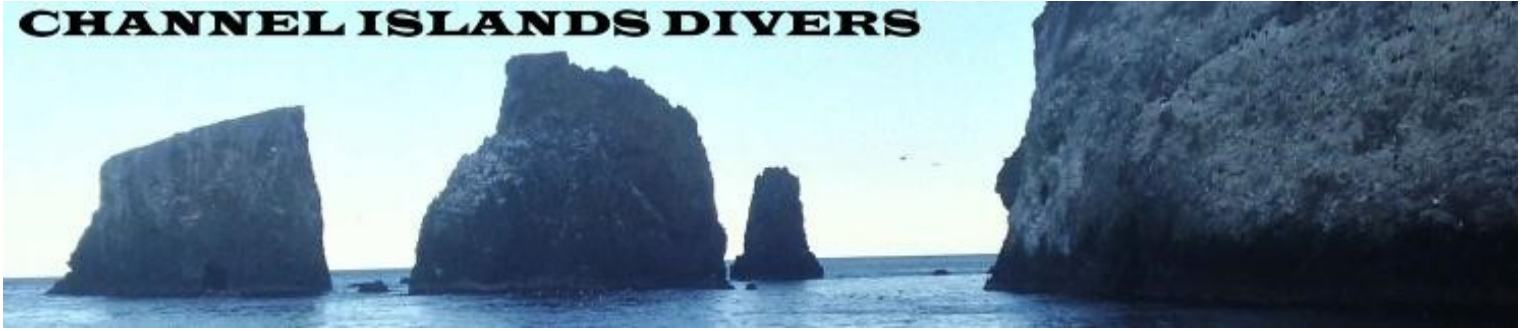


CHANNEL ISLANDS DIVERS



CELEBRATING OUR 31st YEAR! (established 1992)

BOTTOM
TIMES

by club president, Mike Cunningham



Summer is here, let's go diving.
On the calendar I know it's summertime but this June gloom we've had for the last few months

is beginning to grow old. Enough already with the gray skies until the last moment and then maybe a little sun, right into nighttime. It's like the Supermax prison you hear about on your favorite TV show, 23 hours in a small cell and 1 hour in the yard.

But it's not as cold as it has been, and that's always a good thing.

That does make it a good time to go diving. Yeah, like there's a bad time? If you're going to sit on a boat or walk on a beach, it's always better if you're not cold.

And you know where it's not cold? Florida. Not cold outside and not cold in the water either. Wouldn't it be nice to head on down to Florida for some warm diving? I can hear the questions starting now. Are we going? When are we going? How long are we there? What about the diving? How warm is the water? How much is all this going to cost me?

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NEXT CLUB MEETING:

June 21, 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:

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JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

BOTTOM TIMES (continued from page 1)

Somewhere in this fine Newsletter you'll have the chance to read all about the Channel Islands Divers trip to Florida. All those questions or at least some of the biggies will be answered, just read on. But wait, there's more. Come on down to our June general meeting at Black Bear Diner and hear all about it. Bring your questions with you on June 21, the third Wednesday of the month, and have a drink, eat well and go home with a bit more knowledge than you arrived with. Such a deal! Just like being back in school, without the eating well part.

Last month's attendance dropped a bit after the near record setting month before. But I haven't given up on setting the record. The enthusiasm is still there, but in a smaller number. A temporary thing I'm sure, I hope. The record is so close. Just a few more attendee's and we got it. So, add being in attendance when we set the new record to the growing list of have a drink, eat well and go home with a bit more knowledge. This is the stuff dreams are made of, right? A bit too much? Yeah, OK.

Either way, the club has gone back to active mode. That's always a good thing. We have hikes, dives trips and other activities that are being well received and attended. All that and we haven't got to the good part of the year. That's what's important, first the activities, then we go after my little obsession with the attendance record as time moves on.

Again, the third Wednesday of June, the 21st at 6:00pm with the meeting officially starting at 6:45, join us for drinks and dinner and a spectacular speaker in Cheryl Connally from Island Packers. Get all the info on Florida and all the other stuff in the works for us all to enjoy. Who knows, maybe be part of a record setting evening.

See you all there.

BLACK BEAR DINER, 2401 East Harbor Boulevard, Ventura.

Mike Cunningham
President, Channel Islands Divers

**DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW
CHANNEL ISLANDS DIVERS
ON FACEBOOK!**

SPEAKER'S BIO

Cherryl Connally, Co-owner *Island Packers*



Cherryl is the co-owner of Island Packers, a family business established by her parents, Bill and Lillian Connally, in 1968. Cherryl started working in the business as galley girl at age 12 through her early teens. She also managed the company's accounting for many years.

During slow years for Island Packers, Cherryl worked part-time as the business manager for Friends of Channel Islands National Park. In addition, from 1989 to 1997, she was the assistant director, and later marketing director, for the Ventura Harbor Village.

Cherryl's love of the ocean is evident by her private boat ownership, on which she has lived for 25 years. Currently, she is operating the Island Packers business full-time as treasurer, marketing director, public relations liaison, office manager, and chief bottle washer!

At our June 21 meeting, Cherryl will present highlights of her life with Island Packers and boating the Channel Islands. She will present a brief history of Island Packers and will share 55 years of memories about boating and working for her family business. Starting from rowing the passengers ashore in 1968 from the first vessel, *Island Packer*, to now, Cherryl has definitely experienced the *good* life of boating and enjoying the Channel Islands!

**The boat that started
it all in 1968!**

Island Packer



Social Media Links for Island Packers:

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/islandpackers/?hl=en>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/islandpackerstours/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/islandpackers?lang=en>

Website: <https://islandpackers.com/home/>

***See the following page for information about Island Packers' new
Ventura Harbor cruises beginning in June.***

And, speaking of Island Packers... Announcing new Summer cruises beginning this month designed to enjoy Ventura Harbor!

Special One Hour Evening **HARBOR CRUISES**

June through October 2023

HARBOR CRUISES

One hour cruise aboard our 64' catamaran in the Ventura Harbor and part of the Ventura Keys. Seating available inside the lower cabin and upstairs. A variety of beer, wine, non-alcoholic beverages, and snacks available for purchase. No outside alcohol permitted on board our cruises.

Plan to shop or dine in the harbor or downtown before or after your cruise.

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FARES:

\$18 Adult
\$16 Senior (55+)
\$12 Child (12 & under)

SATURDAY DATES:

JUN 24	JUL 08	JUL 22	AUG 12
AUG 26	SEP 09	SEP 23	OCT 07

TIME:

6:00 - 7:00 PM

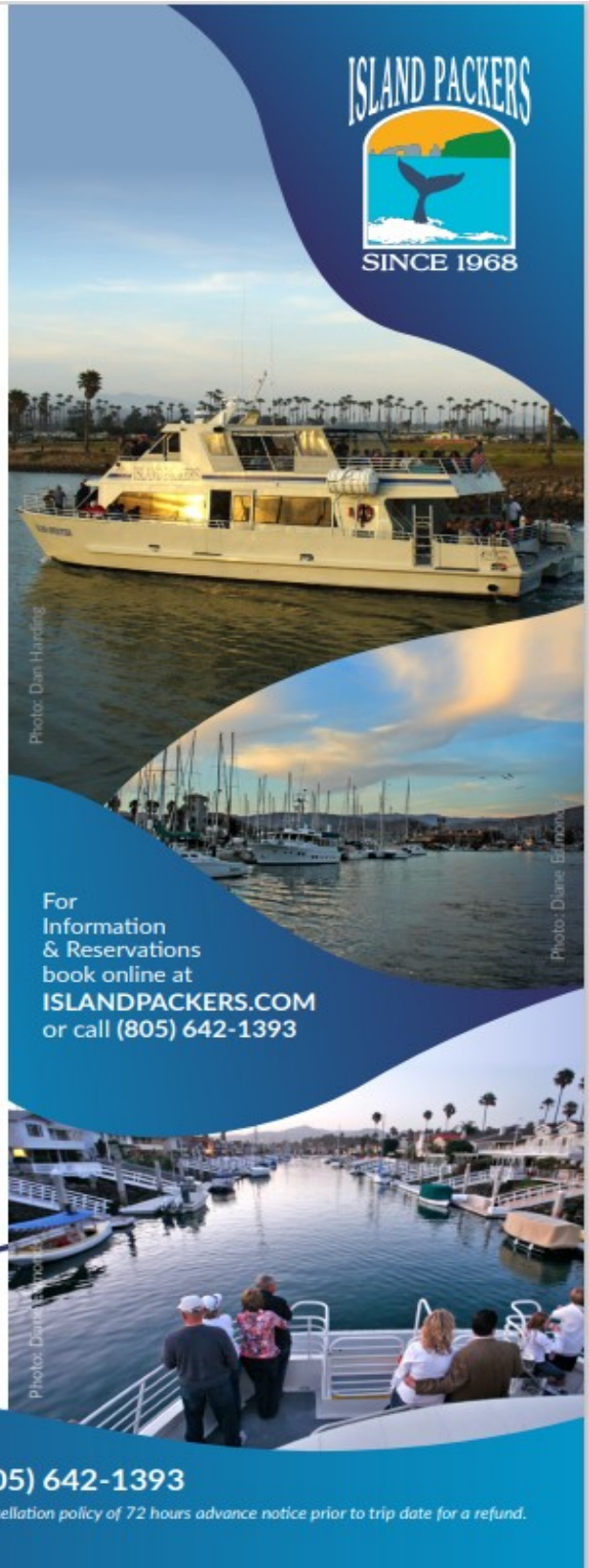
LOCATION:

1691 Spinnaker Dr., Lot 4, Ventura Harbor Village



For Information & Reservations
book online at ISLANDPACKERS.COM or call (805) 642-1393

Advance Reservations Recommended. Dress warm, casual, and please NO HIGH HEELS. Cancellation policy of 72 hours advance notice prior to trip date for a refund.



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 Steward, 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.

**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, assists with the selling raffle tickets, records 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.

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.

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

**NEW CLUB DIVE EVENT:
BEACH DIVE 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: Mike Frabasilio & Del Stewart
Cost: Free (open to non-members)
Lunch after the dive: TBD



Leo Carrillo State Park, named after the 1940s and 1950s movie/television actor and conservationist, Leo Carrillo, is 30 miles South from Ventura on Pacific Coast Highway (PCH). The main attraction of the park is the stunning one and a half miles of unique beaches and coastline that provide good opportunities for shore diving. Channel Islands Divers is going to take advantage of this unique diving opportunity with a beach dive led by our own Webmaster, Del Stewart, and our Librarian, Mike Frabasilio. Del and Mike have a lot of experience with shore diving in the Southern California area, and they have both been diving at Leo Carrillo many times over the years.

Take advantage of this *FREE* opportunity to experience one of the best shore dives in our area. Our plan is to meet at the far-end of the North Beach parking lot at 8:00 AM, with the goal of being in the water by 9:00 AM. 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 octopuses.

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

- The day-use parking lots open at 8am and close 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!

****A sign-up sheet will be available at our June 21 and July 19 meetings****

ANNOUNCING OUR WARM-WATER TRIP!
Key Largo, Florida
Sunday, February 4 to Sunday, February 11, 2024

COST: Club member, non-diver - \$950 per person (\$248 savings)
COST: Club member, diver - \$1,475 per person (\$1,053 savings)



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Key Largo, FL 33037
(305) 453-3535
horizondivers.com

The details:

- Hotel cost includes all taxes and fees, but does not include a food package. (Numerous restaurants are located nearby.)
- Nine **double-occupancy** rooms are available for club members, for a total of **14 divers and 4 non-diving club members**.
- Three King Rooms are available on a first-come-first-served basis, with the remaining six rooms having either two Queen or two Double beds.
- We have chartered the entire **fourteen-pack boat** from Horizon Divers, which includes tanks, air, weights and belt. (Nitrox is available for an extra \$10 per tank, payable directly to Horizon Divers. (Regular cost is \$15 per tank.)
- We have **14 dives scheduled** over 5 days*:
 - Monday, 03/04 - 2 tank trip in the afternoon
 - Tuesday, 03/05 - 2 tank trip in the morning, and 2 tank trip in the afternoon
 - Wednesday, 03/06 - 2 tank trip in the morning
 - Thursday, 03/07 - 2 tank trip in the morning
 - Friday, 03/08 - 2 tank trip in the morning, and 2 tank trip in the afternoon

*Additional dives may be scheduled at the regular cost of \$95 per dive trip. No night dives are available at this time.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

July 19 club meeting - Deposit of \$500 per person, both divers and non-divers; includes a \$25 non-refundable fee.

September 20 club meeting - Second payment of \$500 per person for divers.

November 15 club meeting - Final payment of \$450 per person for non-divers and \$475 for divers.

December 27 - Last day to request refunds for both divers and non-divers, less the \$25 non-refundable fee.

UPDATE: OTHER CID EVENTS



July 2 - Peace Dive Trip: All 8 spots have been spoken for, but we have a **waiting list**. Cancellations always happen, so if you want to go on the club's *Peace* dive trip, **add your name to the waiting list at our June meeting.**



August 19 - Leo Carrillo Beach Dive and Lunch: Free; open to non-members. **A signup sheet will be available at our June 21 meeting.** See page 7 for detail about this beach dive.



September 9 - Refugio BBQ and Beach Dive: Free; open to non-members for a \$5 CID fee. State Park entry fee \$10. Many members tried to get campground reservations, and after researching with the State Parks' Office, members were told the public tends to book extra days on their reservation so they can beat the 6 months' opening-of-reservations restriction. The State representative said cancellations often occur, so CID members should check back frequently for open campground spots. Reservations website: reservecalifornia.com
A signup sheet will be available at our June 21 meeting.



October 19 to 23 - Monterey Weekend and Boat Dive: Liability Waivers and payment for our dive trip on the *Beachhopper II* are due no later than our June 21 meeting.

Two events have been added to our itinerary for those members who are not going on the Saturday, 10/21, boat dive:

- * **Trip to Pacific Grove and Stroll Along the Solimar Beach** - Our treasurer Ann Hoagland will lead this outing, which will probably include lunch at a local restaurant.
- * **Local Wine Tasting Trip** - Club members Jennifer and David Morrison have invited members to join them for this favorite Monterey-area activity.

To sign up for these two activities, either see our Dive Coordinator at the June 21 meeting, or email her: dive@channelislandsdivers.org

For questions, or to sign up for these or other CID trips/events, please see our Dive Coordinator at any club meeting. You may also email the Dive Coordinator at dive@channelislandsdivers.org

SCENES FROM THE HARMON CANYON HIKE

May 20, 2023



The trailhead to Harmon Canyon

L - R: John Wolfe, Melissa Wolfe, Del Stewart, Rob Marion, Sammy Marion, Lina Marion, Sandy Bickford, Teresa Ray Mike Cunningham, Lana Shirotov, Fahmy Fahmy (Not shown: Jackie Worden)

Due to all the rain this year, the trail is closed at the 1/2 way point. We took the first two side trails, and then we took the mail trail the rest of the way to the closing.



The main trail head. It was a cool, overcast day, perfect for hiking.

SCENES FROM THE CANYON HIKE (continued)
May 20, 2023



And, we're off! We took the first two side, single-track trails.



Much of the super-bloom was finished for the season, but we still had plenty of mustard, hemlock, and thistle to look at.



Club president Mike Cunningham demonstrates the best way down the hill to our first of four water crossings.



Our second water crossing. Enjoying the numerous tadpoles.
L - R: Lina, Rob w/Mia, Jackie, Mike, Fahmy, Del, Lana, Sandy, Teresa, Melissa
(Photo courtesy of John Wolfe)



Learning about the invasive mustard plant from club member Jackie Worden, who is a biologist!
(Mia enjoying being carried by Daddy Rob)



We were so fortunate that club member Jackie Worden came on the hike. Her knowledge of native and invasive plants and animals definitely added to the enjoyment of the event.
(Photo courtesy of John Wolfe.)



We learned from Jackie this thistle is related to an artichoke. (Photo courtesy of John Wolfe.)

SCENES FROM THE CANYON HIKE (continued)
May 20, 2023



**Enjoying the oak trees along the main trail.
(Lina, Mike, Del, and in the distance
Melissa and John.)**

We made it to the top! Well, as far as we were allowed to go, anyway. Looking back down the canyon, it seemed like a long way!

**L - R: Del, Jackie, Mike, Teresa, Melissa, John, Sammy, Rob, Mia, Lina, Lana, Fahmy
(Not shown: Sandy)**



OUR JUNE 21 MEETING IS CLUB MEMBERS' APPRECIATION DRAWING!!!

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

“As a member of this fine dive club who showed up to tonight’s meeting, you are in a drawing. No need to wear one of our pretty hats, shirts, or jackets; you don’t have to send anything to use in the newsletter or post our the club’s Facebook page; and, you don’t have to be in possession of those old, loser tickets from previous drawings. This is the easiest thing you’ll ever do. We’ll do all the heavy lifting. Just show up at our club meeting, and you automatically are in the running for a nice prize as part of the Membership Appreciation Drawing. No purchase is required, but, of course, you must be present at the meeting in order to win.”

So, come on out to the Black Bear Diner for our June 21 meeting, and let us thank you for being a member of Channel Islands Divers!

MAY 17, 2023, CLUB MEMBERS' DRAWING(S) WINNERS

General Drawing:

Ann Hoagland - Paint Markers for dive gear
Bill Weinerth - SeaBear Smoked Salmon
Joe Razo - Sushi Plate Set
Teresa Ray - Ultralight GPK/large GoPro Tray (*gifted by Ken Kollwitz/Ultralight*)
Pat Haskins - Pain Markers for dive gear
Alex Wied - \$25 gift certificate (*PCH Scuba*)
Mike Cunningham - \$50 tank hydro (*Maverick UnderSea Divers*)
Joe Hennessy - Seascape print (*gifted by Connie Young*)
Del Steward - Scuba-funny coffee cup

Door Prize:

Teresa Ray - Tshirt (*Ultralight*)

Participation Drawing:

Rob Marion - Original Artwork Beach Towel (*gifted by Ann Hoagland*)

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.

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

CALENDAR

<u>JUNE 2023</u>	<u>JULY 2023</u>	<u>August 2023</u>
18 Anacapa Seagull Rookery trip 21 General Meeting-Cherryl Connally (Island Packers) <i>Membership Appreciation Drawing</i> NOMINATIONS FOR 2023-24 BOD 26 Board Meeting	2 Peace Dive Trip 19 General Meeting-Mike Watling (Friends of the Island Fox) <i>Progressive Drawing</i> NOMINATIONS FOR 2023-24 BOD 24 Board Meeting	16 General Meeting-Topic TBD <i>Participation Drawing</i> NOMINATIONS FOR 2023-24 BOD 19 Leo Carrillo Beach Dive 21 Board Meeting
<u>September 2023</u>	<u>October 2023</u>	<u>November 2023</u>
9 Refugio BBQ & Beach Dive 2 General Meeting-Topic TBD <i>Membership Appreciation Drawing</i> ELECTION OF 2023-24 BOD 25 Board Meeting	18 General Meeting-Topic TBD <i>Progressive Drawing</i> 19-23 Monterey Weekend & <i>Beachhopper II</i> boat dive 23 Board Meeting	15 General Meeting-Topic TBD <i>Participation Drawing</i> 18 Dive Trip TBD 20 Board Meeting

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Current Membership: **79**

Welcoming returning members to the club...
Steve Ehret
Carol Sexton

Membership Policy:

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

New Membership:	Renewing Members:
Single - \$40	Single - \$30
Family - \$55	Family - \$45

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Please mail renewals to:
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