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## **Dana Point Harbor Welcomes A Superhero Holiday 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Boat Parade of Lights Dec. 8-16**

*Enjoy free holiday activities, Santa, superheroes, and more*

(Dana Point, Calif.) – Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, the County of Orange, OC Parks and Dana Point Harbor invite families to celebrate the season with “A Superhero Holiday” at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Boat Parade of Lights. Enjoy jolly activities with a superhero twist on select dates December 8-16 by the water’s edge.

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Boat Parade of Lights will take place on December 8, 9, 15 and 16 and feature the theme “A Superhero Holiday.” On each evening of the parade, OC Parks will host free family activities throughout Dana Point Harbor including games, crafts, photos and selfies with Santa, superhero encounters and live entertainment. Festivities begin at 4:30 p.m. and the Boat Parade starts at 7:30 p.m.

“Dana Point Harbor will welcome more holiday festivities and entertainment than ever before during the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Boat Parade,” Orange County Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, Fifth District, said. “Join us for A Superhero Holiday and enjoy free, family-friendly activities that culminate each night with the spectacular Boat Parade.”

The young and the young at heart are encouraged to dress as their favorite superheroes during the Boat Parade. Everyday heroes, including first responders and military, will be collecting unwrapped toy donations for Operation Santa Claus under the corridor of lights at the pergola. Donations will also be accepted at businesses throughout the harbor.

Free trolleys for each night of the Boat Parade will be running from 3:30 to 10:30 p.m. and will be dropping off and picking up along Dana Point Harbor Drive at Doheny State Beach, The Visitor’s Center, Ocean Institute, Baby Beach, Island Way, Retail Area and back to Doheny.

The holiday season kicks off with Merry Movie Night at Baby Beach on Saturday, December 2 and will feature the holiday favorite film, “Elf.” Festive activities begin at 3:30 p.m., movie begins around 5:15 p.m.; event is free and food and drink will be available for purchase.

Sail through the harbor in holiday spirit during Boat Rides with Santa on Saturday, December 2 and Sunday, December 3 from 10 a.m. – 2. p.m; rides launch from Dana Wharf Sportfishing.



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Saturday, December 2 also welcomes Santa Paws for festive photos with the furry friends in your life from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the El Torito Courtyard.

Celebrate the holiday season at the spectacular 43rd annual Boat Parade of Lights at Dana Point Harbor. For more information on the evening's festivities, visit [DanaPointHarbor.com](http://DanaPointHarbor.com).

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