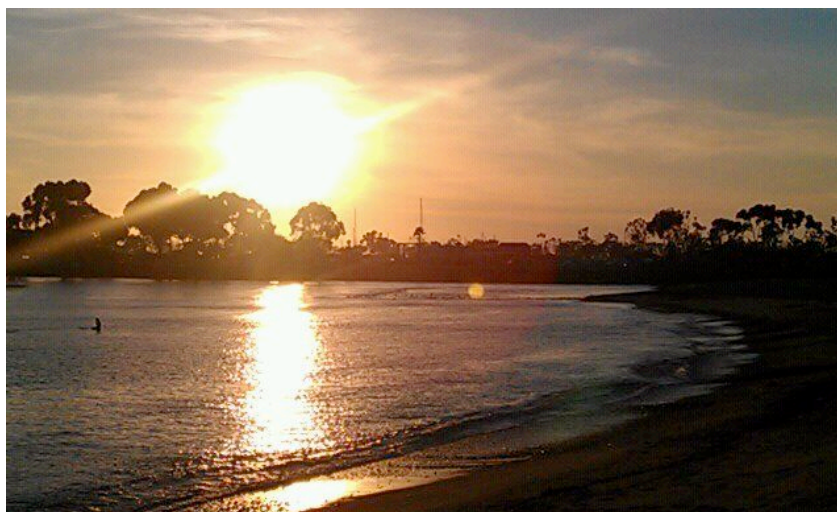




DOHENY STATE BEACH INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION

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DOHENY UPDATE for MARCH 2012



“SUNSET OVER THE BONEYARD” by DSBIA Member, Steve Behmerwohld

GOT PHOTOS? If you have photos taken at Doheny State Beach that you're proud of, why not share them with the rest of us. Email photos in JPEG format to edneely@dohenystatebeach.org

SUNRISE / SUNSET: Mar. 1: Sunrise @ 6:22 AM / Sunset @ 5:50 PM = 11 hrs. 28 mins. of sun
Daylight Savings Time Change: March 11

Mar. 31: Sunrise @ 6:42 AM / Sunset @ 7:13 PM = 12 hrs. 31 mins. of sun

GAINED MINUTES OF DAYLIGHT: 20 AM minutes * 23 PM minutes * **Total:** 43 minutes



4TH ANNUAL GRUNION RUN: (Sunday, March 11th) 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 through Doheny State Beach Park. The event is part of the two-week

Dana Point Festival of Whales. **Grunion Run 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

For more information about the Festival of Whales, please visit <http://www.festivalofwhalesgrunionrun.com/> .

SPEAKING OF GRUNION RUNS: The first expected grunion (as in the fish) runs of the year when you can catch the little critters (with a CA fishing license and by hands only) are in March (April and May are for observation only; no take). On the following dates, grunion runs are *expected*. Remember these little guys don't read the schedules. Spawning is at night from high tide to 2 hours passed high tide. The expected spawnings take place after the Doheny day-use areas are closed, so campers are the only ones who will have access to the beach unless you walk in from outside the park and are on the beach only. No fires are permitted. **Please don't catch grunion just to throw them in a trashcan. Grunions are eatable!** Google "grunion recipes" and you'll be amazed at the different suggestion that pop up. **EXPECTED GRUNION RUN DATES:** Mar. 10, 10:29 PM; Mar. 12, 12:12 AM; Mar. 13, 1:03 AM; Mar. 14, 2:11 AM; Mar. 24, 10:52 PM; Mar. 25, 11:18 PM; Mar. 26, 11:47 PM; Mar. 28; 12:20 AM.



4TH ANNUAL MICKEY MUNOZ MONGOOSE CUP SUP EVENT:

Saturday, March 10th. This is a really fun stand up paddle event for participants and watchers. Lots of informational booths and demonstrations will be in the park and beach at Baby Beach in Dana Point Harbor. **Proceeds from the event partially benefit DSBI and our interpretive programs.** Come visit us at our DSBI booth. For more information, http://www.festivalofwhales.org/wkend_2.php

COME SAY "HI" AT THE WHALE CONCERT AND BBQ: DSBI will have an information booth at the **Whale Concert and Barbecue** at Baby Beach on **Sunday, March 11**. Drop by and say **"COWABUNGA!"** That way we'll know you read the UPDATE (love secret codes).



CASPER'S WILDERNESS PARK TRAIL RUN: (Sunday, March 25th) 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 10K and 5K 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. **DSBI receives a generous donation from Go Forward Racing for this event.** http://orangemantriathlon.com/?page_id=859

THANK YOU, D.L.S.A: D.S.B.I.A. is proud to announce that **Doheny Longboard Surfing Association** has affirmed its longstanding relations with us by renewing their annual Organizational Membership. It's an honor to have this outstanding surf club standing with us in our service to Doheny State Beach. Learn more about this great club at <http://dohosurf.org/> *D.L.S.A (and DSBI) Board Member Bobby Knox presents Park Naturalist Vicki Wiker a check from the surf club for \$1000 to assist the park in maintaining Vicki's position and the interpretive programs she oversees in the park.* →



GREAT DEAL FOR WINTER WHALE WATCHING: DSBIA members and friends get a **40% discount** on adult Whale Watching cruise from our friends at **Dana Wharf Sports Fishing** when you order on-line at <http://www.zerve.com/DanaWharf/OceanAd> and use the *discount code DSB40* at check-out.

NEW PARTNERSHIP: DSBIA is proud to announce our partnership with **GO FORWARD RACING** and Mr. David Flournoy. GO FORWARD coordinated the recent San Juan Hills Trail Run and the upcoming Casper's Wilderness Park Trail Run (March 25), the Salt Creek Half Marathon (April 22), and what looks to be the very exciting **ORANGEMAN TRIATHLON** (Sept. 23). In exchange for our assistance, GO FORWARD will make generous donations to support DSBIA and our interpretive programs. **VAMOS ADELANTE!** *David Flournoy gives DSBIA Board member Ed Neely a donation check.* <http://orangemantriathlon.com/>



WHAT'S THE DUST UP? You may have noticed lots of work going on in the park from the entrance to the south day-use area. Bathrooms, ramps and entries are being installed or brought up to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations. This should continue for a month or two longer.

GOOD TIDE POOL DATES: March marks the time of year our minus tides in the afternoons dissipate and minus tides begin to appear in the early AM hours. There are still some good sunlight hour tides to go exploring, though. Mar. 4, Sun. 1:07 PM (-0.3); Mar. 5, Mon. 1:37 PM, (-0.5); Mar. 6, Tue. 2:06 PM (-0.7); Mar. 7, Wed. 2:36 PM (-0.6); Mar. 17, Sat. 1:23 PM (-0.4); Mar. 18, Sun. 2:03 PM (-0.4).

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!"**

DSBIA AND GIFT STORE ON FACEBOOK: DSBIA and the Doheny Gift Store now have FaceBook pages allowing you to have access to news of events and activities as well as the cool items on sale in our favorite State Park. Visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Doheny-State-Beach-Interpretive-Association/255397901205401>

Gift Store: <http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100003539533566>



CRITTER OF THE MONTH: Actually, it's a critter home, a **Melaleuca Tree**. Also known as paperbark tree, punk tree, cajeput tree, and white bottlebrush tree, it is a subtropical tree in the eucalyptus family native to Australia, New Guinea and New Caledonia. It has spongy, white, paper-like bark and can grow to 50 feet in height. The 1-2 inch long, gray-green, oval leaves of melaleuca tree are arranged alternately along the stem and smell of camphor when crushed. Flowers are white, brush-like spikes and the fruits are small, woody, button-like seed capsules. <http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/fact/mequ1.htm>

The Doheny Melaleuca trees by the snack stand provide a nesting spot for snowy egrets and black-crowned night herons.

Nesting begins in late February, about the same time as the first grunion runs. Related occurrences? You betcha!

SUPERPOD OF DOLPHINS OFF DANA POINT: Here's a KCAL News report with video shot by our friends at **Dana Wharf Sports Fishing and Whale Watching** of a superpod of dolphin just off our Doheny shores. <http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/video/6780560-dolphin-superpod-spotted-off-coast-of-dana-point/#.T0g692UpW7o.mailto>

CALENDAR Believe it or not, **March and April are two of our busiest months!**

DOHENY LONGBOARD SURFING ASSO. MEETING: (Saturday, Mar. 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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WHALE FESTIVAL CONCERT AND BBQ: (Sunday, March 11th) Come down to Baby Beach in the Harbor for this afternoon festive wrap up to the Festival of Whales celebration. **Concert will begin at noon** with **Tijuana Dogs** performing from 12 – 1 pm, **Lights (Journey Tribute band)** 1:30 – 2:45 pm and **Chicago Tribute Authority (Chicago Tribute band)** 3:15 – 4:30 pm.

MOBILE MARINE MAMMAL MUSEUM: (Sunday, March 11th, 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.

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21ST ANNUAL GRUNION NIGHT: (Saturday, April 7th 9:30 PM) Join us as we greet the grunion back to our beaches for another year! This evening program includes a slide-show presentation featuring grunion (and other marine life mysteries) and then wraps up with our viewing the actual grunion run expected that evening about 10:30 PM. Please bring a chair, flashlight and dress for the weather. April grunion runs are for viewing only, the season is closed for any taking of these fish.

EARTH DAY NATIVE TREE PLANTING PROJECT: (Saturday, April 14) Help us celebrate Earth Day Doheny-style by planting some indigenous trees and shrubs around the park! Please call for additional information. Thank you for bring along working gloves and your favorite shovel. Thank you to the California State Parks Foundation and Starbucks for sponsoring this crucial restoration project!

DOHENYWOOD: (Saturday, April 14th) Start your springtime Southern California style by visiting the annual **Southern California Woodie Club and Car Show** at Doheny State Beach! Woodies start lining up the south day-use area at dawn and begin departing in the mid-afternoon. Don't miss out on this fun-filled day! <http://www.socalwoodies.com/doheny.htm>



EARTH DAY BEACH AND SAN JUAN CREEK CLEAN UP: (Saturday, April 21) Let's clean San Juan Creek, the beach, and the jetty in honor of Mother Earth Day. This project meets at the Lifeguard Headquarters (adjacent to the mouth of San Juan Creek) from 9:00 am-Noon. Please bring along some working gloves and pack up for the whole day at the clean beach!

SALT CREEK HALF MARATHON: (Sunday, April 22nd) The third and final event of the **Orangeman Running Series**. Pick your event: 13.1 mile run / 10 K Run / 5 K Run / 1 K Kid's Run. Sponsor **Go Forward Racing** will make a generous donation to DSBI for the benefit of our interpretive programs. http://orangemantriathlon.com/?page_id=859

ZOUNDS!!! NOT A DSBI MEMBER YET? Join us in supporting the mission of DSBI 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_Membership_App_Rev-2010.pdf

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS: With the exception of December, DSBI 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 members.

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

DSBI ON FACEBOOK at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Doheny-State-Beach-Interpretive-Association/255397901205401>

DOHENY GIFT STORE ON FACEBOOK:
<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100003539533566>

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

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