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DOHENY UPDATE for FEBRUARY 2011

2011 DSBIA BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS: President, Bill Brooks; Vice President, Steve Stirrett; Treasure, Rodger More; Secretary, Ed Neely; Membership, Margie Black. Board Members: Ken Bellis, Mario Cuevas, Tom Haight, Mary Hartmann, Donna Kalez, Ken Nielsen, and Michael Peck.

CALL FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS: One or more Doheny State Beach Interpretive Association Board Member positions will shortly open up. A candidate for a position on our board is to be a member in good standing in DSBIA. DSBIA is looking for candidates who want to go above and beyond just attending monthly board meetings. A new board member will be expected to take an active role in many of DSBIA's events, such as Battle of the Paddle, Surf-A-Rama, California Wine Festival, etc. For more information contact DSBIA President, Bill Brooks, llbrooks@cox.net.

JOIN US IN DSBIA: Many of our friends who receive this e-newsletter are not DSBIA members. We'd love to have you join us. Annual, Life, Family, Senior, Student and Organization / Business membership dues are minimal and your money goes to a good cause; assisting with the preservation and restoration of Doheny State Beach and its interpretive facilities and programs. Besides knowing the good you are doing our park, you will also be invited to participate in a growing number of membership activities, the newest of which is our annual ocean mammal cruise out of Dana Point Harbor. Membership dues and donations are tax deductible. **Here's a printable membership form.**
http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/pdf/DSBIA_Membership_App_Rev-2010.pdf



PUNTA DE DOHO: Sand washed out of San Juan Creek by the rains has created a spit in the inside surf area known as Gaylord's. Nice little waves have been seen peeling off the east side. Hundreds of golf balls have appeared at low tides just waiting for some enterprising youth to collect them to sell back at the local golf courses.

(Let's see, 100 balls @ \$.50 per ball... hummm.)



LAST GOOD TIDE POOL EXPLORING DATES UNTIL OCTOBER.: February is the last month until late October to have numerous good daylight hour negative tides. **Feb. 1st** (-0.9 @ 2:48 PM), **Feb. 2nd** (-0.8 @ 3:43 PM), **Feb 15th** (-1.0 @ 1:08 41), **Feb. 16th** (-1.2 @ 2:42 PM), **Feb. 16th** (-1.2 @ 2:14 PM), **Feb. 17th** (-1.3 @ 2:47 PM), **Feb. 18th** (-1.1 @ 3:21 PM). Remember the **Good Tide Pooler Rules:** No collecting of animals or shells (Doheny is a Marine Protected Area); Do not pick up critters; Do not turn

over rocks (you'll destroy a critter's home); If you absolutely must touch, do so lightly with two fingers and respect.

DUTCH OVEN D.O.G. A SUCCESS: The Dutch Oven Gathering at Doheny on Jan. 15 was a great success with classes, dessert competition and a grand communal feast. DSBIA board members Bill Brooks, Ken Neilson, Mike Peck and Ed Neely sacrificed their New Year's diets to serve as judges of the dessert competition. Visit the webpage of the Southern California Dutch Oven Society and check out the links page, especially the Campfire Café! <http://socaldos.org/index.html>

GOOD NEWS! THE WHALES ARE COMING BACK: Once upon a time, there were some wonderful (life sized paintings of) whales on the walkway by the beach leading from the snack stand to the west end of the park. One by one, they disappeared under Evil King Slurry Repair. The Knights of the DSBIA Round Table and White Knight Ranger Jim Serpa have committed to rescuing them, one by one, starting this year. Hopefully you'll see the return of the great Blue Whale soon.



CRITTER OF THE MONTH: We're now in the middle of the Gray Whale migration along our coast. Beach walkers, open-ocean SUPers, kayakers and boaters will often see some of our seasonal guests just off shore. To learn more about these great migrators, visit <http://www.dickrussell.org/graywhale/physiology.html>.

I FIND THIS ASTOUNDING, BUT...: it takes 32,500 ounces of water (a bit over 25 gallons) to dilute one ounce of liquid dish soap for it to be safe for fish in the ocean. (CA Pollution Response Manual, 1998, CA Dept. of Fish and Game).

"LOVE YOUR BEACH" CLEAN UP: **Saturday, Feb.12.** 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 cleaners meet at the Lifeguard Headquarters (adjacent to the mouth of San Juan Creek). Thank you for bringing along work gloves.

MICKEY MUNOZ MONGOOSE CUP: **Saturday, March 12.** **2nd Annual Mongoose Stand Up Paddle** event will be held at Baby Beach in Dana Point Harbor. Join Mickey and friends for a day of paddling fun, a Waterman Expo, camaraderie and a delicious BBQ. The event kicks off the 2011 Stand-Up Paddleboard schedule and is designed for SUP enthusiasts to get ready for another exciting SUP season. Event **proceeds to benefit local organizations such as the Doheny State Beach Interpretive Association and Doheny Longboard Surfing Association.** For more information: <http://paddleathlete.com/2010/event-mickey-munoz-mongoose-cup-expo-2011/>

WHALE OF A BEACH CLEAN UP: **Saturday, March 12.** 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.

GRUNION RUN 10K, 5K RUN/WALK, KIDS' 1K RUN AND PANCAKES!!! **Sunday, March 13:** 10K starts at 7 AM; 5K begins at 8:30 AM and Kids' 1K at 9:15 AM. Awards scheduled for 9:45 AM. Pancake breakfast after the races. **Proceeds to benefit the Doheny State Beach Interpretive Association.** Pre-registration is available online at www.festivalofwhalesgrunionrun.com.

DOHENY TRAVELING MAMMAL MUSEUM: **Sunday, March 13.** Visit Doheny's Whale Walk for an opportunity to see and feel authentic marine mammal artifacts (cool replicas, too!). Look for Naturalist

Vicki along the Whale Walk (walkway along the beach from the snack stand to the west end of the park) from Noon – 3:00 pm.

NOT A DSBIA MEMBER YET? Join us in supporting the mission of DSBIA to provide activities and materials to educate the public of the natural and cultural importance of Doheny State Beach. **Here's a printable membership form.**

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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 main lifeguard headquarters tower (Station 30) in the park. 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/

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