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*"The sea, once it casts its spell, it holds one in its net forever."*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*



**"Tee dum, tee dee, a teedle ee do tee day..."**

*Photo from "Visit Dana Point," Facebook*

### **WHALE PAINTING CANCELED:**



The whale painting scheduled for Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> has been canceled. Sadly, all our current whales swimming along the Whale Walk promenade may disappear. The project to replace and reroute water and sewer lines, which has just begun, will necessitate trenching and slurry work that will go through and over many, and perhaps all of our cetaceans. Not to worry though, DSBI is committed to bringing back our whale friends as soon as we can.

### **"BEST OF DANA POINT" SILVER LANTERN AWARD:**

Doheny received the *Dana Point Times* Silver Lantern Award for "Best Surf Break." The People's Choice Lantern Awards cite Doheny as a "perfect training ground for the novice surfer, as its gently breaking waves welcome those of all skill levels. Drenched with allure and history, Doheny has become a legendary surf spot."



### **"WHALES: THE OCEANS' MIGHTY MONARCHS," SATURDAY, MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>,**

**6:30 PM:** Retired Doheny Ranger Jim Serpa and DSBI present a free campfire program at the park, filled with information and humor about the mighty creatures in the sea. The program begins at **6:30 PM**. This is an outdoor event, so dress warm!



# WHAT'S IN THE VISITOR CENTER STORE THIS MONTH?

Open Every Day, 10 AM to 4 PM  
DSBIA members receive a 20% discount  
New Hoodies at the VC

Blue and Pink.  
\$29  
DSBIA Members.  
\$23.20



Gray and Tan  
\$36  
DSBIA Members  
\$28.80

Next **Doheny VW Pop-Up Store on the Promenade, Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 1 PM.**



**MARCH STORYTIME FOR KIDS IN THE VISITOR CENTER:** Park Naturalist Vicki Wiker reads stories from Mother Nature on Thursdays at 11 AM. Come join in the fun storytelling! March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

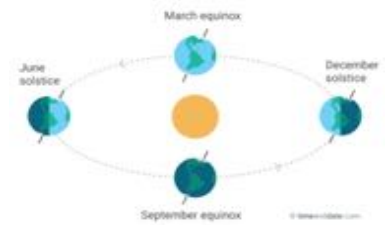
**PANHE CELEBRATION: A Native American Gathering and Celebration of Protection and Preservation** will be held on **Sunday, March 29** from 10 AM to 4 PM, at the **San Mateo Campground within San Onofre State Beach (south San Clemente).**

This free event features Native American singers, dancers, food, artisans, vendors and much more. Free parking will be available at Concordia Elementary School, 3120 Avenida del Presidente in San Clemente with free round-trip shuttle transportation to the event site throughout the day. The event is sponsored by San Onofre Parks Foundation. [www.SanOParks.org](http://www.SanOParks.org)



**STATE PARKS PROVIDE SCHOOLS DIGITAL FIELD TRIPS:** California State Parks is proud to announce it has connected more than 500,000 students to state parks via virtual field trips since 2004. The grassroots program known as Parks Online Resources for Teachers and Students (PORTS®) engages underserved students by creating equitable digital access to state parks at no cost to schools, teachers or students. <https://www.parks.ca.gov/NewsRelease/925>

**SPRING (VERNAL) EQUINOX, 8:50 PM, MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>:** On the equinoxes, the Sun shines directly on the equator and the length of **day and night is nearly equal** – but not quite. The March equinox marks the moment the Sun crosses the celestial equator – the imaginary line in the sky above the Earth’s equator. Happy first day of fall to friends in the southern hemisphere.



**GRUNION SEASON:** March begins the season when grunion arrive on our beaches to spawn. They come in at night beginning at high tide, usually 2 days after the full moon and the new (no) moon over a 2-hour period for 3 or 4 nights in a row. They’re expected on March, 11 (11:37 PM), 12 (12:18 AM), 13 (1:03 AM), 14 (2:00 AM) & 26 (11:08 PM), 27 (11:31 PM), 28 (11:57 PM) & 29 (12:30 AM) (*grunion do not read prediction charts, no guarantees*). March is an open month (allowed to take them), April and May are closed months (looking only) and June through August are open. Grunion catchers 16 years and over must have a CA fishing license. You must use your hands only, no nets or holes in the sand. Take only what you will use. It is unlawful and unethical to waste fish.



**THE FIX IT GUYS:** The beautiful, lighted glass kelp etching in the Doheny Visitor Center had been partially down until Stan Shue, a Doheny volunteer and one great electrician, and Jim Serpa fixed the problem. This piece of art now shines as bright as ever. Thanks guys!!!

**FREE DOHENY JR. RANGER COLORING BOOK:** Here’s a great coloring book featuring the animals around Doheny State Beach for you to print out at home. Enjoy!  
<https://www.dohenystatebeach.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Doheny-Coloring-Book.pdf>



**“WHALE OF A BEACH CLEANUP” IN MARCH:** Join us from **9 to noon on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** as we celebrate the return of the majestic migratory gray whales by getting the 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...don’t forget work gloves. **Sign offs for middle school or high school community volunteer hours available.**

**COME SEE THE FISH GET FED:** Doheny Aquarist Bill Turner has a public fishing feeding **each Friday at 2:00 PM**. Come see our fish dine on tasty fish treats while you learn about our aquarium’s residents.

**SUNRISE / SUNSET:**

March 1<sup>st</sup>: **Sunrise @ 6:43 AM / Sunset @ 5:21 PM = 10 hrs. 37 mins. 28 secs.** of sun.

We gain 1 min. & 35 secs. of sun from the previous day.

March 31<sup>st</sup>: **Sunrise @ 6:16 AM / Sunset @ 5:45 PM = 11 hrs. 28 mins. 49 secs.** of sun.

We gain 1 min. & 58 secs. of sun from the previous day.

**Gained minutes of sun this month:** 0 hrs. 51 mins. 21 secs.

**March Moon Phases:**

First Quarter: 2<sup>nd</sup>

Full: 9<sup>th</sup>

Last Quarter: 16<sup>th</sup>

New (No) Moon: 24<sup>th</sup>





**ASK OUR PARK AIDE:** Our Park Aide receives many questions each month about camping and day-use at Doheny. Each receives an email reply. [info@dohenystatebeach.org](mailto:info@dohenystatebeach.org)



*Hello, I was wondering if you guys offered tent camping or know of California beach tent camping locations. Jessy*

Yes, tent campers are welcomed at Doheny, and at all other California State Parks. Doheny is a park with campsites close to the beach. Below is a link to the page on our website that shows each campsite at Doheny. The photos are about 2/3rds of the way down the page. All campsites are available for tents and/or vehicles. Sites next to the beach are \$60/night, the other sites are \$40/night.

<https://www.dohenystatebeach.org/park-information/day-use-and-campers/>

**BE A VOLUNTEER IN THE VISITOR CENTER:** Visitors love our aquarium and displays in the V.C., but volunteer docents are essential to keeping our doors open. There's plenty of support with Association Coordinator Kathy, Interpreter Vicki and Aquarist Bill, as well as the help of your fellow docents. We ask for a commitment of 6-hours a month, that's one day's shift, and shifts can be split 3-hours. Come on in, it's fun and you meet nice people. Send your inquiry and contact information to DSBI Executive Director Kathy Wade at [Volunteer@dohenystatebeach.org](mailto:Volunteer@dohenystatebeach.org) or to Park Naturalist Vicki Wiker at [vicki.wiker@parks.ca.gov](mailto:vicki.wiker@parks.ca.gov).

**DONATE VIA AMAZON:** Do you shop on Amazon? Their Amazon Smile program will donate to DSBI with each purchase you make, and it costs you nothing, zero, zip, nada.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-3736287>

**20% PARK STORE DISCOUNT:** Don't forget that DSBI members get a 20% discount on items purchased in the Park Store located in the Visitor Center.

**WHALE WATCHING & SPORTSFISHING DISCOUNTS:** Our friends at [Dana Wharf Sports Fishing and Whale Watching](#) in Dana Point Harbor offer a **50% discount** to DSBI members on whale watching and sports fishing excursions. When registering for a trip, just mention you are a DSBI member. [Dana Wharf Sports Fishing and Whale Watching](#) dock is at 34675 Golden Lantern, Dana Point (949) 496-5794.

**NOT A DSBI MEMBER YET?** Join us in supporting the mission of Doheny State Beach Interpretive Association to provide activities, materials and financial support for the purpose of educating the public about the natural and cultural importance of Doheny State Beach. Here's a printable membership form:

<http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/2015-Membership-Form.pdf>

## **CALENDAR:**

Not all events are DSBI sponsored.

<http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/events/>

**MARCH 5, THURSDAY, 11 AM, STORYTIME IN THE VISITOR CENTER:** Stories read by Naturalist Vicki Wiker

**MARCH 7, SATURDAY, 9 AM, FESTIVAL OF WHALES PARADE:** On PCH through Dana Point Harbor. Cheer on Doheny's float. See information above.

**MARCH 7, SATURDAY, 9:30 AM, DOHENY LONGBOARD SURFING ASSOCIATION:** Meeting at Doheny in front of the snack stand at Doheny main beach.

**MARCH 7, SATURDAY, 6:30 PM, WHALES, THE OCEANS' MIGHTY MONARCHS:** See information.

**MARCH 12, THURSDAY, 11 AM, STORYTIME IN THE VISITOR CENTER:** Stories read by Naturalist Vicki Wiker

**MARCH 14, SATURDAY, 9:00 AM, WHALE OF A BEACH CLEAN UP:** See information above.

**MARCH 19, THURSDAY, 11 AM, STORYTIME IN THE VISITOR CENTER:** Stories read by Naturalist Vicki Wiker

**MARCH 19, THURSDAY 7 PM, DSBI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:** DoubleTree Hotel across PCH from Doheny State Beach.

**MARCH 21, SATURDAY 4 PM, DSBI SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE:** Dana Hills and San Juan Hills high schools seniors' applications for a DSBI college scholarship must be post marked or hand delivered to the Doheny Visitor Center.

**MARCH 29, SUNDAY, 10 AM – 4 PM, PANHE CELEBRATION: A Native American Gathering and Celebration of Protection and Preservation.** See information above, page 2.

**APRIL 4, SATURDAY, 9:30 AM, DOHENY LONGBOARD SURFING ASSOCIATION:** Meeting at Doheny in front of the snack stand at Doheny main beach.

**APRIL 16, THURSDAY 7 PM, DSBI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:** DoubleTree Hotel across PCH from Doheny State Beach.

**APRIL 18, SATURDAY, 9 AM, CAMPFIRE CENTER, EARTH DAY RESTORATION PROJECT:** A variety of projects to enhance the Campfire Center.

**APRIL 25, SATURDAY, 9 AM, MOTHER EARTH BEACH, CREEK AND PARK CLEANUP:**

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**VISIT OUR WEB SITE:** <http://www.dohenystatebeach.org>

**DOHENY, A CALIFORNIA GOLDEN STATE PARK:** <https://blogs.chapman.edu/huell-howser-archives/2007/05/10/doheny-state-beach-californias-golden-parks-152/>

**DSBI FACEBOOK:** <https://www.facebook.com/dohenystatebeach/>

**DSBI SUPPORTERS:** <http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/shortcodes/>

**DOHENY SURF CAMERA:** [http://www.surfline.com/surf-report/doheny-southern-california\\_4848/](http://www.surfline.com/surf-report/doheny-southern-california_4848/)

**DOHENY SURF FORECAST:** <http://magicseaweed.com/Doheny-State-Beach-Surf-Report/2588/>

**GOOGLE'S STREET VIEW STATE PARK TREKS:** <http://www.parks.ca.gov/whatsnew>

**VOLUNTEER AT DOHENY:** <http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/volunteer-at-doheny/>

**QUESTIONS? FEEDBACK?** Please direct any questions, feedback or requests for removal from our mailing list to [info@dohenystatebeach.org](mailto:info@dohenystatebeach.org).

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