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DOHENY UPDATE for NOVEMBER 2011



THANK YOU, AMERICAN HEROS! DSBIA sends out a heartfelt **“THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE”** to all our American military veterans.



THANK YOU, RAINBOW SANDALS! Once again, Jay Longley and Rainbow Sandals will make another generous donation to support Doheny State Beach Interpretive Association. This is the fourth year in a row that Rainbow Sandals has contributed to the benefit our favorite state park. <http://www.rainbowsandals.com/>



THANK YOU, OCEANAFIT YOGA: DSBIA wishes to thank San Clemente's OCEANAFIT Yoga and its founders, Megan and Bernie Wohlfarth for their generous donation to DSBIA. Be sure to visit their website at <http://oceanafit.com/about>.

DOHO TO CLOSE NOV. 7 – 13: Doheny State Beach will be closed to camping and day-use from **Monday, November 7 through Sunday, November 13**. Beach-users may walk into the park but there will be **no running water or restroom facilities available**. Ranger Jim Serpa reports that major work is needed on the park's sewage vaults. We certainly don't want any of that stuff draining into the ocean.

FUN TIME AT THE HAUNT: Another great **Halloween Haunt** in the spooky Doheny campground. Thanks to all our volunteers. Check it out! <http://www.ocregister.com/articles/halloween-322831-information-call.html?pic=2>

MEET OUR PARK'S STAFF: No, these aren't the Blues Sisters and Brother, they're three of our Doheny State Beach staff. Among other duties, Park Aide Rachel Hammer (left) manages the Visitor Center gift store. Park Aide Ashley Nelson can hardly wait to get to her main responsibility, maintaining the aquariums in the Visitor Center. The happy character in the middle is none other than Supervising Ranger Jim Serpa.





HIGH TIDE-LINE ACCESSABLE: Doheny has two walkways that permit those challenged with moving through the sand to get closer to the water, one at each end of the beach esplanade. On the west end is a short wooden trail leading out to a wooden patio. On the east end is a wooden trail into the Doheny Longboard Surfing Association's donated palapa (they built it). From there, a very firm blue carpet leads further down the sand to the high tide line.

"AYE, CAPT'N, THERE BE WHALES HERE!" Blue and Finback whales surrounded DSBIA members on our second annual Wildlife Cruise on Oct. 9th. Even our own "Old Man of the Sea," Ken Neilson remarked on how many whales we spotted on this beautiful fall evening with a near full moon rising in the east. DSBIA sends out its deep gratitude to our hosts, the captain and crew of the good boat "**Dana Pride**" and to **Dana Wharf Sports Fishing and Whale Watching**. Take a look at photos shot by Orange County Register's David Bro who joined us on our adventure.



<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/membership-321184-doheny-association.html?pic=2>

THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE AND ORGANIZATIONAL SPONSORS: DSBIA wishes to express our thanks to the wonderful companies and organizations that have supported us in this current year. Their dedication to our cause and financial support has tremendously aided us in our interpretive mission at Doheny.

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OCEANAFIT YOGA

CORPORATE LEVEL SPONSORSHIPS: Corporate Level sponsors receive recognition on our D.S.B.I.A. publicly displayed banner, recognitions in the Doheny UPDATE, and 2 invitations to the Membership Wildlife Cruise. Blue Whale through Pelican sponsorship levels receive 2 invitations to the annual D.S.B.I.A. Board Members and Park Staff Holiday Party.

\$50,000 BLUE WHALE LEVEL
\$10,000 DOLPHIN LEVEL
\$ 2,000 PELICAN LEVEL

\$25,000 GREY WHALE LEVEL
\$ 5,000 BLUE HERON LEVEL
\$ 500 SEA LION LEVEL

"WELL I'M A TIDAL POOL EXPLORER": We're now in the months of afternoon minus tides, a great time to see what critters might be found in the rocky seabed near shore. **Good tide pooling days** in November will be Thursday, Nov. 10 (3:03 PM / -0.2); Friday, Nov. 11 (3:37 PM, -0.2); and Saturday, Nov. 12 (4:14 PM / -0.2). **The best tide pooling days** will be Thursday, Nov. 24 (2:40 PM / -1.4); Friday, Nov. 25 (3:27 PM / -1.6); and Sunday, Nov. 26 (4:14 PM / -1.4). **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!"**

CRITTER OF THE MONTH: Wavy Top Turbans. This is the largest



snail found in our tide pools. Its shell can measure 10" in diameter (haven't see one that big around here) and be 4 inches in height. It generally lives in deeper waters but is washed up on shore by storms and large surf. Turbans are found from Point Conception south to central Baja and on the northern and southern Channel Islands.



When alive, it may be covered with algae and/or smaller snails. It has an operculum on the base of its foot (think of it as a bony door) that will close up when it retreats into its shell. This protects the turban from drying up when out of the water and from its predators. Wavies are vegetarians eating algae and sea grasses. These snails can live up to 100 years.

CALENDAR

DOHENY LONGBOARD SURFING ASSO. MEETING: (Saturday, Nov. 5, 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/>

DANA POINT TURKEY TROT 5K & 10K: (Thursday, Nov. 24) Tour the beautiful beach, majestic cliffs and coves of Dana Point. Enjoy pounding surf, rugged cliffs, and cool ocean breezes as you sail through the Dana Point Marina, Doheny State Park and pass the Historic Tallship Pilgrim moored in Dana Point Harbor. From beginners to elite runners, this event is for everyone! <http://www.turkeytrot.com/>

THANKS TO THE OCEAN BEACH CLEAN UP: (Saturday, Nov. 26, 9AM to Noon) Everyone is invited to participate in the last Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup of the year as we give "thanks" to the ocean for the year-round joy that it gives to us! This cleanup meets from 9:00 a.m. – Noon at the new Lifeguard Headquarters (adjacent to the mouth of San Juan Creek). Thank you for helping Doheny State Beach stay naturally clean!

LONGBOARD COLLECTORS CLUB GATHERING: (Saturday, Dec. 3, 6 AM to 6 PM) Come see classic longboards, other surfing memorabilia and "talk story" with those who love the sport and seek to preserve its historical treasures.

OH MY!?! 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/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/

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