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The Doheny UPDATE

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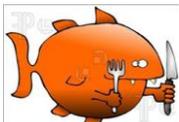
4TH OF JULY, BUSIEST DAY IN THE PARK: Whether you come for the day at the beach and the evening fireworks display or just for the amazing fireworks extravaganza launched from the barge off shore, this is a great 4th of July tradition. It's also the most popular day at Doheny. So, if you're planning to spend the day and see the fireworks in the evening, **get an early start as the park fills up early.** You may walk into the park during the day or evening with no fee charged. **The Dana Point Free Trolley can bring you down, dropping and picking up at the pedestrian bridge on PCH (by Denny's).** **Last pick up at 8:45.** Park hours are 6 AM to 10 PM. Fireworks start at 8:45 PM. **Please remember** that no firecrackers or fireworks are permitted in the park, and alcoholic beverages are prohibited.



5TH OF JULY, HELP!!! Please come help us with the park and beach cleanup. We hit the beach early, about 7 AM, and work till the last piece of trash is removed.



*Terns over the Doheny estuary
Photo by Tom Baker*



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.



THE HISTORY OF SURFING IN DANA POINT: Dana Point Historical Society's Bruce Beall will present this talk at the Dana Headlands Nature Interpretive Center (34558 Scenic Dr, Dana Point) on **Thursday, July 11 at 4:30 PM**. Please send an RSVP to Marsha LaRusso at rmlarusso@msn.com

SAN CLEMENTE STATE BEACH SPEAKER SERIES: Mike Broussard, legendary ocean lifeguard, rescue boat operator, lifeguard chief and author, takes the audience on a spellbinding journey through the history and evolution of lifesaving on the California coast.



Warm Winds and Following Seas - Reflections of a Lifeguard in Paradise. **Wednesday, July 17.** Hosted Reception & Gallery Exhibit Viewing 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Lecture begins at 8:00 PM. San Clemente State Beach, Historic Cottage, 225 Ave Califia. Tickets (\$15) and further

information at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/warm-winds-and-following-seas-tickets-58406339935>

REGISTRATION FOR THANKSGIVING TURKEY TROT OPEN: Early registration for the Turkey Trot 5K, 10K, Combo, Kids Gobble Wobble and health fair, that goes through Doheny, is now open for participants and volunteers. Registration for runners:

<https://endurancecui.active.com/new/events/57945554/select-race?e4p=79698009-9596-46af-8952-b79bef9e2327&e4ts=1559682389&e4q=3fc9a370-8ee2-4405-ac2b-aaabc439cd7c&e4c=active&e4e=snawe00000000&e4h=ec3a44f3b17810a8d617ddb274fe980f&e4rt=Safetynet&p=1670940139140642>

Registration for volunteers: <https://vmodcui.active.com/responsive/eventGroups/1492201/jobs>

GRUNION SEASON, JULY PREDICTED DATES:



Remember, grunion don't read schedules. With all the excitement on the beach on July 4th, don't expect to see any grunion.

4th Th. 11:00 p.m. / 5th Fri 11:50 p.m.

6th Sa. 12:46 a.m. / 7th Sun. 1:52 p.m. / 18th Th. 10:41 p.m.

19th F. 11:14 p.m. / 20th Sa. 11:49 p.m. / 21st Su. 12:26 a.m.

16 yrs.+ need a CA fishing License. Use hands only. Take only what you will use. [https://www.californiabeaches.com/grunion-run-](https://www.californiabeaches.com/grunion-run-schedule/?fbclid=IwAR1LD8zmXxygc1Um25Zt5LdQU0IhpLV1AePJsHcCSuMvfa39649Y6Lin67c)

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GRUNION RUN RULES FOR DOHENY: All parts of Doheny closes at 10 PM, but exceptions (of sorts) are made for 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.

SUNRISE / SUNSET:

July 1: Sunrise @ 5:41 AM / Sunset 8:00 PM = 14 hrs. 16 mins. 07 secs. of sun

We lose 0 minutes & 25 seconds of sunlight from the previous day

July 31: Sunrise @ 6:01 AM / Sunset @ 7:47 PM = 13hrs. 45 mins. 52 secs. of sun.

We lose 1 minute & 27 seconds of sun from the previous day.

Lost minutes of sun this month: 0 hrs. 30 mins. 15 secs.

July Moon Phase Dates:

New (No) Moon: 2nd / First Quarter: 9th / Full Moon: 16th / Last Quarter: 24th /

New (No) Moon: 31st

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. You'll get an email reply.



Can I pay the parking fee and stay in the day use parking lot with my 37-foot Motorhome? Thanks for the response, Mischelle

Any vehicle over 25 feet must pay the Oversized Vehicle fee of \$30 in order to park in one of our lots. You would be able to park anywhere within the northern day use area until 10 PM, after which you would be required to leave.

Any overnight stays must be processed through the campgrounds. In addition, vehicles over 25 feet are no longer permitted to park in the southern day use area due to beach erosion.

Do you offer some sort of Annual Day Parking Pass for Doheny Beach in Dana Point? I love to surf & paddle board. Shawn

Doheny does not have an annual day use pass, **but California State Parks do.** I've put the website to check out below. The one you would be interest in is the **CALIFORNIA EXPLORER VEHICLE DAY USE ANNUAL PASS** for \$195.00. That's 65 hours of parking fees (averaging 5 ½ hours per month) at Doheny. If you are only using it there, you can work out if that would cover the amount of wave riding and beach visiting you'd be doing in a 12-month period. Once you pass 65 hours, you are saving money. The bonus is that it covers most state park beaches in LA, Orange and San Diego counties (locally: think Doheny, San Onofre (walk into Trestles), San Onofre Bluffs (Trails 1-6), Crystal Cove, Corona Del Mar & Huntington Beach), so you have access to many more great surfing and SUP spots.

http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1049 .

WHAT'S FEATURED IN THE VISITOR CENTER STORE THIS MONTH



It looks like a gang of Muppets, but it actually a gaggle of finger-puppets available in the Doheny Visitor Center. There are owls, frogs, sharks, bears, raccoons, bats, blue birds, octopuses (the proper plural, not octopi) and more. Great toys and great gifts. \$7.50 each. Remember that DSBIA members get a 20 % discount on all items .



"No, not us, but we love Doheny!"

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

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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.** <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 3RD THURSDAY: The Board of Directors Meeting will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel across PCH from Doheny on Thursday, July 18th 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

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

JULY 4, THURSDAY, DOHENY FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA: Doheny's busiest day of the year, so if you are coming, come early. Doheny opens at 6 AM. The traditional fireworks show will be on a barge out from Doho and the harbor beginning at 8:45.

JULY 5, FRIDAY. 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 5, FRIDAY: FISH FEEDING IN THE VISITOR CENTER, 1 PM

JULY 6, SATURDAY, 9:30 AM: DOHENY LONGBOARD SURFING ASSOCIATION MEETING, In front of BoneYard Café. Prospective new members welcome.

JULY 11, THURSDAY, 4:30 PM, HISTORY OF SURFING IN DANA POINT; Dana Point Nature Interpretive Center, 34558 Scenic Dr, Dana Point,

JULY 12, FRIDAY: FISH FEEDING IN THE VISITOR CENTER, 1 PM

JULY 17, WEDNESDAY, SAN CLEMENTE STATE BEACH SPEAKER SERIES; San Life Guard Mike Bousard on the history of lifeguarding in Southern California, **"Warm Winds and Following Seas"**. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/warm-winds-and-following-seas-tickets-58406339935>

JULY 18, THURSDAY, 7 PM, DSBI BOARD MEETING: DoubleTree Hotel across PCH from Doheny. All DSBI members welcomed. Please RSVP to so we can have chairs ready. edneely@dohenystatebeach.org .

JULY 19, FRIDAY: FISH FEEDING IN THE VISITOR CENTER, 1 PM

JULY 26, FRIDAY: FISH FEEDING IN THE VISITOR CENTER, 1 PM

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

AUGUST 10, SATURDAY, 6 AM TO 6 PM, WHITEY HARRISON CLASSIC OUTRIGGER CANOE RACES: The first of the nine-man outrigger canoe races of the Southern California Outrigger Racing Association, hosted by the Dana Outrigger Canoe Club. <https://www.dohenystatebeach.org/event-items/whitey-harrison-classic-outrigger-race/>

AUGUST 14, WEDNESDAY: SAN CLEMENTE STATE BEACH SPEAKER SERIES
Former Doheny Supervising Ranger tells of **"Sharks, Myths of the Monster"**.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sharks-myth-of-the-monster-tickets-58406344950>

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

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>

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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