutes & 51 seconds of sunlight from the previous day.

**July 31:** Sunrise @ 6:02 AM / Sunset @ 7:47 PM = 13 hrs. 45 mins. 31 secs. of sun

We lose 0 minutes & 53 seconds of sun from the previous day.

**Lost minutes of sun from first day of the month: 0 hrs. 30 min. 29 secs**



### **July Moon Phase Dates:**

Last Quarter: 6<sup>th</sup> / New (No) Moon: 12<sup>th</sup>

First Quarter 19<sup>th</sup> / Full Moon: 27<sup>th</sup>

**THE APHELION IS JULY 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9:46 AM:** The Aphelion is when the earth is at its farthest distance from the sun (94.5 million miles), about 3 million miles further away than at the Perihelion (closest point to the sun) in January (91.4 million miles).

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**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 shift per month. This can be a 3, 4 or 6 hour shift, but you're always welcome to do more. **Come on, it's fun!** Send your inquiry and contact information to DSBA Association Coordinator Kathy Wade at [Volunteer@dohenystatebeach.org](mailto:Volunteer@dohenystatebeach.org) or to Park Naturalis Vicki Wiker at [vicki.wiker@parks.ca.gov](mailto:vicki.wiker@parks.ca.gov).



**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.

**DONATE VIA AMAZON:** Do you shop on Amazon? Their Amazon Smile program will make a donation to DSBI with each purchase you make, and it costs you **nothing, zero, zip, nada.** Here's how:



Go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)  
Select "Accounts and List" (Upper right on your screen)  
Select "Your Account" (Top of the List)  
Select "Shopping Programs and Rentals" (Box. Lower Right)  
Select "Choose / Change Your Charity"  
Type in "Doheny State Beach Interpretive Association"  
Be sure to add **Amazon Smile** as one

of your bookmarks

**20% PARK STORE DISCOUNT:** Don't forget that DSBI 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 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.  
<http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/events/>

**MONDAY – THURSDAY (NOT ON JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>), 10 – 11:00 AM, JUNIOR RANGERS:**  
<http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/event-items/doheny-junior-rangers/>

**JULY 4, WEDNESDAY, DOHENY FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA:** Doheny's busiest day of the year, so if you're coming, come early. The traditional fireworks show will again be on a barge out from Doho and the harbor, and begins at 8:45.

**JULY 5, THURSDAY. THE GREAT BEACH AND PARK CLEAN UP, 8 AM to ?**  
**HELP!!** We'd greatly appreciate any help in cleaning up Doheny after yesterday's party. Please join us with your work gloves, trash bags and energy. **THANKS!**

**JULY 7, SATURDAY, 9AM, DOHENY LONGBOARD SURFING ASSOCIATION:**  
Monthly meeting in front of BoneYard Café.

**JULY 19, THURSDAY, 7:00 PM, DSBI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:** At the DoubleTree Hotel across PCH from Doheny State Beach.

**JULY 19, THURSDAY, 6:30 PM, DANA POINT SCIENCE NIGHT, "HOW FIRE AFFECTS THE NATIVE ECOSYSTEM":** Dana Point Community Center, 34052 Del Obispo Rd, Dana Point.

**JULY 25, WEDNESDAY, RECEPTION @ 6:30 PM / LECTURE @ 8 PM, “DANGEROUS SNAKES OF ORANGE COUNTY”.** [search www.ocdangeroussnakes.eventbrite.com](#) . At the Historic Cottage in San Clemente State Park, 225 Calafia, San Clemente.

**JULY 27, FRIDAY, 5:00 PM, CALIFORNIA OCEAN AND COASTAL AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST:** Deadline for photos. <http://mycoastalphoto.com/>

**AUG. 4, SATURDAY, 9AM, DOHENY LONGBOARD SURFING ASSOCIATION:** Monthly meeting in front of BoneYard Café.

**AUG. 16, THURSDAY, 7:00 PM, DSBI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:** At the DoubleTree Hotel across PCH from Doheny State Beach.

**AUG. 22, WEDNESDAY, RECEPTION @ 6:00 PM / LECTURE @ 7:30 PM, INDIANS IN UNEXPECTED PLACES:** . [search www.Indiansunexpectedplaces.eventbrite.com](#). At the Historic Cottage in San Clemente State Park, 225 Calafia, San Clemente.

**GEE LEE, 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/2013/05/2015-Membership-Form.pdf>

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

**DOHENY, A CALIFORNIA GOLDEN STATE PARK:** <https://blogs.chapman.edu/huell-howser-archives/2007/05/10/doheny-state-beach-californias-golden-parks-152/>

**DSBI FACEBOOK:** <https://www.facebook.com/dohenystatebeach>

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

**DOHENY SURF CAMERA:** [http://www.surflines.com/surf-report/doheny-southern-california\\_4848/](http://www.surflines.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>

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

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