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## DOHENY UPDATE for FEBRUARY 2012



**Winter Sunrise at Doheny. Photo by Jim Serpa**

**SUNRISE / SUNSET:** Feb. 1: Sunrise @ 6:50 AM / Sunset @ 5:24 PM

Feb 29: Sunrise @ 6:23 AM / Sunset @ 5:49 PM

**GAINED MINUTES OF DAYLIGHT:** 27 AM minutes 25 PM minutes **Total:** 52 minutes

**40% OFF DANA WHARF WHALE WATCHING TICKETS:** Another benefit for DSBIA members, our families, friends and supporters. See **CRITTER OF THE MONTH** below.

**2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS:** The following DSBIA leadership was elected at the January 19<sup>th</sup> organizational meeting. President Bill Brooks, Vice President Steve Stirrett, Secretary Ed Neely, Treasurer Roger More, Board Members Bill Grey, Bobby Knox, Margie Black, Ken Nelson, Mario Cuevas, Donna Kalez, Mary Hartmann and Mike Peck.



**DSBIA PARTNERS WITH GO FORWARD RACING:** DSBIA is proud to partner with **Go Forward Racing** in support of the **San Juan Hills Trail 10K / 5K / KID's 1K Run on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**. A portion of the proceeds

from this event will benefit DSBIA and our interpretive programs. For information on, and registration for this event, visit [http://orangemantriathlon.com/?page\\_id=859](http://orangemantriathlon.com/?page_id=859)



**4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GRUNION RUN:** (Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>) 10K & 5K Run/Walk and Kids' 1K Run (*part of the Dana Point Festival of Whales*) will take place in Doheny State Beach on Sunday, March 11, 2012 starting at 7:45am. This is a fast and flat scenic run / walk along the coast and through Doheny State Beach. The event is part of the two

week Dana Point Festival of Whales. **All proceeds benefit DSBIA, and will be used to support interpretive events in the park.** Runners / Walkers can register on-line at

<http://www.active.com/running/dana-point-ca/festival-of-whales-grunion-5k-and-10k-run-walk-and-kids-1k-run-2012>

or download a registration form to mail in at

[http://www.festivalofwhalesgrunionrun.com/yahoo\\_site\\_admin/assets/docs/Grunion\\_Run\\_Flyer\\_2012.346153205.pdf](http://www.festivalofwhalesgrunionrun.com/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/Grunion_Run_Flyer_2012.346153205.pdf)

**For information about the Festival of Whales,** visit <http://www.festivalofwhales.org/>

**THANK YOU, DOUBLE TREE HOTEL:** DSBIA wishes to thank the **Double Tree Hotel**, located across PCH at 34402 Pacific Coast Highway, Dana Point for hosting our monthly Board of Directors meetings. <http://www.DohenyBeach.DoubleTree.com> .



**DOHENY BLUES FESTIVAL TICKETS NOW ON SALE:** This year's Blues Festival, calendared for **May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**, will be headlined by Greg Allman and The Steve Miller Band. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit <http://www.omegaevents.com/dohenyblues> . **Tickets are also on sale at Doheny State Beach Visitor Center Gift Store. A portion of the purchase price of tickets purchased at the park benefit DSBIA and its interpretive programs.**



**Local surfer / photog Tony "Hunkpapa" Brown gives us an outside reef view of the top of the Doheny lifeguard tower, palms trees and Saddleback Mountain during a large swell last September.**

**LOVE YOUR BEACH CLEAN UP:** Join Doheny Park Naturalist Vicki Wiker and the always reliable Doheny beach cleaning volunteers on **Saturday, February 11, from 9 AM to Noon** for our first of the year Adopt-A-Beach clean-up. We meet at the lifeguard tower. Bring your own gloves if you can.

**GOOD TIDE POOL DATES:** There are still some good tide pooling dates in February: Saturday, Feb. 4 (21:45, -0.5); Sunday, Feb. 5 (2:13, -0.8); Monday, Feb. 6 (2:42, -0.9); Tuesday, Feb. 7 (3:11, -1.0); Wednesday, Feb. 8 (3:42, -0.8) Friday, Feb. 17 (12:49, -0.7); Saturday, Feb. 18 (1:30, -0.9); Sunday, Feb. 19 (2:06, -1.0); Monday, Feb. 20 (2:39, -0.9), Tuesday, Feb. 21 (3:08, -0.7). The lowest tides of the month will be: Tuesday, Feb. 7 and Sunday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, both -1.0 foot tides. **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. **Tide pool critters send you a collective "THANK YOU!"**

**CRITTER OF THE MONTH:** Join (by video) a pod of Orcas feeding off our coastline.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENfbNEp5MLE&feature=player\\_embedded#](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENfbNEp5MLE&feature=player_embedded#)! The Orca, or Killer Whale, with its striking black and white coloring, is one of the best known of all the cetaceans. It has been extensively studied in the wild and is often the main attraction at many sea parks and aquaria. An odontocete, or toothed whale, the orca is known for being a carnivorous, fast and skillful hunter, with a complex social structure and a cosmopolitan distribution (orcas are found in all the oceans of the world). Sometimes called "the wolf of the sea", the orca can be a fierce hunter with well-organized hunting techniques, although there are no documented cases of killer whales attacking a human in the wild (but then, the one's they ate wouldn't tell us, eh?). [http://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://marinebio.org/upload/Orcinus-orca/10.jpg&imgrefurl=http://marinebio.org/species.asp%3Fid%3D84&h=301&w=450&sz=85&tbnid=rsZjSw1rK7nqXM:&tbnh=85&tbnw=127&prev=/search%3Fq%3Dorca%26tbnid%3D84%26tbo%3Du&zoom=1&q=orca&usq=ko87NP1RH6f6H9\\_SVeepfebJXN0=&sa=X&ei=k9IIT\\_5OsmC2wXS-ImtAg&ved=0CCsQ9QEwBA](http://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://marinebio.org/upload/Orcinus-orca/10.jpg&imgrefurl=http://marinebio.org/species.asp%3Fid%3D84&h=301&w=450&sz=85&tbnid=rsZjSw1rK7nqXM:&tbnh=85&tbnw=127&prev=/search%3Fq%3Dorca%26tbnid%3D84%26tbo%3Du&zoom=1&q=orca&usq=ko87NP1RH6f6H9_SVeepfebJXN0=&sa=X&ei=k9IIT_5OsmC2wXS-ImtAg&ved=0CCsQ9QEwBA)



## **GET A 40% DSBIA DISCOUNT ON ADULT WHALE WATCHING TICKETS FROM OUR PARTNERS AT**

### **DANA WHARF SPORTS FISHING AND WHALE WATCHING**

Order you tickets on-line and insert code DSB40 at checkout to receive the discount. Here is the link: <http://www.zerve.com/DanaWharf/OceanAdv>

It's been a great year for whale watching with more blue whales and finbacks this past summer than we've seen in years, and now grey whales are coming down the coast and pods of orcas and dolphins are off our shores. Whale watching day trips can be scheduled through **Dana Wharf Sports Fishing and Whale Watching**, in the harbor and only a short walk from Doheny State Beach.

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

## **CALENDAR**

**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 the year as we “love” Doheny back to good health after the runoff from winter rains. The cleanup is from 9:00 am – Noon. All beach cleanups meet at the lifeguard headquarters (adjacent to the mouth of San Juan Creek). Thank you for bringing along working gloves

**SAN JUAN HILLS TRAIL 10K / 5K RUN:** (Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 AM to Noon) A 10 K / 5 K / 1 K Kid’s Run. The San Juan Hills Trail run takes place on the trails that traverse the beautiful rolling hills above the City of San Juan Capistrano. The 5K and 10K runs feature easy-to-moderate trails with scenic views of coastal mountains and the Pacific Ocean. [http://orangemantriathlon.com/?page\\_id=859](http://orangemantriathlon.com/?page_id=859)

**DOHENY LONGBOARD SURFING ASSO. MEETING:** (Saturday, March 3, 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/>

**“WHALE OF A BEACH” CLEANUP:** (Saturday, March 10, 9 AM to Noon) Let’s celebrate the return of the majestic migratory Gray whales by getting that debris off the beach before it washes out to sea to pose a threat to marine life. The cleanup is from 9:00 am-Noon. We meet at the Lifeguard Headquarters and don’t forget those gloves.

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**MOBILE MARINE MAMMAL MUSEUM:** (Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM to 3 PM) Visit Doheny's Whale Walk (between main beach snack stand and west end of the park) for an opportunity to see and feel authentic marine mammal artifacts (cool replicas, too!). Just look for Naturalist Vicki along the promenade.

**CASPER’S WILDERNESS PARK TRAIL RUN:** (Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 7AM to Noon) A 10 K / 5 K / 1 K Kid’s Run. This park offers 8,000 acres of protected preserve nestled among the river terraces and sandstone canyons of the western coastal Santa Ana Mountains. The 5K and 10K runs take place on the easy-to-moderate trails in this scenic park where runners can expect to see wildflowers in bloom and other wildlife. Our 1K Kids run is fun and easy! All courses are on well-groomed trails and aid stations will have water and sports hydration drinks. A portion of the proceeds from this event will benefit DSBIA and its interpretive programs. [http://orangemantriathlon.com/?page\\_id=859](http://orangemantriathlon.com/?page_id=859)

**I DOON’T BELIEVE IT!!! NOT A DSBIA MEMBER YET?** Join us in supporting the mission of DSBIA 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/DSBIA\\_Membership\\_App\\_Rev-2010.pdf](http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/pdf/files/DSBIA_Membership_App_Rev-2010.pdf)

**MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS:** With the exception of December, DSBIA 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 DSBIA 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/](http://www.surflife.com/surf-report/doheny-southern-california_4848/)

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