

Introducing Capt. Dana Parks & San Diego Boat Tours

Capt. Parks has the newest Shelter Cove charter operation, San Diego Boat Tours on M/V Ocean Spirit. Recently, we had a chance to chat with him about his new venture. Here's what Capt. Parks had to say about chartering in San Diego and points beyond:

Q: Dana, what is your background? Have you always been in the boating business?

A: No, I spent 20 years doing hi-tech. I turned 40 and realized that just didn't get it for me. I took up boating, and fell in love with it. It dawned on me I needed to find a way to make my passion into a living.

Q: Why a power yacht chartering business?

A: I loved sailing for many, many years—and still do. But in San Diego, there are already tons of outfits doing sailboat charters. Also, on Ocean Spirit, I can accommodate larger groups.

Q: What have you learned as a result of going into this kind of business?

A: Well, it really takes awhile to get established. And there's a lot more marketing involved than I expected. And a lot more paperwork, too.
(Shelter Cove—Spread the good word!)

Q: What kind of charters do you do?

A: All kinds, except for fishing or diving. We do bay tours, whale watching, any kind of special occasions—birthdays, anniversaries, you name it, burials at sea, overnights, dockside use, weddings, night tours, burials at sea, overnights and even movie shoots.

Q: What kind of experience can someone expect on Ocean Spirit?

A: Well, we're located here in the America's Cup Harbor. And that's quite nice, even before you leave the docks. Then there are all the beautiful vistas on San Diego bay—great for romance.. And, of course, points beyond. We're available, for instance, for charters to Catalina. I just want people to have a really good time. I've got catering going on, too. Come out with us, you won't be disappointed.

Q: Do you want to say anything more about San Diego Boat Tours?

A: It has been many years in the making. A lot of friends have helped a great deal along the way. I'm looking forward to learning a lot more about this business, and having a great time doing it.

Capt. Parks, or Dana to all of us who know and love him, is really good people! And Ocean Spirit is lovely and gracious. Show the love Shelter Cove! Book a charter. Tell all your friends and loved ones.

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