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DOHENY UPDATE for APRIL 2012

SUNRISE / SUNSET: April. 1: Sunrise @ 6:40 AM / Sunset @ 7:14 PM = 12 hrs. 34 mins. 40 secs.
April. 30: Sunrise @ 6:04 AM / Sunset @ 7:37 PM = 13 hrs. 32 mins. 20 secs

GAINED MINUTES OF DAYLIGHT: 36 AM minutes * 23 PM minutes * **Total:** 59 minutes



GRUNION RUN: It was a huge success with nearly 1000 runners doing the 10K, 5K (some doing both!) and Kids 1K Run. Thanks to all our DSBIA members who volunteered their time and talents as racecourse directors, breakfast cooks and servers, and traffic control monitors.

LONELIEST BOOTH IN THE BEER GARDEN:

Bill Brooks and Ed Neely manned the DSBIA booth in the beer garden at the

Festival of Whales Baby Beach barbecue and concert. Probably the least visited booth there. Do you think it was because we were the only one not serving food or booze? Nah, couldn't be : >)

Beer to the left of us, Vino to the right, Here we are / Stuck in the middle, no brew!



DSBIA MEMBERS SURF CAMP DISCOUNTS: Local surf legend and owner of *Girl in the Curl Surf Shop*, Mary Hartmann, is **offering DSBIA members a 10% discount** on her Spring Break and summer surf camps held at Doheny State Beach, including **Spring Break Surf Camp**; **Roxy Summer Surf Camp**; **Boys in the Barrel Surf Camp** and the **Mermaid Overnight Surf Adventure**. For more information on these camps visit <http://www.girlinthecurl.com/orange-county-surf-camps-c-105.html?zenid=tcjpp5r7hfetalth2na6tggf5> . To find out about the discounts, contact **Girl in the Curl** at 949.661.4475.

JOIN US FOR GRUNION NIGHT: Join us on **Saturday night, April 7th @ 9:30 PM** as we greet the grunion back to our beaches! The program includes a slide-show presentation featuring grunion (and other marine life mysteries) and wraps up with our viewing the actual grunion run expected 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 taking of these fish.



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 in 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>

NATIVE TREE PLANTING PROJECT: (Saturday, April 14) After or before you visit the woodies, come help us celebrate Earth Day Doheny-style by planting some indigenous trees and shrubs around the park! 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!

HEY YOU RUNNERS! Go Forward Racing holds its 3rd race in the **Orangeman Running Series** on Sunday, April 22: the **Salt Creek Half Marathon** (13.1 mile run), a 10K, 5K and a Kids' 1K Run. **A portion of the proceeds from this event benefit DSBIA.** For information and registration, visit <http://www.orangemanrunningseries.com>.

KAYAKING INTERPRETIVE PADDLES: Doheny Lifeguards came to DSBIA with an idea. They found 9 sit-on-top kayaks (2 of them 2-person boats) for sale by another state park. They asked DSBIA to buy them so they could put together interpretive paddle tours for potential sea life observation, snorkeling, fishing, harbor paddling and more. DSBIA gave a resounding **"YEAH!"** Look for more information as we approach summer.

VISITOR CENTER PROGRESS: Hopefully, we're closing in on completion of the Visitor Center. We've just bought the new inserts for the aquarium tanks, each of which will show a different underwater California habitat. The floor will soon be installed, an epoxy that will look like beach sand.



“THANK YOU, DSBIA”: We donated some fossil excavation kits to Las Flores Middle School science teacher Carly Ortiz and recently received a great thank you letter. “My students greatly enjoyed the activity, allowing them to get a hands-on experience with fossils that they otherwise would not have had. Your contribution greatly enriched their learning.” Glad to have helped out, Carly. It’s what we do.

FESTIVAL OF WHALES: Thanks to DSBIA member **Jess Lopez**, we have photos of Park Naturalist Vickie Wiker and her crew of volunteers getting ready for the Festival of Whales parade.



DSBIA MEMBERS KIP AND KC KINNINGS: Congratulations to Kip and KC Kinnings who were recently recognized as **Volunteers of the Year** in the cooperative tide pool interpretive program run by the City of Dana Point and the Ocean Institute. They’re seen here with program coordinator Jeff Rosaler of the City of Dana Point. Kip and KC have great science, teaching and first hand “life in the ocean” knowledge, as both are experienced scuba divers. Hey, you two! As soon as our Visitor Center with its tide pool touch tank and aquariums are open, will we have some opportunities for you! (Not that we’re stealing or anything.)



TIDEPOOLING? THERE’S AN APP FOR THAT: Free California Tidepools App now available in the Apple Store. Make exploring the beach a fun and educational experience and learn about the creatures that inhabit this dynamic and important ecosystem. It's one thing to find an urchin or a fish. It's more fun to learn that a red urchin can live for 100 years, or that the fish you've just discovered is a baby Opaleye that can breathe air when young!

Search a database containing: photos, common and scientific names, taxonomy, description, habitat,

eats and eaten by, fun facts, frequently asked questions, and more. This iPhone app works on an iPad too! It's a great tool for teachers, naturalists, students, and anyone who is curious about tidepool life on the California coast.

Created by the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, UCSB Marine Science Institute, LiMPETS (Long-term Monitoring Program and Experiential Training for Students), and volunteers from Citrix Systems, Inc. The App was also designed to raise awareness about the future Outreach Center for Teaching Ocean Science (OCTOS) that will increase ocean literacy by engaging visitors in scientific discovery (more at octos.ucsb.edu<<http://octos.ucsb.edu/>>). Search for Tidepools in the Apple Store and download using a wireless network as it is a fairly large file (186mb).

Screen shots and more info here:

<http://itunes.apple.com/app/california-tidepools/id497631839?mt=8> Enjoy exploring!



ON THE NOSE AT THE DOH: Jeremy Guilmette nose riding at the Doh. Photo by John Guilmette. The Guilmette family are members of the **Doheny Longboard Surfing Association**, a club dedicated to surfing in a clean and natural environment. They meet at 9:30 AM, the first Saturday of each month in front of the snack stand. <http://dohosurf.org/>



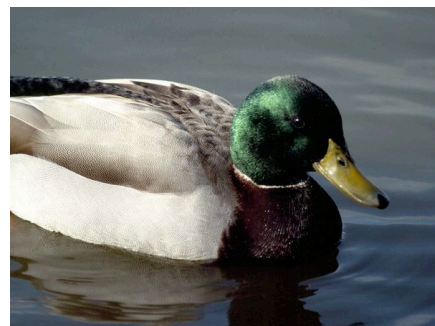
GRUNION RUN TEE SHIRTS ON SALE: There are still some medium and large tee shirts from the Grunion 10K, 5K, Kid's 1K Run for sale in the Gift Store at the lifeguard headquarters, and such a deal! **Only \$3 a shirt.**

CRITTER OF THE MONTH:

Mallard Ducks are year round residence in the San Juan Creek estuary at Doheny. They're dabbling, or surface feeders

because they eat by tipping underwater for food – head down, feet and tail in the air, rather than diving.

<http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/birds/mallard-duck/#>



CALENDAR

DOHENY LONGBOARD SURFING ASSO. MEETING: (Saturday, April 7th, 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/>

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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 new 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 DSBIA for the benefit of our interpretive programs.

SPECIAL OFFERS: **Get 10% off any single race.** Use the following code at checkout: OMRUN10OFF. Does not apply to Packages. **Two (2) Races packages starting at \$70.** Available for a limited time! http://orangemantriathlon.com/?page_id=859

DOHENY BLUES FESTIVAL: Saturday-Sunday, May 19 & 20.

Thank you for purchasing tickets from Doheny's Gift Store as proceeds benefit the Doheny State Beach Interpretive Association that supports Doheny's wide-ranging interpretive programs. Please visit <http://www.omegaevents.com/dohenyblues/> for further details of this year's event.



ZOUNDS!!! 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

DSBIA CONTACT INFORMATION

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>

DSBIA 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.surfline.com/surf-report/doheny-southern-california_4848/

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