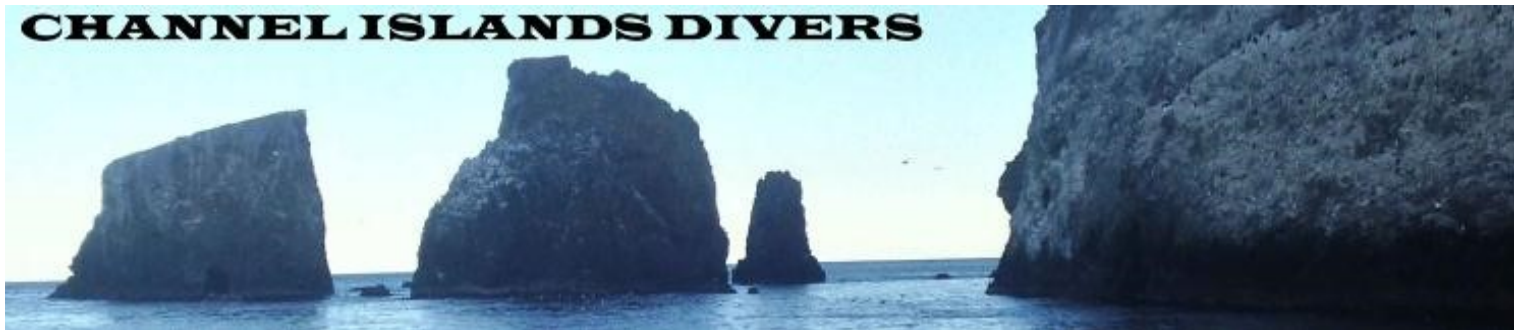
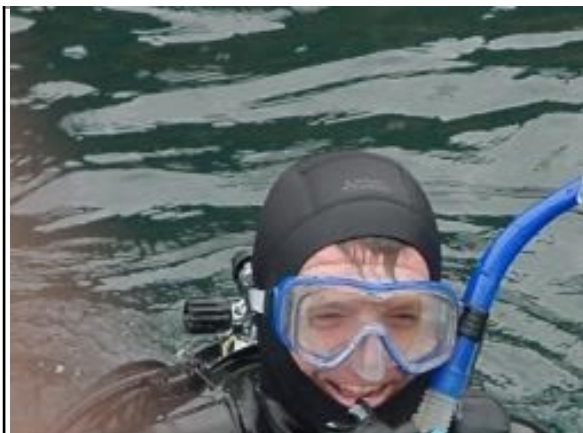


# AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

## CHANNEL ISLANDS DIVERS



CELEBRATING OUR 31st YEAR! (established 1992)



## BOTTOM TIMES

by club president, Mike Cunningham

Hello Channel Islands Divers,

Well, we're at it again, meeting time format thingy that is. Way back when we made the big move over

to Black Bear Diner, the only stipulation they made was that we are done, finished and out by 8:45. This was to give the wait staff a chance to clean the place up and get out early. We all said we could do that and to date we have been good to our word.

Looking back over the years, most of the meetings we've had ended no later than 9, backing up the start time 15 minutes to 6:45 was a good idea. Turns out it was *almost* perfect. Back in the old days if we ran the clock up to 9 or even 9:30, we just picked up when we finished and went on our way. Not the case anymore. But as it turns out, we've kept a pretty good eye on the clock. We keep the board reports short, sometimes that's not bad, sometimes it feels forced. We've skipped things like who's been out diving, and we've passed over the open mic a few times. We even tried skipping David Guth's monthly joke once. Didn't let that happen. We had to draw the line somewhere. And when I say we, I mean me. I am the one holding the microphone after all.

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### NEXT CLUB MEETING:

August 16, 2023  
6:00 PM-Dinner  
**6:45 PM-Meeting**

**Black Bear Diner**  
2401 E. Harbor Blvd.  
Ventura, CA 93001

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Many thanks to the sponsors of our club:

*Channel Island Dive Adventures* 

*Maverick UnderSea Divers (MUD)* 

*Island Packers* 

*Black Bear Diner* 

*PCH Scuba* 

### BOTTOM TIMES (continued from page 1)

The club has been fortunate to have really good speakers, some really engaging. Before the meeting gets underway, I'll talk with the nights speaker and let them know about our 8:45 deadline. I let them know I'll signal them by a hand gesture or standing when their time is getting close to our last break before the raffle. They still have a Q and A after they finish so I watch for that too. A few got close and when they looked over, I signaled OK. Continue. Yeah, they were that good! They sounded close but we had the Q and A still so I worried. They ran late by a bit but I had a quick talk with our raffle coordinator, Teresa Ray, to see if she could move the raffle along faster than normal. She performed her magic and we got out on time.

At the last board meeting, this was the first topic I brought up, the group had lots of good ideas on how to best remedy this. It was decided, we like our speakers, and we want them to talk without the rush. We like our raffle, again without the rush and we like our social time at the beginning and during the breaks. So, to make all that happen, let the speakers do what they showed up for and still be good to our word and be out by 8:45, the best way to get there is for me to start the talking 15 minutes earlier. Yeah, I know, that again.

So here it is. The official Channel Islands Divers meeting will start at **6:30** starting in September. **NEXT MONTH**. Not August! Not this month. What does that mean for you? You all get to eat while I talk. What does that mean for me? I have to learn to talk with my mouth full! You can still show up at 6 or a bit earlier and grab a good seat, we have the room then anyway.

Generally by 6:30 the room is filling up. We're all talking, ordering our dinner and drinks, some already have them and are enjoying a good meal. Nothing really changes except for your talking thing. We all lose 15 minutes of casual unchecked banter. Now we have to tend to club business. It's our time to speak, your turn to listen. This is a meeting after all. You have a little less time up front for socializing but we kept the breaks and made life more pleasant for the speakers and the guy who has to be ready to pull the plug if they start going long, yeah, that would be me. The raffle coordinator doesn't have to rush and yes, I also benefit from that too. Open mic and the who's been diving lately can get worked back into the mix.

And since the board has been known to walk and chew gum at the same time, that wasn't the only thing we got done. Not by a long shot.

I'd like you all to join me in welcoming the newest full board member, including voting rights, the Channel Islands Divers Club Librarian, Mike Frabasilio. Yep, now he has to get himself elected like the rest of us. Over the years I've watched Club Librarian Cindy Doyon lug those books in, then make it to the board meeting on Monday nights. Later I watched Mike lug those books in the modified dive cases and then lug them back out to his truck at the end of the meeting. If the board needed help at the picnic or Christmas party, you could count on their volunteering if asked. At the Monday board meetings, they would be there with the rest of us. If something comes up, and something always does, and we call for a vote, the Librarian just watches. Hardly seemed fair, so we fixed what we could fix. Welcome aboard Mike and all future Librarians.

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## BOTTOM TIMES (continued from page 2)

And while you're here reading this fine Newsletter, let me talk a bit more about the board. You see elections are right around the corner. We are a volunteer club meaning we all choose to be members. Then a small group goes to the next level and volunteers to run for a board position. Our club is doing fine in the membership department, but that voluntary board pool is getting smaller every year. Mike was already on the board, we just made him a voting member. A Vice president/Speaker seeker to fill the termed out Steve Peterson would be welcome, and no I'm not trying to get rid of him. You get termed out after your 4<sup>th</sup> year. After 4 years if nobody puts their name in for that spot, you are free to add your name to the ballot during the month we vote. He joined the board as its VP/Speaker Seeker in November 2017. If no one steps up Steve says he will put his name in again, making it his 7<sup>th</sup> year. He wants to retire, collect a pension, travel to Mexico and spend time gathering lobsters. We really need someone to help him get there. A Newsletter editor would be nice too. Sandy Bickford stepped into that spot shortly after she volunteered for the Dive Coordinator position, before the elections. Later after winning the Dive spot and no one going for Newsletter, she volunteered to handle those duties until we got the position filled. A few months just to keep the Newsletter going she thought. That was over a year ago. She's doing a fantastic job at Dive and that leaves her no time in her otherwise 36 hour, jam packed day. We've been asking for a volunteer since day one. So after around 365 temporary days she's decided to she will no longer do the Newsletter and I agreed. After September unless we get a volunteer, this fine Newsletter will be no more.

I hate repeating myself, I do, I hate repeating myself, but come October, the only way to find out about anything club related will be by word of mouth, Facebook or showing up at Black Bear Diner on the third Wednesday of the month. Wait, now that's not a bad idea, now maybe I can get that attendance record. Never mind.

Kidding, I'll spend what ever time is needed helping the next Newsletter Editor. Sandy has said the same thing. It's involved but not hard. You know you can do this, you know you want too. All that's left is telling us to put you on the ballot.

Thank you and hope to see everyone on August 16.

*Mike Cunningham, CJD President*

**SPONSOR'S CORNER:** We all know most club dive trips are tailored to beginning or intermediate Open Water divers. If you would like to go on ADVANCED DIVES, check out our sponsor, **Channel Islands Dive Adventures (CIDA)**. In addition to going to dive spots not normally visited by the *Spectre*, CIDA trips are **limited to a maximum of 20 divers**, which makes a very comfortable dive trip. Did I mention **club members receive a 5% discount on all CIDA trips?** During the rest of 2023, CIDA has the following dives trips scheduled on the *Spectre* for ADVANCED DIVERS:

Monday, Aug 28 - Santa Cruz Island, Spirit of America wreck

Monday, Sept 25 - Santa Cruz Island, Gull Island

Monday, Oct 16 - Anacapa Island, Outer Reefs

Monday, Nov 6 - Santa Cruz Island, Flame Reef

Monday, Dec 5 - Santa Cruz Island, Spirit of America wreck

**Ask our Dive Coordinator for the club's discount code. Reserve your spot at [channelislandsdiveadventures.com](http://channelislandsdiveadventures.com)**

## ***IT'S NOMINATION TIME!***

Every year in September, as required by our by-laws, the **Channel Islands Divers** hold **elections** for the board of directors (BOD). Every position is available, some are open seats, some are not. In addition to written nominations, nominations from the floor are allowed at the June, July, and August meetings for names going on the ballots at the September meeting. Descriptions for each board position are in the next paragraph, and a self-nomination form can be found on the following page and on our Facebook page under the "files" tab. Write-ins at the September meeting are allowed for that last minute decision.

## **TERM LIMITS & CURRENT BOD STATUS**

Per the By-Laws of the Channel Islands Dive Club, Inc., Article VII: Election of Board of Directors, Section I:

"No board member may hold a specific board position for more than four (4) consecutive election years. In the event a term limit is reached, and at the time of the election no nominations for that position exist, the existing board member may run for said position for another election year."

To assist club members in deciding to run for the board of directors, or choose a nominee, here is the current status of each of the current board positions.

**PRESIDENT:** Michael Cunningham, elected September 2022. Mike has indicated a willingness to run for a second election year as President.

**VICE PRESIDENT/SPEAKER SEEKER:** ***OPEN.*** Steve Peterson, termed-out as of August 2022, but due to the absence of a nominee for the position, Steve agreed to fill the position for the 2022-23 year.

**TREASURER:** Ann Hoagland, appointed to the position in February 2023 after the death of our beloved Karen Duran. Ann has indicated a willingness to run for the position, which, if elected would be her first election year as Treasurer.

**SECRETARY:** Rob Marion, elected September 2021. Rob has indicated a willingness to run for his third election year as Secretary.

**MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR:** Laura Forsyth, elected September 2022. Laura has indicated a willingness to run for her second election year as Membership Coordinator.

**DIVE COORDINATOR:** Sandy Bickford, appointed to the vacant position in August 2022, and elected as Dive Coordinator in September 2022. Sandy has indicated a willingness to run for her second election year as Dive Coordinator.

**RAFFLE COORDINATOR:** Teresa Ray, elected September 2021. Teresa has indicated a willingness to run for her third election year as Raffle Coordinator.

**WEBMASTER:** Delbert Stewart, elected September 2022. Del has indicated a willingness to run for his second election year as Webmaster.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** ***OPEN.*** No one ran for Newsletter Editor in September 2022, so our Dive Coordinator, Sandy Bickford, has been temporarily preparing the newsletter. However, Sandy has stated she will not continue to publish the newsletter beginning with the 2023-24 term.

**LIBRARIAN:** Mike Frabasilio has been filling this unofficial, non-voting position, and at the July 19 meeting, the Board voted to amend the by-laws and make the Librarian an official, voting position on the board of directors. Mike has indicated a willingness to run for his first term in the newly created board position.

**CHANNEL ISLANDS DIVERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM**

**ARTICLE VII: ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- a. Nominations for officers shall be accepted at the June, July, August meetings.
- b. Nominees for BOD positions shall be members in good standing and 18 years of age or older. Nominees for president shall be members in good standing for a minimum of 1 year. As defined in Article III section d)
- c. The officers shall be elected at the September meeting for a period of one year.

Ballots shall have a place for write-ins for those deciding in the last month before the election.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ request my name be placed on  
the ballot for the position of \_\_\_\_\_.

To validate the nominee's interest in having his/her name placed on the ballot, a signature is required..

**PRESIDENT:** Develops agendas and conducts the general and board meetings.

**VICE PRESIDENT/SPEAKER SEEKER:** Finds speakers for the general meetings. Sets up the video/computer connections, as necessary.

**TREASURER:** Records and tracks all incoming and outgoing monies.

**SECRETARY:** Takes minutes of board meetings including any motions passed or proposed.

**DIVE COORDINATOR:** Plans with board and general member input, dive charters, trips, and other activities.

**RAFFLE COORDINATOR:** Purchase raffle prizes. Describe raffle prizes, assist with the selling raffle tickets, record prize winners.

**MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR:** Maintains current membership list; sends monthly updates to president and the board for email contact lists.

**WEBMASTER:** Responsible for maintaining the CID website.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Collect, layout, and edits articles from board, general membership, and other sources.

**LIBRARIAN:** Collects books, videos, and other ocean or diving materials. Displays the library at all club meetings, and tracks all materials borrowed by club members.

A complete list of all Board positions with their job descriptions is available in this or previous editions of the Channel Islands Divers Newsletter. Previous editions can be found on the Channel Islands Divers Facebook page under the files tab or at our website, [www.channelislandsdivers.org](http://www.channelislandsdivers.org).

Fill out this form and return it to any board member by hand or email before the September meeting.



Holly S. Lohuis

## **SPEAKER'S BIO**

### **HOLLY LOHUIS**

*(Marine biologist, educator & science advisor.)*

## ***A World of Blue: Inspiration for a Sustainable Future for Our Oceans***

Holly S. Lohuis, marine biologist, marine educator, science advisor and Jean-Michel Cousteau's dive partner for the past 25 years, will share a wealth of stories and beautiful images from her adventurous life, including behind the scenes images from Jean-Michel Cousteau Ocean Futures Society's IMAX film, 'Secret Ocean 3D'.

Holly speaks to the beauty and crises facing our water planet, highlighting the complexities of the ocean environment and some of the impacts threatening the long-term vitality of our oceans. Her inspirational talk will remind us that small actions can lead to big changes, and that we need to be the motivating force to strive for more ocean education, both locally and around the world.

With a degree in aquatic biology from UC Santa Barbara and experience in the ocean realm around the world, Holly works for a variety of organizations, including: Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ocean Futures Society, Santa Barbara Maritime Museum's *Ocean Connections* and *Marine Science*, and Island Packers as a Naturalist at the Channel Islands National Park. Throughout the work she does, Holly shares important ecological facts on why ocean health is critical for the sustainability of our water planet.

With support from the Ocean Futures Society, Santa Barbara Maritime Museum, Condor Express and Island Packers, Holly is also **helping to spearhead the effort to create a whale heritage area in the Santa Barbara Channel**, under the UK's World Cetacean Alliance. She is working with a group of local whale enthusiasts, including whale watching tour operators, naturalists, biologists, fishers, educators, resource managers, artists, and local marine conservation NGOs. Her hope for the future is that the Santa Barbara Channel will be part of the growing network of Whale Heritage Sites where whales are celebrated for their ecological role in enhancing ocean productivity; where whales have an economic value through responsible tourism; where conservation and research is a priority in reducing the impacts on their longevity; and where we can continue to learn and appreciate the rich complex lives of whales and dolphins.



Holly and Jean-Michel Cousteau

**Learn more about the Whale Heritage Sites initiative at:**

<https://www.sbwhaleheritage.org>

**It's almost time for the Club's dive event at  
LEO CARRILLO STATE BEACH  
Saturday, August 19, 2023**



**Skill level:** Suitable for all skill levels  
**Meeting time:** 8:00 AM  
**Meeting location:** Far-end of the North Beach parking lot  
**Led by:** Del Stewart & Mike Frabasilio  
**Cost:** Free (open to non-members)  
**Lunch after the dive:** TBD

**CID DIVE TRIP LIABILITY RELEASES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN OUR  
CLUB MEETING OF August 16!**

**\*\*13 club members have signed-up for our Leo Carrillo Beach Dive & Lunch!\*\*  
(You can still sign up at our August 16 meeting)**

We are still scheduled for Leo Carrillo, but remember plans may change at the last minute due to dive conditions! Also, as of two weeks ago, the North-end Parking Lot was still closed due to damage from Winter storms. We will now have to park on PCH and walk down to the dive site. If we change locations, all club members on the sign-up sheet will be notified about the change by email from our Dive Coordinator.

If you have ever wanted to try a shore dive in our area, but didn't know the first thing about how to go about it, now is your chance to be assisted by two very experienced club members. There are several dive sites to explore, and if you have ever driven down PCH, you have probably noticed the kelp forest at Leo Carrillo; it is absolutely huge! Substantial reefs, walls, pinnacles, and channel extend beyond the kelp, and they provide a perfect home for numerous nudibranch, golden gorgonian coral, sea stars, sheephead, garibaldi, and octopus.

The park is located at **35000 West Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA 90265 (about 30 miles South from Ventura.)** Here are some other things to know about Leo Carrillo State Park and our dive trip:

- Park in the **North-end Parking Lot**, which is also our dive entry point. The day-use parking lots open at 8am and closes at 10pm.
- Parking fees are: All day = \$12 per car; 3 hrs = \$9 per car; 2 hrs = \$6 per car; 1 hr = \$3 per car
- Showers: The park has token-operated showers, and the token machines accept ONLY one dollar bills.
- Leo Carrillo Beach Store: Located across PCH at the center of the campground.
- We will do either a one-tank or two-tank dive, depending on the wishes of the participants.
- The water temperature averages in the mid-60s in August.
- We are planning to meet somewhere for lunch after diving, and everyone is welcomed to join us!

**Originally, we had also planned to have a demonstration of how to set up a kayak for diving, but those plans have fallen through. Don't despair, we will do a club kayak demonstration and dive at a future date.**

Even if you don't plan to dive, come on out and enjoy a Southern California morning and lunch with us!

***IT'S THAT TIME!!!***

**TIME TO START PLANNING FOR CID'S ANNUAL  
REFUGIO BBQ & BEACH DIVE**



**WHERE:** Refugio State Beach, 10 Refugio Beach Road, Goleta, CA  
**WHEN:** Saturday, September 9, 2023  
**TIME:** Beach Diving - 8:30 AM      Lunch - 1:00 PM  
**COST:** FREE to club members; \$5 lunch fee for non-members  
(\$10 entrance/parking fee for day use of the park)

***\*\*\*If you plan to dive at Refugio, CID's Dive Trip Liability  
Releases are due no later than our club meeting of  
August 16.\*\*\****

Refugio State Beach, Chumash for "beautiful," is located 20 miles west of Santa Barbara on Highway 101 at Refugio Road. With it's nice campground, easily accessible picnic sites, and easy shore diving entry, Channel Islands Divers has been hosting an annual barbeque at Refugio since the mid-1990s! Here are things to know about the CID Refugio BBQ & Beach Dive:

- The park opens at 8:00 AM, and if you plan to dive, meet us no later than 8:30 AM at the East-end of the park.
- The club's barbeque is held at the West-end of the park, past the park store, near the restrooms. Look for the club's banner!
- Non-diving club members usually start showing up after 10:00 AM, but earlier arrivals are welcome to help with the setup.
- The club provides Tri-Tip, Chicken, Bratwurst, Lemonade, and all paper products and plastic eating utensils.
- **YOU BRING:** In addition to a good appetite, please bring a dish to share and any special drinks you may like to enjoy.

**\*\*As always, we will have a members' give-away where great prizes are available, with no purchase required.\*\***

If you tried to get campground reservations and found they were sold out, don't give up. A State Parks' representative said cancellations often occur, so CID members should check back frequently for open campground spots. Reservations website: [reservecalifornia.com](https://reservecalifornia.com)

**A signup sheet will be available at our  
August 16 meeting. You may also  
sign up for Refugio by emailing our  
Dive Coordinator at:**

**[dive@channelislandsdivers.org](mailto:dive@channelislandsdivers.org)**

***50 club members have already  
signed up for Refugio. Don't miss this  
great, annual event!***





# ***SANTA ROSA ISLAND HIKE***

***ONLY 2 SPOTS LEFT!!!***

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 23, 2003  
**TIME:** 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
**WHERE:** Island Packers, Ventura Harbor  
**CLUB GROUP RATE: \$78** (\$85 regular rate)



Santa Rosa Island is very special in our Northern Channel Islands chain. It is the location where possibly the oldest human remains in the Americas were found in 1959, and remains of pygmy mammoths, which appear to have gone extinct about 13,000 years ago, have been excavated. In addition, the island is home to the rare Torrey Pine, a species of pine tree that exists only in two locations around the world, (Yes, we usually hike to the Torrey Pines.) Throughout much of the late 20th century, Santa Rosa Island was privately owned and was used for sheep and cattle ranching, as well as for private hunting of non-native deer and elk. By 2011, all private activities on the island ceased, and Santa Rosa Island opened to the public. Today, we are able to enjoy the buildings and other structures left by the longtime ranching operations, as well as marvel at the wind-swept landscape.

Our day trip to Santa Rosa will probably include a choice of two hikes: An easy 3 mile roundtrip hike from the pier to the Water Canyon campground, or the more moderate 7.5 mile roundtrip hike to the Torrey Pines. Since there is fresh water on Santa Rosa, it is likely you will see an island fox along the way!

On the way home, after marveling at the unique Santa Rosa Island, we are treated to another marvel of nature. Did you know that our own Santa Cruz Island is home to the largest sea cave in California and the 4th largest in the world by length? Island Packers will end our day at Painted Cave on the northwest side of Santa Cruz. If you have never been there, you don't want to miss Painted Cave!

**IF YOU ARE USING A GIFT CERTIFICATE YOU WON AT A CLUB RAFFLE, YOU MUST BOOK DIRECTLY WITH ISLAND PACKERS AT (805) 642-1393. Tell the representative you are with the Channel Islands Divers' trip, and be prepared to pay the difference between an Anacapa/Santa Cruz trip and the price for our Santa Rosa Trip. (Spots booked using a gift certificate do not take one of our group rate spots.)**



**All photos courtesy of Steve Peterson.**

### ***A Couple of Things to do While the Divers are Diving in Monterey: How about a stroll along the beach, with lunch afterward?*** ***by Ann Hoagland, CID Treasurer***

I love the Monterey area and have been visiting there since I was a kid.

While the divers are out on the boat on Saturday, October 21, I have a couple of things I plan to do.

I want to take a walk at Asilomar State Beach, in Pacific Grove, which is less than a 10 minute drive from where most of us are staying in Monterey. There's a nice trail with boardwalks in some areas and some beaches from which to just watch the ocean. The coast there is beautiful, rugged, and very different from our coast. Lots of tide pools. There are rough waves more often than not, though for the sake of the divers, we hope the ocean is fairly quiet. **So, I'm taking a leisurely walk along Asilomar State Beach on Saturday the 21st at about 10am. If anyone wants to join me, you are welcome to do so!**



### **ASILOMAR STATE BEACH**

When I've finished walking, I plan to go the **Carmel** and hunt for a place to park (never an easy task) so I can have **lunch at Flaherty's Seafood** on 6th Street between San Carlos and Dolores. I love their clam chowder and fresh salads. I first started eating there in 1977. (They opened in 1976. They were closed for one year in the 1980s when the owners settled a divorce, and I was so afraid they'd never open again, but, whew, they did!) By-the-way, there are no cheap restaurants in Carmel. After lunch, I plan to stroll the streets of Carmel and look at the expensive shops. I'll also stop in at **Carmel Bakery and pick up some elephant ears**. They make THE best elephant ears! This place has been around since **1899**, and anyone who wants to join me is invited.

AND THE DIVERS THINK THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE ALL THE FUN!

**\*\*\*A signup sheet for Asilomar State Beach will be available at our August 16, September 20, & October 18 meetings.\*\*\***

## AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

### OUR AUGUST 16 MEETING IS CLUB MEMBERS'

### ***PARTICIPATION DRAWING!!!***

Thanks to our Raffle Coordinator, Teresa Ray, we had a wonderful Progressive Drawing at our July meeting, where member Alex Wied won a GoPro Hero 10. This month, at our **August 16 meeting**, we have another nice prize as part of our *Participation Drawing* - **A \$25 GIFT CARD TO BLACK BEAR DINER!** That's right, you can have tonight's dinner on the club if you attended one of our events in May, June, July, or contributed to the club's newsletter, or posted about events on the club's Facebook page.



In case you have forgotten, here is a reminder of what is meant by 'Participation Drawing':

"When you attend a club-sponsored event, in addition to having a wonderful day of diving, enjoying a beautiful day of hiking, or chowing down on great food, your name automatically goes into a drawing we call "Participation Drawing". Your name also goes into the Participation Drawing an additional time if you wear a club t-shirt, hat, patch, etc., to an event (club meetings, excepted). In addition, if you take photos or write an article about the club event and submit them for the newsletter, or post them on the club's Facebook page, you receive an additional entry into the Participation Drawing. Think about it, **you can receive three Participation Drawing entries for each event** you attend! *You do not have to purchase anything or be present at the club meeting to win this drawing; you already did your part by participating in one of our club events over the last two or three months.*"

At our August 16 meeting, club members are automatically included in the Participation Drawing if they went on our May 20-Harmon Canyon Hike, June-18 Anacapa Rookery Tour, and/or July 2-Peace dive trip. Altogether, we have **41 entries in this month's Participation Drawing!** This is our way of thanking you for your support of club events!

### ***JULY 19, 2023, CLUB MEMBERS' DRAWING(S) WINNERS***

#### General Drawing:

**Fahmy Fahmy - Stabilization Wand for Reef/Muck Diving**  
**Sandy Bickford - Ocean Sole Recycled Flip Flops Turtle**  
**Diane Stevenson - Frog Fish Neck/Headband**  
**Patrick Kelly - 2 Island Packers Gift Certificates**  
**Deb Zumerling - Sea Life Coasters**  
**Lennie Weinerth - Kevlar "Bug Grabber" Gloves**  
**Teresa Ray - XS Scuba Retractor & Equipment Hook**  
**Teri Scarpino - Foldable Snorkel**

#### Door Prize:

**Mike Frabasilio - Magnetic Hose Holder**

#### Progressive Drawing:

**Alex Wied - GoPro HERO 10**

#### Progressive Drawing Months:

*January, April, July, October*

#### Participation Drawing Months:

*February, May, August, November*

#### Membership Appreciation Months:

*March, June, September, December (Dark)*

**DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR CHANNEL ISLANDS DIVERS' PATCHES AND WINDOW STICKERS**

**Show your support for our club by placing a sticker on your car window and your dive tank. The club patches are perfect for dive parkas. (The patches are iron-on, and most dry cleaners will also sew the patch onto a parka.) Don't forget, displaying a patch or sticker at a club event enters your name into our Participation Drawing.**

**Patches**

**One for \$3 or two for \$5**



**Stickers**

**One for \$2 or three for \$5**



**See our club secretary, Rob Marion, to purchase patches and stickers.**

**CHANNEL ISLANDS DIVERS' MERCHANDISE**

**Our new club merchandise has arrived!**

**New Inventory**

- T-Shirts - \$20
- Ladies' V-Neck - \$15
- Zipper Sweatshirts - \$25
- Patches - \$3 each or 2 for \$5
- Stickers - \$2 each or 3 for \$5

**Remaining Old Inventory**

- New Condition - \$20
- Faded - \$10
- Hats - \$20

**See our club secretary, Rob Marion, to purchase merchandise.**

# AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

## THE CLUB, THE BOARD, MEMBERSHIP

### Channel Islands Divers - Ventura County's Premier Dive Club

3rd Wednesday of the month (*except December*); dinner at 6pm; **meeting starts at 6:45pm**  
**BLACK BEAR DINER, 2401 East Harbor Boulevard, Ventura, CA 93001**

### CALENDAR

<u>August 2023</u>	<u>September 2023</u>	<u>October 2023</u>
16 General Meeting-Holly Lohuis (Sustainable Future for our Oceans) <i>Participation Drawing</i> NOMINATIONS FOR 2023-24 Board 19 Leo Carrillo Beach Dive 21 Board Meeting	9 Refugio BBQ & Beach Dive 20 General Meeting-Stella Vaccaro (Sharks!) <i>Membership Appreciation Drawing</i> ELECTION OF 2023-24 Board 23 Santa Rosa Island hike	18 General Meeting-Topic TBD <i>Progressive Drawing</i> 19-23 Monterey Weekend & <i>Beachhopper II</i> boat dive 23 Board Meeting
<u>November 2023</u>	<u>December 2023</u>	<u>January 2024</u>
15 General Meeting-Topic TBD <i>Participation Drawing</i> 18 Dive Trip TBD 20 Board Meeting	2 ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY!  <i>No Club or Board meetings in December.</i>	17 General Meeting - Topic TBD 22 Board Meeting

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Current Membership: **79**

Welcoming new members to the club...

*David Cohen, Debbie Cohen, Melissa Wolfe,  
Michael Malone, Franklin Murphy*

### Membership Policy:

Club policy is to drop members from the roster **THREE MONTHS AFTER MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION.**

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