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## *The Doheny UPDATE*

### *April 2019*

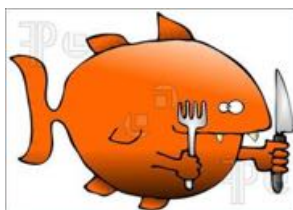
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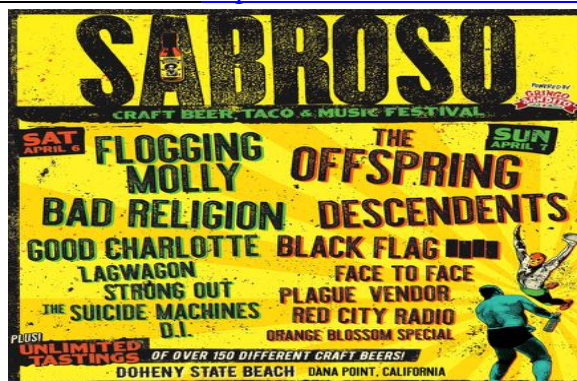
How can you resist this little guy's invitation to visit the Doheny Visitor Center and meet our leopard sharks?



**FRIDAY FISH FEEDINGS:** Our Visitor Center Aquarist Bill Turner feeds the fish in our aquariums each Friday at 1 PM. Come watch our hungry critters dine on yummy (if you're a fish) chow and hear Bill share information about them. (Don't worry, they get fed more than once a week, just not in public.)

**SAMBROSO BEER, TACO & MUSIC FESTIVAL, APRIL 6 & 7, 11 AM – 9 PM**

Tickets available at <https://sabrosotacofest.com/dana-point/>



**DOHENY WHALE WALK GETS A REPAINT:** Thanks to our great volunteers, most of the whales in our Whale Walk were repainted during the Dana Point Festival of Whales. Take a look at our whales and volunteers! <https://www.dohenystatebeach.org/doheny-whale-walk/>



**STORY TIME AT THE VISITOR CENTER:** Doheny's Nature Interpreter Vicki Wiker will hostess a **story time for children** on Thursdays, April 4 and 18 & May 2 and 16, from 10:30 to 11:30 AM. Bring your little ones to hear Miss Vicki read her favorite children's stories about nature, and then maybe you'd like to have a picnic lunch in the park.

**TWO "EARTHDAY" ACTIVITIES AT DOHENY:** On **Saturday, April 13** from 9 AM to Noon, come join us for our **MOTHER EARTH BEACH, CREEK AND PARK CLEAN UP.** Meet at the lifeguard headquarters tower. You might want to bring gloves. The following **Saturday, April 20** is our **EARTH DAY NATIVE PLANTING PROJECT.** Miss Vicki and her troops will be planting an assortment of native plants, shrubs, and trees from 9 AM to noon. This year's efforts will focus in the campground. Get your free parking pass at the kiosk, drive to the southeast side of the main parking lot next to San Juan Creek, walk across the creek's bridge and enter the campground through the campfire center's gate. It would be helpful for you to bring shovels or spades and some gardening gloves.



**DOHENY WOOD IS SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 9 AM TO 3 PM:** Doheny Wood is one of the premier woodie events of the year, presented by the largest woodie organization in the world, the Southern California Woodie Club. Come see some amazingly classic woody cars, the ones so many old surfers dream about. <https://sites.google.com/site/socalwoodieclub/doheny-wood>

**"Bananas at Boneyard"**  
Scott Mobley



There are a lot of old time Doheny Longboard Surfing Association members in this picture. Can you find any of them? (I had a gray beard back then.)



**MEMBERS BARBECUE, SAVE THE DATE:** DSBIA's annual Member's Barbecue, free to DSBIA members, will be **Thursday, May 9 at 5:30 PM**. Barbecued carne asada tacos and other taste treats, as well as the comradery of DSBIA members are the enticements we offer.



**BONEYARD CAFÉ HAS CLOSED:** Sad to learn that **BoneYard Café** has closed its operations at Doheny. We will miss their good food & drink, quality service and dedication to our park.

**PACIFIC PADDLE GAMES CANCELED:** Another bummer! The Pacific Paddle Games scheduled for October of this year, has been canceled. We'll really miss this exciting SUP event.

**GRUNION SEASON:** This link will take you to the predicted 2019 grunion run dates, as well as recipes for cooking up these little silver surfers. <https://www.californiabeaches.com/grunion-run-schedule/?fbclid=IwAR1LD8zmXxygc1Um25Zt5LdQU0IhpLV1AePJshC CSuMvfa39649Y6Lin67c>



### **SUNRISE / SUNSET:**

**April 1:** Sunrise @ 6:36 AM / Sunset 7:08 PM = **12 hrs. 31 mins. 48 secs. of sun**

We gain 2 minutes & 00 seconds of sunlight from the previous day.

**April 30:** Sunrise @ 6:02 AM / Sunset @ 7:29 PM = **13hrs. 26 mins. 46 secs. of sun**

We gain 1 minute & 44 seconds of sun from the previous day.

**Gained minutes of sun this month: 0 hr. 44 min. 58 secs.**

### **April Moon Phase Dates:**

New (No) Moon: 5<sup>th</sup> / First Quarter 12<sup>th</sup> / Full Moon: 19<sup>th</sup> / Last Quarter 26<sup>th</sup>



**MEET EMMA GODDARD:** Emma is Doheny's Senior Park Aide and part-time Nature Interpreter. She's been working with Vicki Wiker to label many of our artifacts: bones, pelts, shark egg pouches, wall displays and more. Many of these are on our Touch Table, allowing kids and grownups the hands-on experiences to learn about the critters in and around our park.

**ASK OUR SENIOR PARK AIDE:** Our Doheny Senior Park Aide receives many questions about day use and camping in the park. Here are two. Have a question? Send it to [info@dohenystatebeach.org](mailto:info@dohenystatebeach.org). You'll get an email reply.



Was wondering if drones are allowed in Doheny State Beach. I have tried researching for specific rules and/or ordinance online for the State Beach and the City of Dana Point but could not find anything current. Any information would be greatly appreciated. This is for recreational use and I am familiar with all FAA regulations. Cay

The recreational use of drones in Doheny State Beach is not permitted due to the possibility of injury to the general public, as well as avoiding the annoyance factor to people enjoying a day at the beach and in the park.

When I made the reservation over the phone I was told [our site] was definitely a tent camping spot, but after going through some of the pictures online, I'm not sure if that's actually the case. I was hoping you guys might have some additional details/specs on it so I know if the tent we have will fit. I just called [ReserveCalifornia] to get some additional details, but they said all that was showing on their end was that the length of the pad is 17' and no width was displayed. Corey

I understand the confusion. ReserveCalifornia classifies campsites a little differently than we do; they consider any site that does not have hookups to be a tent campsite. Thus... Doheny is a 'tent' campground. We, of course, allow RV's and motorhomes in the campground. The site you asked about is a dual wide site, 18' deep on both sides. It has a tent area big enough for a medium-sized tent (small being classified as a 4-person). Let me know if you have other questions regarding the site.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE THE IRONMAN RUN AT SAFETY STATIONS:**

San Onofre Foundation is looking for volunteers to help with the Ironman event on Saturday, April 6th from 6:30-11:00 AM. The San Onofre Parks Foundation will be staffing the Safety Stations from Trestles to the San Mateo Campground. If you are interested or would like to sign-up to help, click the link below. Volunteer hours can count for earning a state park pass.

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up to volunteer.



### **DOHENY LONGBOARD SURFING ASSOCIATION LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS:**

The Doheny Longboard Surfing Association is recruiting volunteers to help with the **"Gathering of the Tribes" Surf Contest** taking place April 13th & 14th at Churches Beach (south of Trestles Beach and north of San Onofre). This is a great event involving many of the longboard clubs from up and down the California coast. Contact DLSA President Mark Gale with any questions.

[tandem\\_surfer@yahoo.com](mailto:tandem_surfer@yahoo.com)



**POLYNESIAN FESTIVAL & LUAU FESTIVAL:** The Hawaiian Surf Club of San Onofre brings the islands to San Clemente for the 29th year in a row on **Saturday, May 26th**, with the annual Polynesian Festival and Luau Feast at the Community Center on Del Mar. Outside on the lawn, one could visit clothing, arts and crafts booths, hear live music, watch Hawaiian, Tahitian, Maori and Samoan dances, view a woody car show and dine on a Hawaiian-style lunch. For dinner, an indoor paid-admission luau includes entertainment. Proceeds help support the club's efforts to promote Hawaiian culture in Southern California.

<http://hawaiiansurfclub.org/festival.html>

### **WHAT'S FEATURED IN THE VISITOR CENTER STORE THIS MONTH**



Way cool sweaters... \$39.00 / DSBIA member's 20% discount... \$31.20

## **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](mailto:Volunteer@dohenystatebeach.org) or to Park Naturalist Vicki Wiker at [vicki.wiker@parks.ca.gov](mailto: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.**

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-3736287>

**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/>

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## **PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR** **DOHENY SURF & ART FESTIVAL**

A celebration of the Southern California Surfing Life Style

**Saturday and Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**

<https://www.dohenystatebeach.org/doheny-surf-festival/>

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**APRIL 4, THURSDAY, 10:30 AM, STORY TIME IN THE VISITOR CENTER:** Join Miss Vicki in the Visitor Center as she reads one her favorite children's books.

**APRIL 5, FRIDAY, 1 PM, FRIDAY FISH FEEDING:** Doheny Aquarist Bill Turner feeds the fish in the Visitor Center and shares information and stories about them.

**APRIL 6 & 7, SATURDAY, 11 AM – 9 PM, SABROSO CRAFT BEER, TACO & MUSIC FESTIVAL:** <https://sabrosotacofest.com/dana-point/>

**APRIL 12, FRIDAY, 1 PM, FRIDAY FISH FEEDING:** Doheny Aquarist Bill Turner feeds the fish in the Visitor Center and shares information and stories about them.

**APRIL 13, SATURDAY, 9 AM TO NOON, MOTHER EARTH BEACH, CREEK AND PARK CLEAN UP:** Meet at the lifeguard headquarters tower. Helpful if you have gloves and a bag (like a grocery bag).

**APRIL 18 THURSDAY, 10:30 AM: STORY TIME IN THE VISITOR CENTER:** Join Miss Vicki in the Visitor Center as she reads one her favorite children's books.

**APRIL 25, THURSDAY, 7 PM, DSBIA BOARD MEETING:** Held at the DoubleTree Hotel across PCH from the park. All DSBIA members welcome.

**APRIL 19, FRIDAY, 1 PM, FRIDAY FISH FEEDING:** Doheny Aquarist Bill Turner feeds the fish in the Visitor Center and shares information and stories about them.

**APRIL 20, SATURDAY, STARTING AT 9 AM, EARTH DAY NATIVE PLANTING PROJECT:** We will be planting an assortment of native plants, shrubs, and trees in the campground from 9 AM to Noon.

**APRIL 26, FRIDAY, 1 PM, FRIDAY FISH FEEDING:** Doheny Aquarist Bill Turner feeds the fish in the Visitor Center and shares information and stories about them.

**APRIL 27, SATURDAY 9 AM TO 3 PM, DOHENY WOOD:** Doheny Wood is one of the premier Woodie events of the year, presented by the largest Woodie organization in the world, Southern Woodie Club.

**MAY 3, FRIDAY, 1 PM, FRIDAY FISH FEEDING:** Doheny Aquarist Bill Turner feeds the fish in the Visitor Center and shares information and stories about them.

**MAY 4, SATURDAY, 9:30 AM, DOHENY LONGBOARD SURFING ASSO. MTING:** In front of The BoneYard Beach Café at main beach in the park. Prospective new members welcomed.

**MAY 9, THURSDAY, 5:30 PM, DSBIA MEMBERS BARBECUE:** SEE INFO ABOVE

**MAY 10, FRIDAY, 1 PM, FRIDAY FISH FEEDING:** Doheny Aquarist Bill Turner feeds the fish in the Visitor Center and shares information and stories about them.

**MAY 16, THURSDAY, 7 PM, DSBIA BOARD MEETING:** Held at the DoubleTree Hotel across PCH from the park. All DSBIA members welcome.

**MAY 17, FRIDAY, 1 PM, FRIDAY FISH FEEDING:** Doheny Aquarist Bill Turner feeds the fish in the Visitor Center and shares information and stories about them.

**MAY 24, FRIDAY, 1 PM, FRIDAY FISH FEEDING:** Doheny Aquarist Bill Turner feeds the fish in the Visitor Center and shares information and stories about them.

**MAY 25, SATURDAY, ALL DAY, POLYNESIAN FESTIVAL & LUAU:**  
<http://hawaiiansurfclub.org/festival.html>



**MAY 31, FRIDAY, 1 PM, FRIDAY FISH FEEDING:** Doheny Aquarist Bill Turner feeds the fish in the Visitor Center and shares information and stories about them.

**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>

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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/>

**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/](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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