



The Dana Point Headlands.



Richard Henry Dana.



The dramatic blufftop view along the California coastline.



Lower house, a coastal view of the A-frame home.



A-frame Home Captain's Quarters.

1961...just off the shoreline of **Dana Point Headlands**, around midnight: Fishing boat AH Cumming, a charter from San Diego to Newport Beach...Captain's log...Making our way along Capistrano Bay... pitch dark, low visibility and thick fog... A real comfort to see the lighthouse from atop the Headland Cliffs, marking safe passage and distance to shore...end of entry...

2011, some 50 years later...many seamen and seafaring boats still gratefully mistake this comforting beacon as a lighthouse, when in fact it's the glow from the former cliff estate of Ronald and Marion Cook.

Ron Cook, a veteran builder, met and worked for Marion and Richard Thayer in Sierra Madre. After Richard passed, Marion asked Ron to help build a home on the cliffs of Dana Point. The result of a wonderful collaboration, Ron and Marion fell in love and were married in 1962, their dream homes were completed more than three decades later...an impressive artistic and engineering feat.

The estate, a magnificent ocean view compound, graces the historic and majestic cliffs of Dana Point, California. As city namesake **Richard Henry Dana** accurately stated on one early 1800s trading voyage to Capistrano Bay, the Headland is the **“The most romantic spot on the California Coast.”**

The estate rests on what many consider the city's finest location -- on one of the largest available parcels -- offering unparalleled coastline ocean views from San Diego to Pacific Palisades. Today, the Upper Cliffs of the Headlands is home to three exclusive estate properties. The remaining undeveloped land in this prime location is now preserved as a large conservation park.

A lifetime of achievements - the builder Ron Cook is a collector, an artist, a sculptor, a local historian...and this compound boasts a 'one of a kind' estate...a true dream home.

In the beginning, a lower **A-frame home**, started in 1957, reflected Ron Cook's passion for the sea... many unique art pieces throughout the house were crafted by Cook's inventive hands: a hand painted tall ship mural, a soaring Sea Dragon stained glass window, to mention just a few, make a bold statement. Artifacts from the Queen Elizabeth I were added, like operable ship portholes and a ladder to the authentic **Captain's Quarters**. A brass armory watertight door from an old submarine leads to the wine cellar. Ron's artistry and collections truly created a world of nautical fantasy. From frequent travels to Asia, Marion added softer stylish oriental touches to select rooms -- her many original shoji screens complement Ron's hand painted lively Asian village scenes. The blending of their individual styles achieved perfect harmony.



The upper house, a French Normandy.



Charming English gardens.



Resort living with breathtaking views of Dana Point Harbor.



Quartzite counters and custom cliff backsplash.



Sunset on the Headlands.

The Cooks built the upper house in the late 1980's, to accommodate an easier lifestyle and growing art collection. As you enter through the impressive wooden gates onto a cobbled courtyard, you are greeted by a true blue and white **English garden**. The house, a **French Normandy** masterpiece, has a distinctive turret front entry with clock tower and features: Bamboo walls, engraved glass fireplace, Koa wood floors, quartzite countertops, tongue and groove pine paneling and many features too numerous to list...

Of course, no estate would be complete without the sanctuary of a guest Bungalow. This ocean view carriage style residence located just over a four car garage is ideal for maid's quarters, artist studio, caretaker or guests.

Ron Cook passed away in 1993 and Marion died in 2004. The estate was purchased shortly thereafter. Acquired by new owners in 2004, today the compound consists of two private residences and the stylish Bungalow, each with its own unique architectural style. All share a true sense of luxury resort living with spectacular outdoor entertaining space --some of the largest open decks and patios in Southern California--offering breathtaking views of world famous **Dana Point Harbor**, the blue Pacific Ocean and Catalina Island.

During the four year renovation project, great attention was given to preserving the amazing craftsmanship and artwork of Ron and Marion Cook. Perfectly updated to the highest of standards, this multi-million dollar remodel provides a new canvas for the appreciation of some great history and masterful artwork. Much like its next door coastal neighbors: The St. Regis, The Ritz Carlton and The Montage, the landscaping and interior design are classic and unforgettable.

In honor of the Cooks' life time of accomplishment, the estate was dedicated as Cooks Pointe. Cooks Pointe is currently available for sale, with an asking price of \$10,495,000.

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