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## *The Doheny UPDATE*

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### **DSBIA MEMBERS! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** **THE DSBIA WILDLIFE CRUISE IS OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup>**



**It's a thank you to our members.** DSBIA's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Members Wildlife Cruise will be on Sunday evening, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 PM (check in time at 4:30). This is a free evening cruise on the *Dana Wharf Sports Fishing* fleet's *Dana Pride*; an opportunity to mingle with DSBIA members, dolphins, sea lions, seals and hopefully some whales while enjoying an autumn sunset. Included are galley grub and a drink. **DSBIA members can begin making reservations Aug.**

**19<sup>th</sup>**, giving them a two-week lead before we open up reservations to potential new members ([edneely@dohenystatebeach.org](mailto:edneely@dohenystatebeach.org)). If you have family or friends who would like to join us, all they need to do is join DSBIA. Membership forms can be found at <https://www.dohenystatebeach.org/join-us/>.



**CASA DEL SOL AT DOHENY:** A new name, a new vendor, a new menu; the Casa del Sol is now up and running at Doheny. It has breakfast for dawn patrol wave riders, and lunch & dinner with American, Mexican and Acai Bowl selections (my current favorite is the Pollo Taco Salad). There's a nice selection of beers, as well as tea, sodas, shakes and floats. The prices are good, and where else can you sit just off the Doho sand, sip a brew, enjoy some nosh, talk story with "familia y amigos" and watch the waves and surfers?



**THANKS TO THE JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> CLEANUP BRIGADE!** Thanks to all who pitched in on the July 5<sup>th</sup> to help clean up the 4<sup>th</sup> of July trash at Doheny State Beach: from park to beach to parking lots to campgrounds to creek and estuary. Special thanks to members of **Doheny Longboard Surfing Association** who have been doing this for decades.

*Photo courtesy of City of Dana Point*



**THANK YOU, VICKI AND DSBIA VOLUNTEERS:** Park Naturalist Vicki Wiker and DSBIA volunteers planted over 100 new, butterfly-attracting plants in the Doheny Butterfly Garden. More will be added soon. The “fruits of their labor” are already appearing as more butterflies seem to be visiting the garden. For information about plants that attract butterflies:  
<https://www.plantdelights.com/blogs/articles/butterfly-garden-plants-host-attract-butterflies>

**WHITEY HARRISON OUTRIGGER CANOE RACE:** Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. The first nine-man outrigger canoe race of the Southern California Outrigger Racing Association season, hosted by the Dana Outrigger Canoe Club. Teams arrive about 6 AM with the first races starting at 9 AM. Nine hundred competitors in various categories from outrigger clubs across California and beyond meet



*Photo courtesy of Dana Outrigger Canoe Club*

for this long-distance race, beginning at Doheny, charging up the coast to Main Beach, Laguna, out to sea for two miles, then back to finish at Doheny. These are exciting races with 6 paddlers in the canoe and 3 more on a support boat who swap out during the race with the canoe keeping up a steady pace.

<http://www.danaoutrigger.net/races/whitey-harrison-classic/>

**“SHARKS: MYTH OF THE MONSTER,” WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14<sup>th</sup>, 7PM:**



Jim Serpa, longtime Doheny Ranger, Marine Educator and SCUBA enthusiast who has swum with sharks in many of the world’s oceans, brings his informative and fascinating edge-of-your-seat presentation on sharks of the world to the **San Clemente State Beach Historic Cottage**, 225 Avenida Calafia, San Clemente, CA. For more information and tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sharks-myth-of-the-monster-tickets-58406344950>

**DANA POINT SCIENCE NIGHT, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM:** The Orange County Birds of Prey, Raptors. The Orange County Bird of Prey Center will be here with their ambassadors in tow. Peggy Chase, Director of OCBPC, will be bringing an owl, hawk, and falcon (or whichever of their [ambassadors](#) is up for the Dana Point adventure that day) to teach us about raptors and help answer any questions you may have about these incredible birds. Due to the special nature of this particular Science Night, [RSVPs are required](#) and all participants will need to sign a participant waiver upon arrival at the event. Anyone under 18 must be present with their parent or guardian. See flyer:

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/e464b29f4b1479952c4f1502f/files/9a3b479b-3f5d-4a1b-ae99-c0fbf67fd7f1/20190814\\_SCINIGHT\\_OCBPC.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/e464b29f4b1479952c4f1502f/files/9a3b479b-3f5d-4a1b-ae99-c0fbf67fd7f1/20190814_SCINIGHT_OCBPC.pdf)



September 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. The Stokes, Eddie Vctor, The Red Hot Chile Peppers. Tickets and information at <http://ohanafest.com>  
 It’s at Doheny!



**WHEN HOBIE MET PHIL, IT WAS AT DOHENY:** Hey surfers, do you know where Hobie Alter met Phil Edwards? It was at Doheny. Here’s the tale...  
<https://www.dohenystatebeach.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/When-Hobie-met-Phil-It-was-at-Doheny.pdf>

**SHEEPHEAD:** A large member of the wrasse family, the California Sheephead displays marked sexual

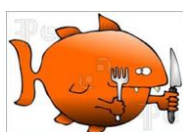


dimorphism. The juvenile is dark red with a horizontal stripe down its side, while the female is pink with a white chin. The males command attention with a large crest on its head, white chin and red and black markings. All sheephead are born females and turn into males due to environmental pressures or age. Males can grow to three-feet in length and can live to 50 years old. They possess strong teeth used to crush their prey which includes crabs, mussels, barnacles, worms and octopus. Sea lions, seals and Giant Sea Bass are among the sheephead's predators. Sheephead have been spotted as far north as Monterey but the bulk of the population lives from Point Conception southward to Baja California. These are good fish for eating.



Come see our large mounted sheephead in the Doheny Visitor Center.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eme0Igx4rL0>



**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.

### **GRUNION SEASON, AUGUST PREDICTED DATES:**



Remember, grunion don't read schedules.

2<sup>nd</sup> Fri., 10:52 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sa. 11:42 pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Su. 12:36 am\*, 5<sup>th</sup> M. 1:40 am\*.

17<sup>th</sup> Sa., 10:55p.m. / 18<sup>th</sup> Su. 11:27 p.m. / 19<sup>th</sup> M. 12:01 am\*, 20<sup>th</sup> Tu. 12:43 am\*.

Grunion hunters 16 yrs.+ need a CA fishing License. Use hands only. Take only what you will use. <https://www.californiabeaches.com/grunion-run-schedule/?fbclid=IwAR1LD8zmXxygc1Um25Zt5LdQU0IhpLV1AePJshCcSuMvfa39649Y6Lin67c>

*\*Where the time of the expected run is after midnight, the date of the night before is shown.*

**DOHENY GRUNION HUNTING RULES:** All parts of Doheny close at 10 PM, but exceptions are made when the grunion are running. If it is a scheduled date as per tide books (see dates above) and grunion hunters are actively seeking grunion down by the water's edge, they are permitted to be on the beach 30 minutes prior to the predicted run and up to 30 minutes after. No one is allowed above the beach berm after 10 PM and no one is allowed in the parking lots after 10 PM (thus hunters will need to walk into and out of the park). No fires are permitted in the park after 10 PM.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA:** DSBIA participates annually in the **Outlets at San Clemente's Shopping Extravaganza** held on Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> this year. By volunteering, **both you and DSBIA get rewarded.** As a Shopping Extravaganza volunteer, you will be rewarded with complimentary access to the event, including all of the day's activities, highlighted by exclusive access to the opportunity drawing for more than \$45,000 in prizes. For more information, visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c44a5a72fa3fb6-5thannual>



### **SUNRISE / SUNSET:**

**August 1:** Sunrise @ 6:02 AM / Sunset 7:14 PM = 12 hrs. 52 mins. 02 secs. of sun.

We lose 1 minute & 28 seconds of sunlight from the previous day.

**August 31:** Sunrise @ 6:22 AM / Sunset @ 7:47 PM = 13hrs. 45 mins. 52 secs. of sun.

We lose 1 minute & 54 seconds of sun from the previous day.

**Lost minutes of sun this month:** 0 hrs. 53 mins. 50 secs.



### August Moon Phase Dates:

First Quarter: 7<sup>th</sup> / Full Moon: 15<sup>th</sup> / Last Quarter: 23<sup>rd</sup> / New (No) Moon: 30<sup>th</sup>

**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.



Hello, I was looking to reserve a spot for a day event. I really don't know how to go about this. We need it for August 18. Thank you so much. Joseph

Visit our website to get information about reserving for our picnic areas. Go to the URL below, then click on the Park Information pull down menu.

<https://www.dohenystatebeach.org/>. In the meantime, I will forward your email to our park's Event Coordinator; she will get back to you soon.

Good afternoon. Does the beach have fire pits or is that only in the reservable picnic area?  
Christine

There are no fire pits on the beach in North Day Use. There are some in the grass area that are first come - first served, ones with no shade structures. See our website, Park Information drop down menu ([dohenystatebeach.org](http://dohenystatebeach.org)). There are only a few fire pits left in South Day Use due to sand erosion; first come-first served.

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



There are some great values on Visitor Center close out items with a 25% to 50% discount. Add to that a DSBIA member's 20% discount and there is a super deal. Currently are long sleeve Doheny tees and short sleeve Butterfly Garden and 2015 and 2018 Doheny Surf Festival tee shirts. Not all sizes available.

**DANA POINT TROLLEY RUNNING AGAIN:** The free Dana Point Trolley is running this summer with stops on both sides of PCH at the pedestrian bridge (by Denny's). There's a walk-in path to the park behind the bridge on the Doheny side. Trolleys have racks to carry surfboards and SUP boards. The route has connections to the trolley routes for Laguna, San Juan Capistrano and San Clemente. For map of route and more information, [http://www.danapoint.org/departments/public-works-](http://www.danapoint.org/departments/public-works-engineering/2019-summer-trolley-service?fbclid=IwAR1FzgUQ8AiK1e8fmHuWb27wBMjxEi7fJ_oSQY6ViMLkBOYzpmq5SID6iFs)



[engineering/2019-summer-trolley-service?fbclid=IwAR1FzgUQ8AiK1e8fmHuWb27wBMjxEi7fJ\\_oSQY6ViMLkBOYzpmq5SID6iFs](http://www.danapoint.org/departments/public-works-engineering/2019-summer-trolley-service?fbclid=IwAR1FzgUQ8AiK1e8fmHuWb27wBMjxEi7fJ_oSQY6ViMLkBOYzpmq5SID6iFs)

## **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.

**DSBIA MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY:** The Board of Directors Meeting will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel across PCH from Doheny on Thursday, **August 15<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 7 PM. All DSBIA members are welcome. Please RSVP if you plan to attend so we can be sure to have seating for everyone. [edneely@dohenystatebeach.org](mailto:edneely@dohenystatebeach.org)

**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/>

**AUGUST 3, SATURDAY, 9:39 AM: DOHENY LONGBOARD SURFING ASSOCIATION MEETING.** In front of Café del Sol Café. Prospective new members welcome.

**AUGUST 3, SATURDAY, 8 PM, GRUNION CAMPFIRE PROGRAM:** To be held in the Doheny Campfire Center. Grunion are predicted to run that evening around 11:45 PM (grunion don't read prediction schedules).

**AUGUST 10, SATURDAY, 6 AM TO 6 PM, WHITEY HARRISON CLASSIC OUTRIGGER CANOE RACES:** See information above. <https://www.dohenystatebeach.org/event-items/whitey-harrison-classic-outrigger-race/>

**AUGUST 14, WEDNESDAY, 7 PM, SHARKS, MYTH OF THE MONSTERS:** San Clemente State Beach Summer Speaker Series: See information above.  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sharks-myth-of-the-monster-tickets-58406344950>

**AUGUST 14, WEDNESDAY, 6:30 PM: OC BIRDS OF PREY, RAPTORS:** Dana Point Community Center, 34052 Del Obispo, Dana Point. RSVP required at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScmx0a4vtNq5bTA4Asl1KQi5cnFM0aOIhDCSU8nrAlopLZzWw/viewform>

**AUGUST 15, THURSDAY, 7 PM, DSBIA BOARD MEETING:** DoubleTree Hotel across PCH from Doheny. All DSBIA members welcomed. Please RSVP to so we can have chairs ready. [edneely@dohenystatebeach.org](mailto:edneely@dohenystatebeach.org)

**AUGUST 23, FRIDAY, 8 PM: IS IT CHEESE? LUNAR CAMPFIRE PROGRAM:** Presentation by the Orange County Astronomers.



**SEPTEMBER 6 – 9, FRIDAY – SUNDAY, 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TALL SHIPS AND OCEAN FESTIVAL:** Throughout Dana Harbor. <https://www.ocean-institute.org/tall-ships-festival>

**SEPTEMBER 11, WEDNESDAY: SAN CLEMENTE STATE BEACH SPEAKER SERIES** “Performance Paddling.” A great presentation for Stand-Up Paddlers presented by Anthony Vella. [CLICK HERE](#) for information and tickets.

**SEPTEMBER 21, 9AM TO NOON, CALIFORNIA COASTAL CLEAN UP DAY:** Join us on the beach, in the creek and in the park.

**SEPTEMBER 27 – 29, FRIDAY – SUNDAY, OHANAFEST:** <http://ohanafest.com>

**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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**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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