

COMMENT NOW BEFORE NOVEMBER 21ST - DON'T LET YOUR HARBOR 'SLIP' AWAY!

Resend of 11/10/11 Blog with Additional Information on how to submit your input to the County

SEIR Comment Period to END (County's Proposed Slip Loss)

The County's plan is to strip boaters of 40% of their parking, deny the community "trued up" numbers of dry boat storage parking and wet slips, eliminate slips, and expand the stores and restaurants. Expanding the stores and restaurants virtually guarantees that there is not enough land to provide boater parking to build out the desperately needed slips in the East Anchorage. Just in case that is not enough, they are dragging out the replacement of the slips for as long as possible so that all available funds can be used to build the expanded stores and restaurants. Even though the vast majority of those funds, over 75%, come from the boaters, it is the boaters who will be stuck with massive slip fees to replace the docks and back the store and restaurant bonds.

It is for these very reasons that Boaters for Dana Point Harbor remain committed in our advocacy for boaters. The County has built a power coalition of their stakeholders, paid lobbyists and on board consultants. With their help, they are actively attempting to freeze us out of meetings, label us "Dissident Boaters" and hope we go away. With YOUR continued support, we will not go away and will continue to challenge and work to eliminate the worst elements of the County's plan. Dana Point Harbor is first and foremost a harbor, not an *(Irvine) Spectrum by the Sea*. Please join the dissident Boaters for Dana Point Harbor and submit your comments on the SEIR. This is your chance to push back, don't let it "slip" away.

Respectfully,
Boaters for Dana Point Harbor

HOW TO Submit Your Comments

Boaters for Dana Point Harbor have created a [web page](#) with the documents that we believe will aid you in your analysis of the County and their supporting stakeholders proposal for the waterside development. We've also merged the SEIR into [one large](#) or two somewhat [smaller files](#), eliminating the need for you to down load and manage over 20 documents that were provided by the county. We've asked the County for additional time to respond and they have granted the community an additional 15 days. **THE DEADLINE IS NOW 11/21/11 (MONDAY) AT 5:00 PM.** We need you to tell the County what you think of their plans, and how it will affect you, your family, and your boating.

When you submit your comments we would like to suggest the following thoughts:

- 1) Has the County developed appropriate and realistic alternatives? Isn't there a much more appropriate "Community Alternative #4" that should have been studied? Our version of it would be:
 - a. Re-lay out the existing slips exactly the way they are now with the relatively minor exception of providing ADA compliance.

- b. Do not encroach on the channel,
 - c. Do not build out in front of baby beach
 - d. Do not reorient the West basin slips.
 - e. Do not eliminate any 50' slips.
 - f. DO build out up to 2-300 35+ slips in the East Anchorage
 - g. Do not eliminate the 3' overhang and force boaters into more expensive slips
 - h. Do not strip the Shipyard of any waterside slips or land
- 2) Replacement of the slips should begin immediately as they are failing – do not force boaters to wait until the expanded stores and restaurants have consumed all of the money and time.
- 3) Place on the record any issues that you feel might be needed down the road if litigation is our last recourse, such as:
- a. Areas of inconsistency with the base line numbers, the FEIR, the LUP, IP City and County ordinances, Tidelands Trust, Tidelands Trust Doctrine....
 - b. Boater Focus Group Process that was inappropriately “managed” by the Lead Agency
 - c. Harbor Director passing out Dana Point Harbor Now Petitions to Yacht Club membership at a general membership meeting and telling them to sign it or they would not obtain their remodel.
 - d. Insertion of new language in LUP/IP without any local meetings
 - e. County Officials intimidate members of the public in an effort to dissuade them from speaking in opposition to the County plan at California Coastal Commission hearings.
 - f. **County Harbor Director making inappropriate comments in the paper that dissuade individuals from submitting comments or understanding how vital their comments and participation is:** http://voiceofoc.org/oc_coast/article_363c128a-10c6-11e1-a917-001cc4c03286.html

The details of how to submit your comments are on our [web page](#). **Comments should be sent to the OC Dana Point Harbor office, 24650 Dana Point Harbor Drive, Dana Point, by Nov. 21 at 5 p.m. To aid us in our work representing recreational boaters please also send a copy of your input to Boaters for Dana Point Harbor, PO BOX 3137, Dana Point , CA 92629 or email it to: leaders@boaters4dph.org.** Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions, comments, suggestions or recommendations.

Respectfully,
Boaters for Dana Point Harbor