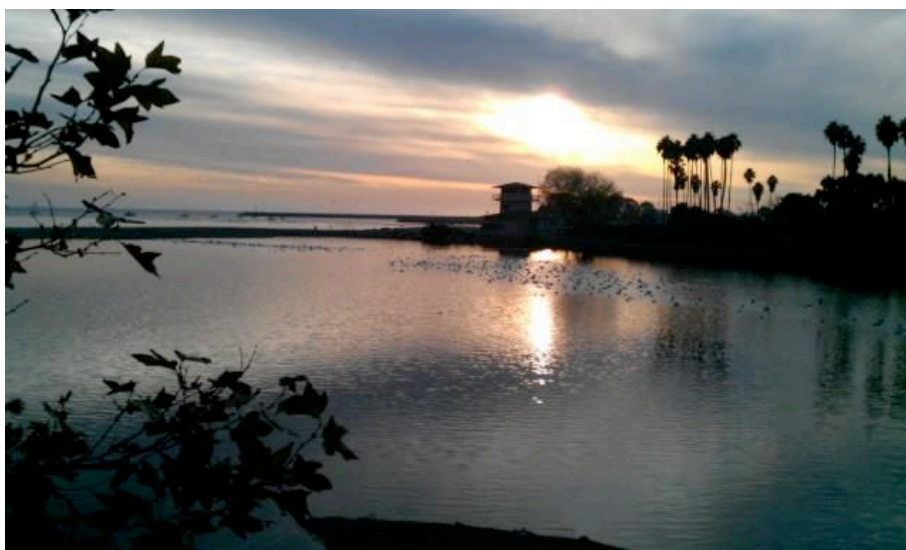




DOHENY STATE BEACH INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION

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DOHENY UPDATE for JANUARY 2012



Late Autumn Sunset over San Juan Creek

SAVE THE DATE!!

If you think we celebrated the history and culture of Doheny Surfing in the past, wait till you see what we have planned for this summer. **Whoa, dude!!! Awesome!!**

THE DOHENY SURF FESTIVAL

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 & 12

"Be stoked; be very, very stoked!"

WHAZ HAPPEN'N IN 2012? Visit the Doheny State Beach website and click on **EVENTS** to see what "happenings" are planned for the New Year. <http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/>

2011 PELICAN AND POPPY AWARDS: **The Pelican** is a DSBIA award presented to DSBIA members, other volunteers, board members and state park staff for going above and beyond in interpretive activities at Doheny. This year, we're pleased to recognize three individuals.

Chuck Fisher and Joe Cocke have worked at the Museum of Natural History in Los Angeles and

are shark experts who assist Ranger Jim Serpa in presentations. With their museum expertise, they've work on the design of some of our Visitor Center displays and have used their engineering talents for numerous projects, including rebuilding the gray whale skull (after it had set in a box as a pile of bones for years) that is now in front of the Visitor Center.

A special Pelican was awarded to Board Member Emeritus **Ken Bellis** who has served as a DSBI volunteer and board member from its beginnings and is now our web master and legal advisor. Ken has provided his many talents at many DSBI sponsored events and many volunteer hours to keep DSBI "legal" and our members and guests well informed on the park events.

The Golden Poppy is a State Park recognition for going above and beyond as volunteers in our park. This year's recipients, **Stan and Patti Hart**, are snow-birding Oregonians who serve us as our Visitor Services winter camp hosts. They spend much of their time in the kiosk as well as helping park visitors in the campground.



CITY OF DANA POINT RECOGNIZES RANGER JIM SERPA:

The Dana Point City Council recognized, thanked and congratulated retiring Supervising Ranger Jim Serpa for 21 years of dedicated service to our favorite state park. So do we!

DOHENY LONGBOARDERS INVITATION TO DSBI

MEMBERS: Doheny Longboard Surfing Asso. invites DSBI members and friends to their 20th annual **"Gathering of the Tribes"** surf contest to be held at Church's Beach, San Onofre the weekend of

January 7th & 8th. This is a great opportunity to see the hottest longboarders on the California coast from the coalition of longboard surf clubs. Admission is free, but there is a \$20 State Park parking fee (I-5 south of San Clemente to Basilone Road off-ramp, turn right and look for the Trestle's drop-off area on your right). Sorry, annual day-use park passes are not accepted. Those who don't mind a hike and who have a State Park Day-Use pass can walk in from San Onofre Surf Beach or bike in from the San Clemente entrance of the Coastal Bike Trail at the end of Avenida Presidente (cross street Cristianitos). DLSA feeds everyone on the beach (No charge, but donations are welcome). Cowabunga!

RANGER JIM MAKES A CLASSROOM VISIT: Ranger Jim Serpa makes a classroom visit at Truman Benedict School to talk about animal adaptations. Doheny is a rich instructional resource for our local schools and will increase in value greatly when our Visitor Center re-opens.



RUNNERS / WALKERS... SAVE THE DATE: The **Festival of Whales** 4th Annual Grunion Run will be on **Sunday, March 11th**. This 5K & 10K Run/Walk and Kids' 1 K Run is a fast, flat and scenic trip through beautiful



Doheny State Beach Park. The Grunion Run has doubled in size each year and this year we're estimating well over 4,000 participants. **The event benefits Doheny State Beach Interpretive Association** with funds going towards the long awaited opening of the remodeled Visitor Center. For more information and registration, visit

<http://www.festivalofwhalesgrunionrun.com/>.

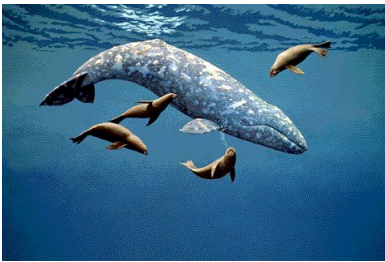
LEARN ABOUT AND RATE STATE PARKS: This CA State Parks Visitor website contains lots of information about our parks including camping ideas, park descriptions and comments / ratings by visitors. You could leave a review of your favorite park (like Doheny!). <http://www.parkvisitor.com/>

CAPTURE THE CALIFORNIA KING TIDES: Here's an opportunity for our DSBIA members and friends with cameras to participate in the **California Coastal Commission's statewide photo study of the California King Tides** occurring on **Jan. 20-22** and **Feb. 7-9**. <http://californiakingtides.org/>

GOOD TIDE POOL DATES: Another month of good afternoon minus tides for tide pool exploring. Friday, Jan. 6 (2:08, -0.5); Saturday, Jan. 7 (2:39, -0.7); Sunday, Jan. 8 (3:09, -0.9); Monday, Jan. 9 (3:41, -1.0); Tuesday, Jan. 10 (4:13, -0.9). The lowest tides of the month will be: Friday, Jan. 20 (1:45, -1.2); Saturday, Jan. 21 (2:25, -1.4); Sunday, Jan. 22 (3:02, -1.4); Monday, Jan. 23 (3:37, -1.2). **Remember the Good Tide Pooler Rules:** **1)** Never remove critters, shells or rocks; **2)** Don't pull critters off rocks or poke them; **3)** Walk gently taking care not to step on plants or animals; **4)** Never turn over rocks (homes to critters). **Tide pool critters send you a collective "THANK YOU!"**

WHAT CAUSES TIDES? Here's a good explanation (with visuals) of why there are high and low tides, and why we usually have two times a month with really high and low tides, and two times when the change between high and low tides is minimal.

<http://home.hiwaay.net/~krcool/Astro/moon/moontides/>



CRITTER OF THE MONTH: GRAY WHALES: Aye, laddies and lassies, keep an eye out for water spouts as our winter whales (and California state mammals) are passing our shores now through April, the bulk of them between February and late March. Kayakers and stand up paddlers have a good chance to meet up with a whale if they paddle out to sea a ways. Whale watching boats are available in the harbor. To learn more about these great migrators, visit

<http://www.dickrussell.org/graywhale/physiology.html>.

CALENDAR

DOHENY LONGBOARD SURFING ASSO.: No January general meeting. **"Gathering of the Tribes" surf competition** at Church's on the 7th and 8th. See article above or visit <http://dohosurf.org/>

DOHENY LONGBOARD SURFING ASSO. MEETING: (Saturday, Feb. 4, 9:30 AM) D.L.S.A. is a surf club made up of young and "mature" (and those in between) wave riders dedicated to surfing in a clean and natural environment. They meet in front of the snack stand at Main Beach on the first Saturday of each month. Prospective new members are always welcomed. <http://dohosurf.org/>

"LOVE YOUR BEACH" CLEAN UP: (Saturday, February 11, 9 AM to Noon) Join us for our first Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup of 2012 as we "love" Doheny back to good health after the first runoff from winter rains. The cleanup is from 9:00 am – Noon. Meet at the lifeguard headquarters (adjacent to the mouth of San Juan Creek). Thank you for bringing along working gloves

4TH ANNUAL 10 K / 5 K (and kids run) GRUNION RUN: (Sunday, March 12th) This 5K & 10K Run/Walk and Kids' Run is a fast, flat and scenic run through beautiful Doheny State Beach Park. For more information and registration, visit <http://www.festivalofwhalesgrunionrun.com/>.

I KIN'T BELIEVE IT!!! YER NOT A DSBI A MEMBER YET? Join us in supporting the mission of DSBI A to provide activities and materials to educate the public about the natural and cultural importance of Doheny State Beach. **Here's a printable membership form.**
http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/pdf/files/DSBI A_Membership_App_Rev-2010.pdf

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS: With the exception of December, DSBI A Board of Directors meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month, 7 PM at the Double Tree Hotel on Pacific Coast Highway across from Doheny State Beach in Dana Point. Meetings are open to all DSBI A members.

VISIT OUR WEB SITE at <http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/index.html>

DOHENY SURF CAMERA: http://www.surflife.com/surf-report/doheny-southern-california_4848/

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