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## *The Doheny UPDATE*

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### *OCTOBER 2020*

#### *TWO FAMOUS DOHENY FAMILIES*

*Left to right:  
Lorrin Hairson Jr,  
Ron Sizemore,  
Marian Harrison  
(wearing the hat)  
and in the back,  
Tracy Sizemore.  
Photo circa 1957*



*Charlotte Sizemore  
on her board off  
Doheny on a flat  
day while the rest of  
the family were skin  
diving at Inner  
Indicator for  
abalone. Charlotte  
passed away this  
year at the age of  
99.*

See more Doheny photo history at <https://www.dohenystatebeach.org/gallery/historic-doheny-photos/>

**DOHENY STATE BEACH COVID-19 INFORMATION:** [https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=645](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=645)

**CA STATE PARKS COVID- 19 INFORMATION:** [https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=30355](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=30355)

**HALLOWEEN HAUNT CANCELED:** Another casualty to the virus this year is our annual Halloween Haunt. DSBIA thanks all the volunteers and those who donated to our Haunts in the past. Fingers crossed that we'll be back haunting next year. In the meantime, our Haunt has supported Family Assistance Ministries' food bank for years by requesting the donation of canned or boxed food as a voluntary admission fee. Perhaps you could help them this year by making a small donation to the wonderful work they do. <https://www.family-assistance.org>



**IT'S LOBSTER SEASON IN CALIFORNIA:** California spiny lobster season has begun. It started at 6 AM on Saturday, Sept. 29 and will extend into mid-March. Join some San Diego lobster fishermen using hoop nets to capture lobster. You'll learn a lot about laws and techniques, catching, cleaning and cooking these tasty crawlers. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E0e-kqVcg6g>



## THE DOHENY STATE BEACH VISITOR CENTER'S POP UP STORE



**On the Whale Walk**

**POP UP open Thursday – Sunday 10 AM to 4 PM**



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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBVqyhiEcQM&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:

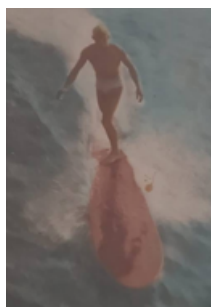
1. **Do you shop on Amazon?** The **Amazon Smile** program will donate to DSBIA with each purchase you make, **and it costs you nothing, zero, zip, nada.**  
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-3736287>
2. **Donations to DSBIA:** We can now accept donations online  
at: <https://checkout.square.site/buy/PMDOQQ7S4X5CJZW35ZJZUPF>
3. **Memberships:** Join, renew or upgrade a membership in DSBIA, or recruit family and friends  
at: <https://checkout.square.site/buy/KQKMPIC7ECVD3WJNFJRN5FMK> 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>



## LOVE SURFING DOHENY!



Photos from Facebook  
Doheny Longboard Surfing Association



### LORRIN "WHITEY" HARRISON, SURFING PIONEER AND DOHENY LOCAL:

"Whitey" Harrison is a name well known to anyone with even the slightest knowledge of surfing history. He was born in Garden Grove, California in 1913, was a stowaway on a ship to the Hawaiian Islands in the 1930s, a surfer, diver, outrigger paddler, fisherman, an innovator of boards and outriggers, and a man who loved the sea and all its blessings. He surfed from the 1930s into the 1980's. During part of those years, Whitey was a Doheny and Dana Point local. Here's part of an article by Malcolm Gault-Williams covering those years.

<https://www.dohenystatebeach.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Whitey-Harrison.pdf>

**A LIFEGUARD REMEMBERS DOHENY IN THE 60S:** Nick Sopha was a California Lifeguard in the 1960s and 70's, working beaches from San Onofre to Huntington Beach. Seeing a photo of Doheny from 1965 triggered some thoughts he typed out and shared with friends on Facebook. He's allowed DSBIA to post them on our website, too. <https://www.dohenystatebeach.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/A-DOHENY-LIFEGUARD-REMEMBERS-THE-LATE-60S.pdf>



**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.

*I know there are no hookups for RVs in the campground, but are we allowed to use the fresh water spigots to fill our clean water tanks once we get to our designated site? Or is there fresh water spigots at the dump site? Marilyn*

Water in the campground spigots is potable water. Yes, good for drinking and campers may fill their water tanks with them. The hose at the dump station **should not** be used to fill potable water tanks or drink and there is a sign there saying not to do so. If visitors want to fill water tanks at the dump station, they must pull forward by 15 yards and fill from the potable water spigot found at that spot.

*Is your Hiker/Biker campsite open? Tom*

Unfortunately, Doheny does not have a Hike and Bike site anymore.

\*\*\* For those bringing their bikes into Doheny and looking for extended bike hikes starting at the park, take a look at the article on our website about bike hikes from Doheny.

<https://www.dohenystatebeach.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Biking-Hikes-From-Doheny.pdf>

*Do you allow Uber and Door Dash drivers to come in the park to pick up and drop off food?? Robin*

Sorry, state parks do not allow Uber, Door Dash or other drop off deliveries to enter the park. The best you can do is to meet them at the entry kiosk.





**VIRTUAL JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM:** CA Jr. Program is offering dual language Spanish/English digital programs for kids 7 to 12. California State Parks just launched its new Dual Language Virtual Junior Rangers Adventure video series with associated activities. The topics addressed in this dual language—Spanish and English—video series are geology; tide pools; California Tribes: Chumash; weather and climate; native plants; and native animals. The activities can be found at [http://kids.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=22783](http://kids.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=22783) . Children who participate in Junior Rangers, a statewide program for ages 7-12 years old, receive a digital badge for each virtual adventure completed.

**MAMMALS AT DOHENY:** Join Doheny Naturalist Ms. Vicki to learn about mammals at Doheny. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LzI7FCHJl3Y>

**CALIFORNIA'S BIODIVERSITY CHALLENGE:** Of any state in the U.S., California has both the highest total number of species and the highest number of endemic species (i.e., those that occur nowhere else). **We also have the most rare and imperiled species of any state with more than 30% of California's species threatened with extinction!** California is one of the most biodiverse regions in the world and one of 36 Global Biodiversity Hotspots designated by Conservation International. These are areas containing exceptional concentrations of plant and animal endemism, but also experiencing high rates of habitat loss.



## **CALL FOR DSBIA BOARD CANDIDATES**

Nominations are now open for the DSBIA Board of Directors. A candidate must be a member in good standing with DSBIA. Names, contact information and signatures from 5 nomination supporters who are DSBIA members in good standing are required. [DSBIA By-Laws, Article VI, Section 1(b)]. The nomination form is available on the DSBIA website at <https://www.dohenystatebeach.org/election/> . An accommodation for the nomination supporters process due to the Covid Pandemic will be found on the election webpage (URL above). Nominations and supporters information are due into Kathy Wade by email [kwade@dohenystatebeach.org](mailto:kwade@dohenystatebeach.org), or by US mail by December 19, 2020. Sorry, as the Visitor Center is closed due to Covid, nomination support forms cannot be dropped off at the VC. The election will be held at the DSBIA Organizational Meeting on Thursday, January 21st. Location to be determined.

### **SUNRISE / SUNSET:**

**October 1<sup>st</sup>:** Sunrise @ 6:43 AM / Sunset @ 6:32 PM = 11 hrs. 49 mins. 14 secs. of sun

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

**October 31<sup>th</sup>:** Sunrise @ 7:05 AM / Sunset @ 5:58 PM = 10 hrs. 52 mins. 04 secs. of sun.

We lost 1 min. & 46 secs. of sun from the previous day.

**Lost minutes of sun this month:** 0 hrs. 57 mins. 10 secs.

**October Moon Phases:** Full: 1<sup>st</sup> , Last Quarter: 9<sup>th</sup> , New (No) Moon: 18<sup>th</sup> , First Quarter: 23<sup>rd</sup>

Full Moon: Oct. 31 (Blue Moon)



A **blue moon** is when there is a second full moon in the same calendar month. This will be the first **blue moon** we've had since March 31<sup>st</sup> of 2018. (BTW: The moon is not actually **blue**.) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NH0hOwkft2U>

And just for the fun of it... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8eMkH0s3Vpc>

**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 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. [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>

## **CALENDAR:**

Not all events are DSBIA sponsored.  
<http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/events/>

**OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, THURSDAY, 7 PM, DSBIA BOARD MEETING:** Board meetings are currently being held via ZOOM. DSBIA members wishing to attend should email [info@dohenystatebeach.org](mailto:info@dohenystatebeach.org) no later than October 12<sup>th</sup>.

**NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, THURSDAY, 7 PM, DSBIA BOARD MEETING:** Board meetings are currently being held via ZOOM. DSBIA members wishing to attend should email [info@dohenystatebeach.org](mailto:info@dohenystatebeach.org) no later than November 16<sup>th</sup>.

There is no DSBIA meeting scheduled for December

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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/>

**QUESTIONS? FEEDBACK?** Please direct any questions, feedback or requests for removal from our mailing list to [info@dohenystatebeach.org](mailto:info@dohenystatebeach.org).

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