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## *The Doheny UPDATE*

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### **DSBIA MEMBERS 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*;



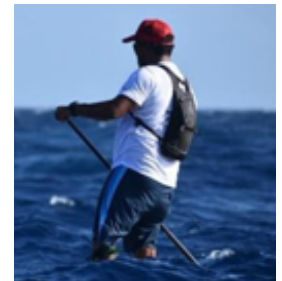
an opportunity to mingle with DSBIA members, dolphins, sea

lions, seals and hopefully some whales while enjoying an autumn sunset. Included are galley grub and a drink. **THIS IS ALSO A MEMBERSHIP BUILDING EVENT.** Anyone not currently a DSBIA member wishing to join us on this fun evening just needs to join DSBIA. This and the other benefits members have will make this a real value. Membership forms are at

<https://www.dohenystatebeach.org/join-us/>. **Reservations for the cruise need to be sent to [kwade@dohenystatebeach.org](mailto:kwade@dohenystatebeach.org) by October 2nd. Provide your name, number of adults (18 and up) and number of kids (under 18) going along. Boat is already half-filled.**

### **"PERFORMANCE PADDLING," WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11<sup>TH</sup>, 5:30-8 PM:**

Anthony Vela, renowned and iconic Stand Up Paddle enthusiast, competitor, mentor and adventurer. He will share his unique story of an unlikely young man who finds his way to the ocean and embarks upon a remarkable life journey that takes him to the pinnacles of the SUP phenomena. Held at the **San Clemente State Beach Historic Cottage**, 225 Avenida Calafia, San Clemente, CA. Hosted Reception & Gallery Exhibit Viewing 5:30 - 7:00 PM **Lecture begins at 7:00 PM.** For more information and tickets: [CLICK HERE](#)



### **CALIFORNIA COASTAL CLEANUP DAY, SATURDAY, SEPT. 21<sup>ST</sup>:**

Volunteers will gather in places all over the world to remove trash from the oceans, beaches, watersheds, and beyond. Doheny will focus on the beach and San Juan Creek. **Please join us from 9:00 AM – Noon.** We will provide everything including snacks and water. It's a big event with the Wyland Art Team bringing in their trailer and other exhibits planned. Special thanks to the City of Dana Point for supporting Doheny's participation in this worldwide volunteer project. Please don't forget work gloves and a drink dispenser for refill at station.



September 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. The Stokes, Eddie Vektor, The Red Hot Chile Peppers.  
 Tickets and information at <http://ohanafest.com>



Luau, live band, an incredible Hawaiian feast, surf contest and more! Bring your family and friends for a fun-filled day (or even just part of one). During the afternoon and through the evening, our luau will feature a live band, Polynesian hula dancers, mega surfboard and swag raffle, surf shirt sales, and a most epic luau dinner, all for only \$25. Also, the much-anticipated return of BYOB throughout the luau area!

**Contest Starts at 7:30 AM. Luau 3 PM - 9 PM at Doheny Picnic Sites A & B.**

Link to online luau ticket sales and contest entry at [www.DLSA.club](http://www.DLSA.club)

Dinner and luau entry -

<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/6e74uqzPxB09di5DSWJQ01M>

Surf contest, shirt, luau and dinner -

<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/OI4P0b8as9u48cca7>

Entry only \$5 at the gate.

Proceeds to benefit the Doheny Longboard Surfing Association's mission and partner non-profits.

**FIFTH ANNUAL SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA AT THE OUTLETS AT SAN CLEMENTE**



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, BEGINNING AT 10 AM:** Join us for a simply wonderful day of shopping and fun as we raise funds for local non-profit organizations (we hope you pick DSBIA) at the Fifth Annual Shopping Extravaganza. Your \$35 ticket includes a \$25 donation to the charity of your choice and a full day of exclusive experiences:

**\*Chance to win** more than 1,800 prizes valued at \$45,000.

**\*Deep discounts at more than 45 participating stores and eateries,**

including Nike Factory Store, Calvin Klein, Cole Haan, Columbia Factory Store, Daisy Shoppe, GUESS Factory Store, H&M, Hurley, LOFT Outlet, Le Creuset, Tommy Hilfiger, Under Armour, White House Black Market and many more!

**\*Catered lunch / Wine and cocktail tasting** in the luxury VIP Lounge / **\*Entertainment and more...**

**For more information and to purchase tickets:** <https://www.outletsatsanclemente.com/tickets/>

**NEW ITEMS FOR THE PARK:** DSBIA purchased a backup generator for the Visitor Center making the fish feel much more secure. Kip Kinnings rounded up palm fronds and put some great looking fringe on the Butterfly Garden bulletin board. We have a new Visitor Center sign in front of the VC.







**SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> – 9<sup>TH</sup> , FRIDAY – SUNDAY, 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TALL SHIPS AND**

**OCEAN FESTIVAL:** Throughout Dana Harbor. A short walk from the park.

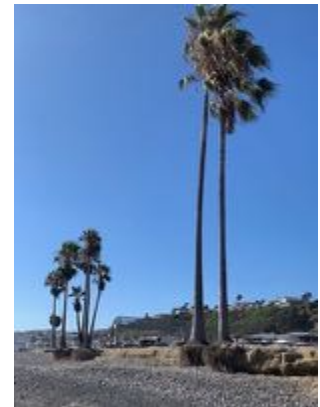
<https://www.ocean-institute.org/tall-ships-festival>

**DANA POINT SCIENCE NIGHT: TALKING TRASH,** Wednesday, Sept. 11, 6:30 PM, Dana Point Community Center. Marine debris and microplastics are of major concern to the oceans and human health. Where does it come from, how does it get there, and what can we do about it? These matters and preventive measures will be explored by speaker Christina Robinson.



**CONTINUED EROSION IN SOUTH DAY USE:**

Who says there's no climate change? The south end of the South Day Use area is now closed due to erosion caused by sea level rise. Our beautiful palm trees are endangered and will probably fall, if not this summer, surely with this winter's storms and high tides. This winter may also take away much of the sand area where the remaining beach picnic tables currently sit.



**CAMPGROUND PLANNED TO BE CLOSED THIS WINTER:** Major refurbishing of the water and sewer systems in the campground should begin in November extending into the new year. Following that, the same refurbishing is planned for the North Day Use area, hopefully being completed by April. More information will be provided as we move closer to those projects.

**WE JUST CAN'T GET RID OF THIS GUY,**



and really, why would we want to? Former Doheny Supervising Ranger and DSBIA member Jim Serpa continues to contribute to our park. He gives great

interpretive talks, always takes part in the annual whale paintings, helps with displays in our Visitor Center and more. Here he gives a recent presentation on sharks to a group of day campers. The following link takes you to a collection of Jim's stories on local animal life found around our park.

<https://www.dohenystatebeach.org/education/nature-notes/>



**AUTUMN EQUINOX IS SEPT. 23<sup>RD</sup>:** During the equinox, the Sun crosses what is called the "celestial equator." Imagine a line that marks the equator on Earth extending up into the sky above the equator from north to south. Earth's northern and southern hemispheres receive the Sun's rays about equally. The Sun is overhead at noon as seen from the equator, so at this point, the amount of nighttime and daytime (sunlight) are roughly equal to each other. By the way, happy first day of summer to our friends in the southern hemisphere.



**BUSTED BY PETE:** DSBIA member Pete Simpson caught my errors in last month's Sunrise/Sunset numbers. Sorry y'all, old age and all that. I triple checked the times for this month.



**SUNRISE / SUNSET:**

**Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>:** Sunrise @ 6:23 AM / Sunset 7:13 PM = 12 hrs. 50 mins. 07 secs. of sun.

We lose 1 minute & 55 seconds of sunlight from the previous day.

**Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>:** Sunrise @ 6:41 AM / Sunset @ 6:34 PM = 11hrs. 52 mins. 44 secs. of sun.

We lose 1 minute & 59 seconds of sun from the previous day.

**Lost minutes of sun this month: 0 hrs. 57 mins. 23 secs.**

**Sept. Moon Phase Dates:**

First Quarter: 5<sup>th</sup> / Full Moon: 13<sup>th</sup> / Last Quarter: 21<sup>st</sup> / New (No) Moon: 28<sup>th</sup>

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



How many tents are allowed per site. Other parks specify 4 two-person tents, or only 2 tents. Could you please let me know? Also, does every site have a fire pit? I don't see one in the pics of site 56 but it could be hidden. Gloria

Doheny does not have a maximum number of tents allowed on a site, as each campsite has a differently sized tent area. For example, my notes on site #56 says that it can fit a medium sized tent—large enough for 5-8 people or so. Our only maximums are eight people and three vehicles per site. Every campsite includes a fire pit with attached grill.

I see that the daily fee to park a car is \$15. Does that cover a full 24 hours? Is overnight parking allowed/are you able to stay for multiple days in a row? Erin

The park is open for day use from 6 AM to 10 PM, and that's the time covered by the Day Use \$15 parking fee. Unless you are a camper in the campground, you need to have yourself and your vehicle out of the park no later than 10 PM. If you are a camper (7-day maximum) with an extra-vehicles, go to our website, click on the pull-down menu for **Park Information / Day Use and Campers**, then scroll down to **Extra Vehicles at a Campsite**. <https://www.dohenystatebeach.org/park-information/day-use-and-campers/>

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



← **Blowing out the rest of our Doheny Surf & Art Festival 2019 tee shirts. \$11.99**

**Beautiful boxed note cards with critters you'd find around Doheny. \$9.95** →

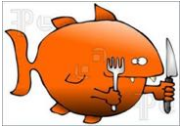
**DSBIA members get a 20% discount on all purchases.**



**GRUNION SEASON ENDS:** You've got to wait until next March for your grunion burgers.

**LOBSTER SEASON OPENS SEPT. 29:** California spiny lobsters will be looking for cover as lobster season opens at the end of the month. Lobster season extends into March.





**FRIDAY FISH FEEDINGS:** Our Visitor Center Aquarist Bill Turner feeds the fish in our aquariums each Friday at 2 PM. Come watch our hungry critters dine on yummy (if you're a fish) chow and hear Bill share information about them.

**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 FOR SEPTEMBER HAS BEEN CANCELLED:** Next DSBIA Board meeting will be on Thursday, October 17, 7 PM, DoubleTree Hotel.

**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/>



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

**SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, SATURDAY, 9:30 AM: DOHENY LONGBOARD SURFING ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING.** On the patio in front of Casa del Sol Café at the main beach. Prospective members welcomed.

**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 11, WEDNESDAY, 6:30 PM: DANA POINT SCIENCE NIGHT: TALKING TRASH.** Dana Point Community Center. See info above.

**SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, THURSDAY, 7 PM, DSBIA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING:** DoubleTree Hotel across PCH from the State Park.

**SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, SATURDAY, 9AM TO NOON, CALIFORNIA COASTAL CLEAN UP DAY:** Join us on the beach, in the creek and in the park. <http://www.vccoastcleanup.org/>

**SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, SATURDAY, 7 AM – 9 PM, 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DALE VELZY SURF CONTEST & LUAU:** <http://www.dlsa.club/dlsa-event/2019-30th-annual-dale-velzy-memorial-classic/>

**SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> – 29<sup>TH</sup>, FRIDAY – SUNDAY, OHANA FEST:** <http://ohanafest.com>

**OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, SATURDAY, ALL DAY: OUTLETS OF SAN CLEMENTE'S SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA:** See information above. : <https://www.outletsatsanclemente.com/tickets/>

**OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, SUNDAY, 4:30 PM – 7 PM: DSBIA's MEMBERS WILDLIFE CRUISE.** See information above.

**OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, THURSDAY, 7 PM, DSBIA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING:** DoubleTree Hotel across PCH from the State Park.

**OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, SATURDAY, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, DOHENY HALLOWEEN HAUNT:** <https://www.dohenystatebeach.org/event-items/halloween-haunt/>

**OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, SUNDAY, NOON – 4 PM, WOOFSTOCK:** <https://www.dohenystatebeach.org/event-items/woofstock/>

**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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