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Dana Point Harbor Receives Top Grades

Dana Point Harbor received all 'A' grades, indicating excellent water quality, in the 2009 End of Summer Beach Report Card, released by environmental group Heal the Bay.

The west end of the Harbor, which includes the guest docks and Baby Beach, received all 'A+' grades during the monitoring period, highlighting the extensive County efforts to improve water quality in this area.

Dana Point Harbor beaches were tested weekly for the amount of indicator bacteria present in runoff. Heal the Bay then assigned A-F letter grades to beaches based on tests performed between Memorial Day and Labor Day 2009 and resulting bacterial pollution reports.

"The County has made a concerted effort to work with all user groups and focus on improving water quality throughout the Harbor. These test results are good indicators that our hard work is paying off," stated Director Brad Gross.

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