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The Doheny UPDATE

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An Osprey at Doheny
Photos by Tom Baker

DOHENY STATE BEACH COVID-19 INFORMATION: https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=645

CA STATE PARKS COVID-19 INFORMATION: https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=30355



NO WILDLIFE CRUISE THIS YEAR: Sorry to say there will not be a DSBIA Wildlife Cruise this year. Hopefully, we'll be able to bring back this popular event in 2021.

CALIFORNIA COASTAL CLEAN UP DAY - EVERY SATURDAY (OR ANY DAY) IN SEPTEMBER! The annual California Coastal Clean

Up Day held at Doheny and other areas across the state has been canceled. So, for this September, let's help clean the beach by cleaning up in our own neighborhoods and local natural areas. A beach cleanup can start at your front door. Trash travels through storm drains, creeks, and rivers to become beach pollution. For more information and/or data collection cards, visit <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/ccd.html>



HISTORY OF AND TRIBUTE TO CA STATE PARKS SURFWATCH RESCUE LIFEGUARDS <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-wOGB7eP1Y&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR3-Qp5oom3nTqqlYN165Pa1VwCsH5Xq-vNYeDPU8cf4KUISED7KY8izPFg>

THE DOHENY STATE BEACH VISITOR CENTER'S POP UP STORE



On the Whale Walk SEPTEMBER DATES

Every Wednesday and Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM

Saturdays: Sept. 12 & 26 / 9 AM – 5 PM

Sundays: Sept. 6 & 20 / 9 AM – 5 PM



WHAT'S KC FEATURING AT OUR POP-UP STORE THIS MONTH?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBVqvhiEcQM&feature=youtu.be>

GREAT ITEMS AVAILABLE IN OUR ONLINE STORE:



Visit the store online at

<https://squareup.com/store/doheny-state-beach-interpretive-association>

HOW TO SUPPORT DSBIA AND THE PARK PROGRAMS WE FUND

The Visitor Center Store is temporarily closed. Many events scheduled for the park have been canceled and important fundraising sources for DSBIA programs are put on hold or gone all together. There are ways you can help us maintain our efforts of funding educational and interpretive activities and assisting with the preservation and restoration of our park's interpretive facilities. Here's how:

1. **Do you shop on Amazon?** The **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>
2. **Donations to DSBIA:** We can now accept donations online at: <https://checkout.square.site/buy/PMD0QJQ7S4X5CJZW35ZJZUPF>
3. **Memberships:** Join, renew or upgrade a membership in DSBIA, or recruit family and friends at: <https://checkout.square.site/buy/KQKMPIC7ECVD3WJN5FMK> or at <https://www.dohenystatebeach.org/join-us/>
4. **Visitor Center Online Store:** Go shopping at **our new online store:** <https://squareup.com/store/doheny-state-beach-interpretive-association>

FULL BEACHES AND FULL WAVES AT DOHENY THIS SUMMER



Photos by Jim Serpa



MOLA MOLA: Dana Wharf Sport Fishing and Whale Watching's "Nona the Naturalist" tells us about a really interesting fish off our shores, the **Sunfish**, also known as a **Mola Mola**. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1RBxkKCmRA> . Thanks again to Dana Wharf Sport Fishing and Whale Watching for sharing with us. Check them out for your next fishing or whale watching adventure.

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. You'll get an email reply.



I am curious if you allow black water tank draining (sewage and waste water from a trailer or RV) at your facility? I understand if there is a fee for it. Dan

Everyone is allowed to use our dump station. If you're camping, it is included with your camping fees. If you'd like to just drive into the park to empty the tank, enter the right side of the kiosk and pay a \$15 charge to use our dump station.

I went for the first time to Doheny yesterday and frankly I love the waves. I am a beginner surfer and the waves are perfect for beginners. However, I just read this is the most polluted beach in Orange County together with San Clemente. Is that still true? I read old articles written 3 or 5 years ago. Is it safe at the beach nowadays? Is the contamination level improved?

I also saw a lot of stones and not sandy beach where the waves break, is this normal year-round? Thanks for your info because I really like the beach and it would be unfortunate to know that it is polluted. Maynor

Doheny waters can be polluted but are not so all the time and things are much better now than in the past. Doho's pollution comes from a number of sources. 1) In the winter and because of rains washing out San Juan Creek, pollutions levels go up because of what's washed down from the creek. It's best not to go out during and right after rains. Give the water 3 days or so to clean up. 2) The pond that forms on the beach caused by San Juan Creek is an estuary and used by many birds, increased because we're on the Pacific Flyway for many migrating birds at various times of the year. When it rains and the water from the estuary breaks through the berm and flows into the ocean, out goes the pollution (think bird poop). There are also many seagulls that float out off shore when there is low or no surf, especially when there are lots of small bait fish (grunion) in the water (more bird poop). 3) There is pollution that flows out of the harbor, although not nearly as much now as in the past. 4) Doheny is a very popular beach and some visitors are trashy folks who leave trash that gets washed into the water. All that said, Doho is not the most polluted beach in the OC. It gets good grades most of the year from Surfrider and from Heal the Bay. Doheny is much cleaner than it was even 5 years ago and I don't have any problem with my kids, my grandkids or me out in the water there. We rarely hear of anyone getting any type of infection due to pollution, no more than from any other beach, and this usually happens in the winter when the person had been surfing just after storms and water was washing out from the creek.

By the way, most of San Clemente's waters are fine, too. The most polluted water is around the pier due to storm drain impact. Other beaches can be bad after rains (Poche, Riviera, Calafia), but again, giving the water a

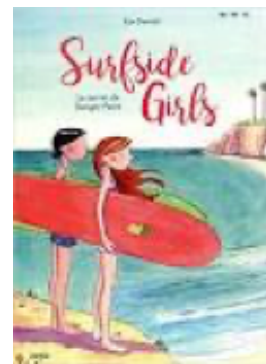
few days to settle after a storm and things are fine.

The rocks are there at Doheny all year. A solution to consider is to wear rubber reef walkers. Not only do they allow you to walk across the rocks nearly pain free, but they also give your feet a better grip on the board. Enjoy the waves at Doheny.



WHO IS THAT SUNGLASSED MAN? It's former Doheny State Beach Ranger Jim Serpa. The artist is author Kimberly Dwinell who writes the very popular "Surfside Girls", a middle grades graphic novel series.

<https://surfsidegirls.com>



AUTUMN EQUINOX IS SEPT. 22nd, 6:30 AM: 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 spring to our friends in the southern hemisphere.



SUNRISE / SUNSET:

September 1st: Sunrise @ 6:23 AM / Sunset @ 7:12 PM = 12 hrs. 48 mins. 39 secs. of sun.

We lose 1 min. & 55 secs. of sun from the previous day.

September 30th: Sunrise @ 6:42 AM / Sunset @ 6:33 PM = 11 hrs. 51 mins. 13 secs. of sun.

We lost 1 min. & 59 secs. of sun from the previous day.

Lost minutes of sun this month: 0 hrs. 57 mins. 26 secs.

September Moon Phases: Full: 1st Last Quarter: 10th New (No) Moon: 17th First Quarter: 23rd

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 & SPORTSFISHING 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 and sports fishing excursions. When registering for a trip, just mention you are a DSBIA member. [Dana Wharf Sports Fishing and Whale Watching](#) dock is at 34675 Golden Lantern, Dana Point (949) 496-5794.

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>

SOCIAL DISTANCING

A fathom is equal to six feet of water depth.

It is also used in expressing horizontal distance.

Keep a distance of one fathom between you and others.



Can you fathom that?

CALENDAR:

Not all events are DSBIA sponsored.

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

SEPTEMBER 17TH, THURSDAY, 7 PM, DSBIA BOARD MEETING: Board meetings are currently being held via ZOOM. DSBIA members wishing to attend should email info@dohenystatebeach.org no later than September 14th.

OCTOBER 15TH, THURSDAY, 7 PM, DSBIA BOARD MEETING: Board meetings are currently being held via ZOOM. DSBIA members wishing to attend should email info@dohenystatebeach.org no later than October 12th.

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.surfline.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/>

QUESTIONS? FEEDBACK? Please direct any questions, feedback or requests for removal from our mailing list to info@dohenystatebeach.org.

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