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RH Dana Charity Regatta to Benefit Ocean Institute

Dana Point, CALIF., August 2, 2007 – The Ocean Institute will be the beneficiary of Dana Point Yacht Club’s Richard Henry Dana Charity Regatta, the weekend the Institute holds its Toshiba Tall Ships Festival, September 6-9. The regatta features three days of competitive sailing and a two-day fishing tournament. Proceeds benefit the Ocean Institute.

Among the events is a **Race of Champions** on Friday, September 7. Five top-rated vessels will race; members of the public, with or without sailing experience, can bid on 40 crew spots (five per vessel). Minimum bid is \$100; \$500 automatically secures your spot. For additional information or to place a bid, visit http://www.dpyc.org/rhd/rhd_roc.htm. Bidding ends September 5. Must be age 18 or older to participate. Sponsorship opportunities available.

On Saturday, September 8, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., the *Spirit of Dana Point*, one of the Ocean Institute’s tall ships, will be taking visitors on a sail, offering an ideal location to observe the Charity Regatta. The *Spirit of Dana Point* will fire off its cannon to start the day’s race; lunch will be provided. Cost is \$50. To reserve a spot, call (949) 496-2274 or visit www.ocean-institute.org.

Also on Saturday, September 8, 6-10 p.m., the Dana Point Yacht Club will present a clubhouse **Gala Party**. The beach-themed event will feature a gourmet buffet dinner, live music by *The Fabulous Nomads*, a Ketel One martini bar and a silent and live auction. Tickets are \$75; contact Andy Fuller at (949) 689-8428 or rc@dpyc.org.

For complete information on the Charity, visit www.dpyc.org or contact Andy Fuller at (949) 689-8428 or rc@dpyc.org.

Founded in 1977, the Ocean Institute is a non-profit organization dedicated to ocean preservation through education, setting the standard for educational excellence and serving as a leading resource for universities, museums, teachers and all others seeking to increase their

knowledge of the ocean. The Ocean Institute is open to the general public on weekends, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Unique maritime and ocean-themed items are available in the Chambers Gallery everyday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Institute address: 24200 Dana Point Harbor Dr., Dana Point. Phone number: (949) 496-2274. Website: www.ocean-institute.org.

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