



25300 Dana Point Harbor Drive, Dana Point, CA 92629 (949) 496-6172

DOHENY UPDATE for DECEMBER 2011



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM DSBIA: The rangers, life guards, maintenance, support staff and volunteers, along with the DSBIA Board members wish you the best for the holidays and a happy 2012.

VISITOR CENTER PROGRESS IN THE NEWS: The Nov. 18th issue of the Dana Point Times had a great article on the progress towards completing the Visitor Center.
http://assets.matchbin.com/sites/997/assets/BJD7_DPT_20111118.pdf



CONGRATULATIONS JIM SERPA! Doheny State Beach Supervising Ranger Jim Serpa announced he will retire at the end of December. Jim has done a tremendous job managing Doheny and providing guidance to DSBIA. Hopefully he won't vanish from the DOHO scene right away, but will stay around to kiss more leopard sharks and lend us the benefits of his experience at Doheny. **Good luck, Jim!**

IT WAS "THE BEST DAY EVER"! Saturday, Nov. 5th, the **Best Day Ever Foundation** held a magic event at Doheny for children with special needs, taking them surfing, kayaking and stand-up board paddling. What a great gift to these kids! Visit the Best Day Ever Foundation website at <http://www.BestDayFoundation.org/>.



“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 December will be Friday, Dec. 9 (2:55 PM, -0.5); Saturday, Dec. 10. (3:28 PM / -0.6); and Sunday, Dec. 11 (4:02 / -0.7). **The best tide pooling days and lowest tides of the year** will be Friday, Dec. 23 (2:36 PM / -1.7); Saturday, Dec. 24 (3:19 PM / -1.7); and Sunday, Dec. 25 (4:00 PM / -1.6). **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!”**

SHOOT THE TYPIST: Duh... it’s Surfrider Foundation, not Surf Rider. Once again, thanks to **Surfrider Foundation**, South Orange County Chapter for being among the dedicated supporters of Doheny State Beach Interpretive Association. <http://southoc.surfrider.org/>

CRITTER OF THE MONTH: **Great Blue Heron-** The Great Blue Heron is the largest and most common of the North American Herons. These beautiful and stately birds can be found in the San Juan Creek estuary, in the tide pools at low tide, and often in our park’s trees. Kayak and stand-up board paddlers will see them along the breakwaters. Learn more about these members of the Doheny avian community at <http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/birds/great-blue-heron/>



CALENDAR

DOHENY LONGBOARD SURFING ASSO. MEETING: (Saturday, Dec. 3, 9:30 PM) 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/>

LONGBOARD COLLECTORS CLUB GATHERING: (Saturday, Dec. 3, 6 AM to 2 PM) Come see classic longboards, other surfing memorabilia and “talk story” with those who love the sport and seek to preserve its historical treasures. http://www.longboardcollectorclub.com/newsletters/carmel_no_tell.pdf

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

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/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/

QUESTIONS? FEEDBACK? Please direct any questions, feedback or requests for removal from our mailing list to DPKayak@gmail.com .

DISCLAIMER: This listserv email contains hypertext links to information created and maintained by other public and private organizations. These links are provided for your convenience. Doheny State Beach Interpretive Association does not control or guarantee the accuracy, relevance, timeliness or completeness of this outside information. Further, the inclusion of links to particular items in hypertext are not intended to reflect their importance, nor is it intended to endorse any views expressed or products or services offered on these outside sites, or the organizations sponsoring the sites.

