

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How early should I arrive to check in on the day of my charter?

Please arrive 45 – 60 minutes prior to your scheduled departure time to check in for your charter. At check in, the balance of the cost of your charter will be due.

Can I buy fishing licenses at Dana Wharf?

Yes! Everyone 16 years and older is required by the California Department of Fish and Game to have a fishing license. One-day licenses can be purchased for \$13 and annual licenses can be purchased for \$43.30. You can purchase these licenses at check-in.

Can I rent rods at Dana Wharf?

Yes! Our standard rental rods are \$12 each and include a tackle pack (5 hooks, 2 weights). We also have Shimano spinning rods available to rent for \$18 each and these include the tackle pack as well. *Please note that a driver's license will need to be held when renting the standard rods and will be returned to you at the end of your trip when rental rod is returned. When renting spinning rods, a \$200 credit card authorization will be ran. This credit card authorization can take 24-48 hours to clear depending on your bank's policies.*

Where do I park?

Dana Point Harbor allows four hour free parking in the public parking spaces, however, most charters with us are over four hours so parking in these spaces could result in a \$30 ticket. To avoid this ticket, you must park in the private, long-term Dana Wharf parking lot located in the gated lot adjacent to the launch ramp exit. Parking in this lot requires a special permit be placed in your dashboard, which can be obtained by coming into the Dana Wharf Sportfishing office. If the charter master would like to come in advance to pick up these permits, that can be arranged as well.

How can I make a payment for my charter?

You can call us at (949) 496-5794 x. 11 Monday – Friday and talk with Sheri or Michelle and we can take a credit card over the phone then process your card and email, fax, or mail you a receipt. If you'd like to drop of a check or make a payment using your credit/debit card in person, you can stop by our office located at 34675 Golden Lantern in Dana Point, CA 92629 anytime and any manager on duty can process your payment and issue you a receipt. Checks can also be mailed to that afore mentioned address as well.

My number of passengers has changed, what should I do?

The day before your charter (or on Friday if your charter is on a Sunday or Monday), Michelle or Sheri will call you to confirm all the details of your charter. If your numbers have changed from your original estimate made at the time of booking, please let us know at this time.

What type of tackle should I bring?

The type of tackle you should bring varies on the time of year that you are fishing, current conditions, and a several other factors. Please call us and speak to any customer service agent to find out what type of tackle you should bring for your charter. You can reach us at (949) 496-5794 x. 7.

Can food and beverage be purchased on the boat? Is there a galley minimum?

Yes. All of our charter boats have full galleys on board with food and beverage available for purchase. Our galleys are capable of preparing breakfast (burritos, sandwiches, plates), lunch (burgers, hot dogs, grilled cheese, etc;), snacks (candy, chips, etc;), and have water, coffee, soda and beer for purchase as well. The Dana Pride has a full bar available on board as well. **There is a galley minimum that is required to be met on all fishing charters.** This means that there is a minimum amount that is required to be spent on food and beverage during your charter. The minimum is as follows:

½ Day Fishing Trip - \$50

¾ Day Fishing Trip - \$75

All Day & Overnight Fishing Trips - \$100

What is NOT permitted to bring on the boat?

Alcohol of any kind is strictly prohibited on our boats, as are firearms, weapons, or illegal drugs. Also, coolers are not permitted to be brought aboard on our boats. Please leave all coolers in your car. Once your charter returns to the docks, you can bring your cooler in and we can put ice in it for you so your fish stays chilled on your drive home.

Can you package/ship/can the fish I catch?

No. There are no packaging/canning facilities located here in the harbor.

Can you filet the fish I catch?

Yes! The crew on your charter will happily filet your fish at the end of the day. The crews charge on average \$0.50 - \$1.00 for small – medium size fish and the filleting fee goes up for larger fish (such as tuna, yellowtail, dorado, etc;).

How do sacks work?

Everyone in your party will be assigned a number and a burlap sack. These sacks are purchased for \$1.00. As members of your party catch fish, they can just let the crew know the number of their sack and their fish will be placed in the sack corresponding with their number. At the end of the day, this is how each person knows whose fish belongs to whom.

Is gratuity included in the cost of the charter?

No. Gratuity is typically 15-20%, just like in a restaurant, and is dependent on the service you receive. Our crews work VERY hard to ensure an enjoyable fishing experience. Gratuity can be paid directly to the crew at the end of your charter. You can also charge gratuity to your credit card and we'll ensure that the crews get 100% of the money.