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## DOHENY UPDATE for December 2010

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM DOHENY:** The Doheny State Beach rangers, lifeguards, staff, and the Board members and staff of DSBIA wish you all a joyful holiday season and a happy new year!

**HALLOWEEN IS LONG GONE BUT...:** there was a great article and photos of the Halloween Haunt in the Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Dana Point Times. It's on page 14 of this PDF link of the paper. [http://matchbin-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/public/sites/997/assets/AM3S\\_DPT\\_20101105.pdf](http://matchbin-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/public/sites/997/assets/AM3S_DPT_20101105.pdf)

**STAND UP PADDLE BOARD SURFING:** Stand up paddleboard surfers and surf kayakers can ride the waves south of Thor's Hammer, the breakwater in front of the lifeguard headquarters tower. Look for Noa to compete in the Battle of the Paddle and the Mongoose Classic in a year or two. Photo by Ranger Jim Serpa.



**WHAT'S UP WITH THE VISITORS CENTER (VC):** A lot of progress has been made on the outside and inside of the VC building since the disaster that forced its closing in 2007. The interior of the building has been framed and much of it has been dry walled. Ranger Serpa has approved the mural and the process for its inclusion has begun. The electrical still needs to be done as well as some of the plumping. State park maintenance staff has completed much of the work. DSBIA has raised over \$30K that has gone or will go towards this project and our partners at Surfrider Foundation have made a significant contribution, as well. Mitigation money from the desalination plant test drilling that has been going on in the park for the past year and a half will pay for aquariums, tide pool, and life support systems. Depending on whom you talk to, the VC could be open this summer or early fall, but things go extremely slow when dealing with the State of California's rules and regulations.

**GOOD TIDE POOL EXPLORING DATES IN DEC.:** Good negative tides this month for tide pool explorers. **Dec. 3** (-1.0 @ 1:51 PM), **Dec. 4** (-1.2 @) 2:34 PM), **Dec. 5** (-1.3 @ 3:16 PM), **Dec. 6** (-1.2 @ 3:58 PM), **Dec. 7** (-0.9 @ 4:39 PM), **Dec. 19** (-0.8 @ 2:26 PM), **Dec. 20** (-1.1 @ 3:02 PM), **Dec. 21** (-1.2 @ 3:39 PM), **Dec. 22** (-1.2 @ 4:18 PM), **Dec. 23** (-1.1 @ 4:59 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.

**DOHENY WEB CAM:** Check out the surfing conditions at Doho with the live web-cam located on the lifeguard tower. The website will now always appear at the bottom of our e-newsletter.

[http://www.surflife.com/surf-report/doheny-southern-california\\_4848/](http://www.surflife.com/surf-report/doheny-southern-california_4848/)

**CRITTER OF THE MONTH:** The octopus is the most intelligent of all the invertebrates and can be found from the inter-tidal areas along our coastline to depths as great as 15,000 feet. The octopus can teach itself many complex tasks and learn from watching other octopus. You can learn more about the octopus on our website's Nature Notes page ("**Armed, but not Dangerous**") at <http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/>, and visit the Google website for some fascinating video.



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**HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT THE DOHO GIFT SHOP:** No, you won't find that big, super special gift that will make you the hero this holiday season, but you will find items that are perfect for a stocking stuffer, little office gift or gift to a friend. The Doheny Gift Store located on the first floor of the lifeguard tower headquarters has tee shirts, hats, and fun little toys and charms that just might fit your Santa Claus needs. Profits support DSBIA.

**LONGBOARD COLLECTORS CLUB EXPO:** **Saturday, Dec.12, 6AM to 6 PM.** Classic surfboards and other surfing memorabilia on display, and lots of old surf stories to tell. "Why, I remember that day back in the winter of 1969! There I was, sitting outside on my old Phil Edwards. EPIC waves coming in! Suddenly..."

**MMM... DUTCH OVEN COOKING:** **Saturday, Jan.15.** The Southern California Chapter of International Dutch Oven Society is hosting their annual Dutch oven festivity in picnic site #A beginning early in the morning until the afternoon hours. Experience some of their incredible specialties at this unique event.

**ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING:** **Thursday, Jan. 20, 7 PM.** Annual meeting where officers are elected and budgets approved. All DSBIA members are invited to attend. Meeting will be held in the life guard headquarters tower.

**"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 cleanups meet at the new Lifeguard Headquarters (adjacent to the mouth of San Juan Creek). Thank you for bringing along work gloves.

**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.**  
[http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/pdf/DSBIA\\_Membership\\_App\\_Rev-2010.pdf](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 main lifeguard headquarters tower (Station 30) in the park. Meetings are open to all DSBIA members and interested guests. **The January meeting is the annual organizational meeting for the year.**

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