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The Doheny UPDATE *December 2018*

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Best wishes to you all for the December holidays and beyond!



NOW AVAILABLE IN THE VISITOR CENTER: Our 2019 Tide Books are in the Visitor Center, and as always, they're **free**. Grab a few for stocking stuffers. Always a handy gift for surfers, fisher folks, tide pool explorers, grunion hunters and moon phase trackers (lunatics?). Lowest and highest tides of 2019 will be in January. Calendar early for the best dates to go hunt those grunions for your tasty grunion pie. Pick that perfect night for a moonlit walk on the beach.

DANA POINT BOAT PARADE OF LIGHTS! NEED A PARKING SPOT? The annual

Parade of Lights in Dana Point Harbor will be December 7th, 8th, 14th and 15th. DSBIA and the City of Dana Point are teaming up to provide an opportunity for photos with Santa (8th & 9th only), and ride the Dana Point Trolley (both weekends) to the best parade viewing locations in the harbor. Doheny parking fees still apply, \$3/hour with a 2-hr. minimum.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, "POP": Born December 12th, 1881, Edward "Pop" Proctor is a



legendary waterman in the cultural story of Doheny State Beach. After an adventurous 56 years, he came to Doheny where he would surf, dive for lobster and abalone, catch fish from his paddle board, become Doheny's first lifeguard and live most of the year in the park in his panel truck, well into his 90's. A biography of "Pop" can be found on our website at <https://www.dohenystatebeach.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Pop-Proctor.pdf>.



On his 137th birthday, how about hoisting a toast to Pop with a glass of Italian red wine, his favorite.

GRAYS ARE ON THEIR WAY: Keep a lookout for gray whales heading south. Now is the time of year we should start seeing them pass by on their migration to the lagoons of Baja. The gray whale (*Eschrichtius robustus*), also known as the grey whale, gray back whale, Pacific gray whale or California gray whale is a baleen whale that migrates from its summer feeding grounds in the Bering Sea to its winter-feeding grounds in the lagoons of Baja California, then back again. These whales have an average length of 40 to 50 feet, a weight of 30 to 40 tons and can live between 55 and 70 years. They were once known as devil fish because of their fighting behavior when hunted and harpooned. Their migration is the longest of any mammal. For more on gray whales, visit https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gray_whale. **Don't forget, DSBIA members get a 50% discount on 2-hour whale watching excursions with Dana Wharf Sports Fishing and Whale Watching out of Dana Point Harbor.**



DSBIA DANA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW

AVAILABLE: DSBIA supports two \$500 scholarships to college-bound students who demonstrate interest in environmental studies and issues relevant to the preservation and protection of the California State Parks, their natural and cultural resources, and the mission of the Doheny State Beach Interpretive Association. Students graduating in 2019 may obtain a scholarship application from Dana Hills High School Head Academic Advisor Ana Maria Casazza or email Ed Neely at edneely@dohenystatebeach.org

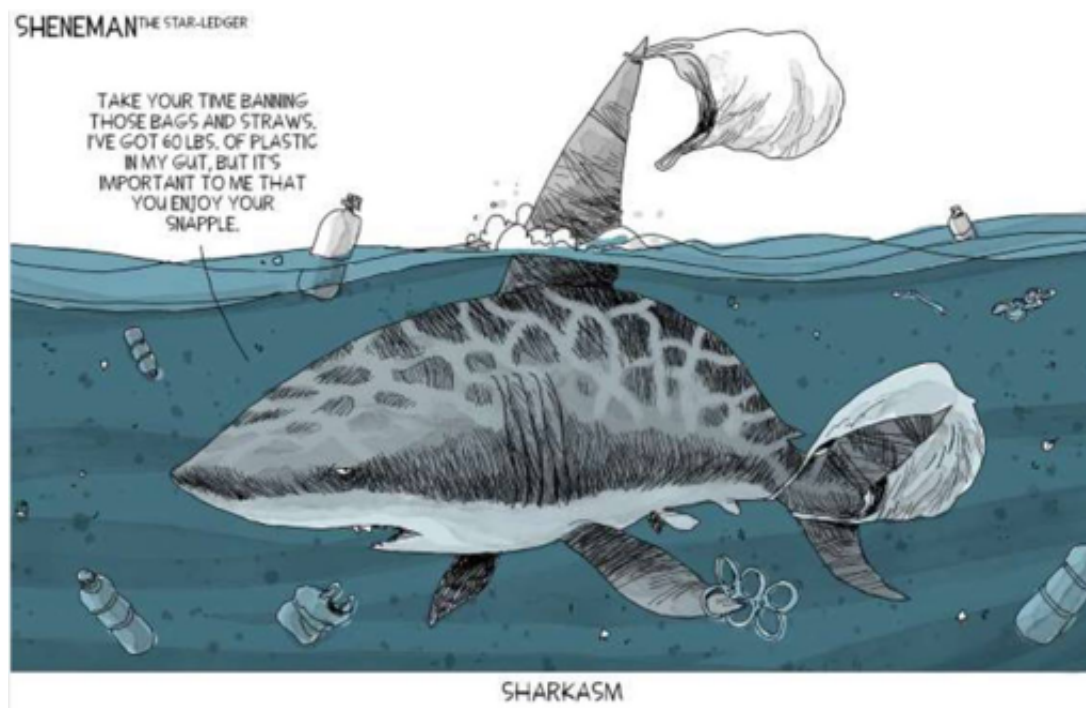


HOLY COWABUNGA, LOOKS WHOSE SURING DOHO! Photo by High Ground Studios



NOMINATION FORMS FOR THE 2019 DSBIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AVAILABLE: DSBIA Board of Directors elections will be held at the annual Organizational Meeting on January 17th. Any DSBIA member interested in running for one of the nine positions on the board can obtain a nomination form at the Doheny Visitor Center or by emailing Association Coordinator Kathy Wade at Volunteer@dohenystatebeach.org. A candidate must be a member in good standing with DSBIA and have the signatures of 5 DSBIA members in good standing as supporters of the candidate on the nomination form. Nominations must be submitted in person, by US Mail or as an email attachment (sorry, no FAX) to the Association Coordinator by December 21, 2018.



ASK OUR SENIOR PARK AIDE ! Our Doheny Senior Park Aide receives many questions about day use and camping in the park. Here is one. Have a question? Send it to info@dohenystatebeach.org. Your answer will be emailed back to you ASAP.



No questions this month.

LAST MINUTE HOLIDAY GIFTS? HOW ABOUT... a **DSBIA gift membership to a friend or family member**. This gift includes our Wildlife Cruise in the fall, Bar-B-Q in the spring, a 20% discount in the Visitor Center store, a 50% discount on whale watching with Dana Wharf Sports Fishing and Whale Watching and the monthly *Doheny UPDATE* newsletter with heads ups on the great events happening at Doheny all year. You can get a DSBIA membership application at <https://www.dohenystatebeach.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Current-Membership-Form.pdf>. **Or**, you might want to drop by and look over the **items in the Visitor Center**, things like great looking **tee and sweat shirts**, a variety of educational (don't let that word stop you) **toys, stuffed animals and books** (from Dr. Seuss to tide pool and fish guides), **Doheny memorabilia** like mugs, book marks, key chains, holiday ornaments, etc. There's lots more, and DSBIA members get a 20% discount.

WHAT'S IN THE VISITOR CENTER STORE

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

SUPPORT DOHENY AND FIND GREAT GIFTS AND STOCKING STUFFERS



Remember DSBIA members get a 20% discount.

THE WINTER SOLSTACE IS FRIDAY, DEC. 21 @ 2:23 PM: The **winter solstice**, the first day of winter in the northern hemisphere, is the “shortest day” of the year, meaning the least amount of sunlight: 9 hours, 59 minutes and 50 seconds from sun up to sun down for us. The sun reaches its most southern point in the sky. After this date, the days start getting “longer,” i.e., the amount of daylight begins to increase. In the southern hemisphere, it’s their summer solstice, the first day of summer with the longest amount of sunlight.

NEED ANOTHER TAX DEDUCTION FOR YOUR 2018 TAX FILING? DSBIA, a recognized 501 (c) (3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue code, would be grateful and happy to accept your donation.

SUNRISE / SUNSET:

Dec. 1: Sunrise @ 6:32 AM / Sunset @ 4:42 PM = 10 hrs. 09 mins. 22 sec. of sun

We lose 0 minutes & 56 seconds of sunlight from the previous day.

Dec. 21: First Day of Winter: Sunrise @ 6:46 AM / Sunset @ 4:46 PM =

9 hrs. 59 mins. 50 sec. of sun

We lose 0 minutes & 01 seconds of sunlight from the previous day.

Dec. 31: Sunrise @ 6:50 AM / Sunset @ 4:52 PM = 10 hrs. 02 mins. 13 secs. of sun

We gain 0 minutes & 27 seconds of sun from the previous day.

Lost minutes of sun from first day of the month to first day of winter:

0 hrs. 9 min. 50 secs

Gained minutes of sun from first day of winter to last day of December:

0 hrs. 02 min. 23 secs

December Moon Phase Dates:

New (No) Moon: 6th / First Quarter 19th / Full Moon: 22nd / Last Quarter 29th

BE A VOLUNTEER IN THE VISITOR INTERPRETIVE CENTER! Visitors to our aquariums and displays in the Visitor Center love them, but we need more volunteers to help keep the doors open. 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, but you can always do more. Shifts are 6-hours, but split shifts can be arranged, too. **Come on, it's fun!** Send your inquiry and contact information to DSBIA Association Coordinator Kathy Wade at Volunteer@dohenystatebeach.org or to Park Naturalist Vicki Wiker at vicki.wiker@parks.ca.gov.



YOU CAN TEXT A DONATION TO DSBIA: We greatly appreciate the support of our members and friends. If you'd like to donate to DSBIA, 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 donate to DSBIA with each purchase you make, **and it costs you nothing, zero, zip, nada.** Here's how:



Go to 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"

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Be sure to add **Amazon Smile** as one of your bookmarks.

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.
<http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/events/>

DEC. 1, SATURDAY, 9:30 AM, DOHENY LONGBOARD SURFING ASSOCIATION:
Meeting this month at Doheny in front of Boneyard Café, Main Beach.

THERE WILL BE NO DSBIA BOARD MEETING IN DECEMBER.

JAN. 5, SATURDAY, 9:30 AM, DOHENY LONGBOARD SURFING ASSOCIATION:
Meeting this month at Doheny in front of Boneyard Café, Main Beach.

JAN. 17, THURSDAY, 7 PM, LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED: DSBIA Board of Directors Elections and Organizational Meeting.

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. Here's a printable membership form: <http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/2015-Membership-Form.pdf>

EMAIL ADDRESS: info@dohenystatebeach.org

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/>

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

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>

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

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