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This year's cover depicts the Orange County Dana Point Harbor, which offers visitors year-round access to a first class harbor, marina and public recreational facility. Panoramic views abound in the natural cove that author and seaman Richard Henry Dana called, "The only romantic spot on the coast." Opened in 1971, the harbor is divided into an East and West Basin. Each basin operates as a separate marina, holding a total of 2,500 slips for vessels of various sizes. Included in the harbor are fifty guest slips for boats transiting the coastline and yacht clubs making weekend cruises to the ever popular harbor. There is also a ten lane launch ramp, dry boat storage hoist, fishing pier, shipyard, marine fuel dock, and a commercial sports fishing operation which offers whale watching trips during the migration season. Numerous restaurants, stores, and The Marina Inn cater to the many people wishing to shop, enjoy a meal, or stay the night in the harbor.

The Orange County Marine Institute, located at the far west end of Dana Point Harbor, is a unique educational experience. Among other amenities, the facility provides exhibits and cruises to study and observe marine life. It also displays the brig "Pilgrim" which is a full-sized replica of the square rigged vessel on which Richard Henry Dana sailed into this cove.

There are also many special events which attract thousands of spectators and participants each year. The "Festival of the Whales" lasts for three weeks. Other events include the Classic Wooden Boat Festival, offshore powerboat races in June, July 4th fireworks show, "Tallship Festival" in September, the Thanksgiving Day "Turkey Trot" Race, and the annual "Christmas Boat Parade".

#### **HARBOR REVITALIZATION**

The County has a revitalization plan in progress. This plan will ensure that the Dana Point Harbor continues to be a thriving recreational, boating and retail activity center for Southern Orange County. It provides, among other improvements, for the remodel, replacement, or construction of retail shops and restaurants; renovation and/or expansion of yacht clubs; and improvements to provide greater access to the educational and recreational amenities of the harbor.

Since the first Revitalization Plan Task Force meeting was convened over a decade ago, developing a vision for the Dana Point Harbor of tomorrow has been – and continues to be – a collaborative effort among numerous groups with a singular goal: improving the harbor we all use and love.

#### **LOCATION:**

The Orange County Dana Point Harbor is located at 24650 Dana Point Harbor Dr., Dana Point 92629.

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