



2026 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

The Dana Point Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for the **2026 Business of the Year Award** to honor a business that has made outstanding contributions to the Dana Point community. The recipient will be celebrated at the Chamber's Wavemakers Dinner & Awards Night on February 4, 2027, at the Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort & Spa. Please ensure your nomination highlights actions taken by the business in 2026.

Nominations must be submitted no later than December 1, 2026.

Criteria

Nominations will be evaluated based on the following:

- **Chamber Involvement:** Engagement with the Dana Point Chamber of Commerce through leadership, committee service, sponsorships, in-kind support, and volunteer involvement.
- **Community Engagement:** Meaningful involvement in the Dana Point community through volunteerism, support of local organizations, education initiatives, and charitable or in-kind contributions.
- **Business Excellence:** Demonstrated commitment to strong ethics, support of the local business community, and excellent customer service.

Nominations may be submitted by Chamber members, community members, customers, and business supporters. Applications will be reviewed by the Business of the Year Committee, comprised of past award recipients. Submissions should reflect contributions made during 2026 and not lifetime achievement.

Instructions

Please complete the form below in its entirety. Incomplete nominations may not be considered. You may attach additional supporting documents if necessary.

Past Recipients

For a complete list of past recipients, please contact the Chamber or refer to the additional attachment provided.

Additional Information

For questions, please contact the Chamber at (949) 496-1555.

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Business Name: _____

Owner/Manager _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

Email: _____

Nomination Questions

1. Why do you believe this business should be considered for Business of the Year?

(Provide specific examples of their contributions to the Dana Point community in 2026.)

2. In what types of Dana Point community service activities has this business participated or non-profits have they supported?

(Include details about events, initiatives, or projects where the business made a significant impact.)

3. What makes this business stand out as a leader in the Dana Point business community?

(Share what differentiates them beyond day-to-day operations.)

4. Additional Comments:

(Share any other information that supports this business's nomination.)

Nominator Information

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Thank you for recognizing the businesses that make Dana Point a vibrant and thriving community.
We look forward to celebrating your nominee at the Annual Dinner & Awards Night!

**PLEASE RETURN
APPLICATION TO:**

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PAST BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

- **2025** Craft House
- **2024** Westwind Sailing
- **2023** Jon's Fish Market
- **2022** Killer Dana Surf Shop
- **2021** Dana Point Hardware
- **2020** Wind & Sea Restaurant
- **2019** Dana Point Harbor Partners
- **2018** I Heart Yoga
- **2017** Monarch Beach Resort
- **2016** Harbor Grill
- **2015** Jack's Restaurant & Bar
- **2014** State Farm Insurance, Elaine LaVine
- **2013** Dana Point Auto Service
- **2012** Luciana's Ristorante
- **2011** Nancy Baumann, CPA
- **2010** Minuteman Press
- **2009** Salt Creek Grille
- **2008** Pacific Western Bank
- **2007** Ocean Institute
- **2006** Lucy's El Patio Café
- **2005** Chick's Plumbing
- **2004** Coffee Importers
- **2003** Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort
- **2002** Lantern Bay Realty
- **2001** Dana Wharf Sportfishing
- **2000** Harbor National Bank
- **1999** Beacon Printing
- **1998** McCool Flowers