

CHANNEL ISLANDS DIVERS

NEXT CLUB MEETING:

AUGUST 21, 2024

6:00PM Dinner

6:30PM Meeting

Black Bear Diner

2401 E. Harbor Blvd.

Ventura, CA 93001

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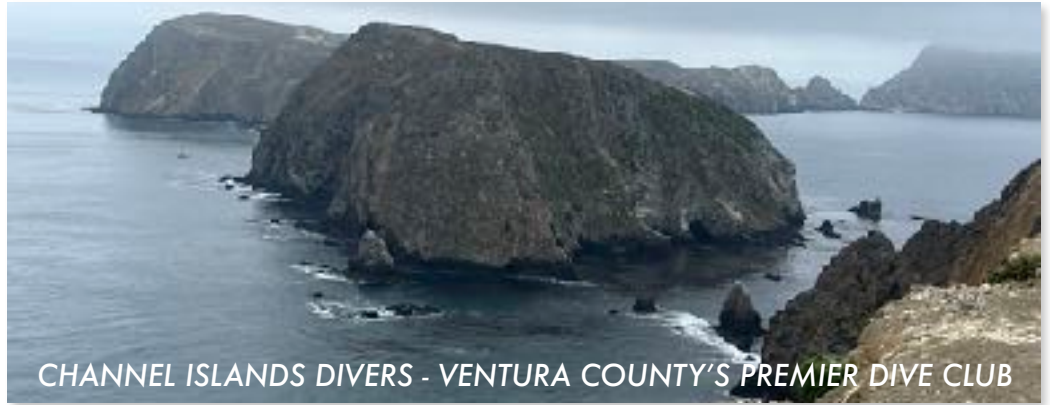
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CHANNEL ISLANDS DIVERS - VENTURA COUNTY'S PREMIER DIVE CLUB



BOTTOM TIMES

By Mike Cunningham

Club President

Hello Channel Islands Divers,

A long time ago, back when

I first got on the board as your Dive Coordinator, there was a time when Connie Young, the President at the time, needed someone to run a general meeting. All the usuals were busy or out of town, so I got the job. That was the first time I ran a meeting for the club. I might have done another one for her too.

Then under our next President, Mike Doyon, as your Newsletter Editor, yep, I got asked a few times to run the general meeting. I did it, and it was fun. I enjoyed it. Running the general meeting turns out it's not only fun, but also easy once you get going.

Every now and then as I was getting the Newsletter ready to be send out, I'd find myself writing whoever was the President asking if I was going to have me a Bottom Times any time soon. Generally, within a day or so I'd have it. After the first few times I started writing my own Bottom Times and setting them aside, you know, just in case. It was an easy task, didn't have to do it. No pressure, no timeline and no problem. Just *continued on Page 2*



off the top of my head I'd write up a few pages. Didn't happen all that often. Once in a while I'd tell them I have one written up and they'd say go ahead and use it. A few times I was asked in advance if I'd like to write it. Sure, piece of cake, I can knock one out quickly. I've already practiced this. I got it. Really, I thought, how hard can this be?

Now as President I know! I never heard any past President complain about this otherwise simple task, but I know I have. At least to myself, and by myself, I mean Teresa. She has gotten an earful on a few occasions. Don't get me wrong here, I enjoy getting these done every month, or maybe it's just I'm just happy when they're done. Sometimes trying to come up with 2 or 3 pages of something that might be interesting to a majority of those receiving these or at least someone will find some humor in reading them is not all that easy.

Back as your Newsletter Editor, if I had space to fill, you grab a joke or 2. The longer the better. Same with the little trivia bits I'd throw in. If you got pages of empty space like during the COVID shutdowns, it was much easier to copy and paste a full page of Chuck Norris jokes.

Chuck Norris can blow bubbles with beef jerky. Chuck Norris can hear sign language. When Chuck Norris swims in the ocean, the sharks are in a steel cage.

See, I could go on and on. They almost write themselves.

Again, don't read too much into this. Serving as the club's President has been a blast. I'd love to keep doing it, but I've been on the board for way too long now.

Running the meetings, making sure you don't forget some little part. Announcing the 10-minute warning at the beginning of the meetings and then all the breaks in-between. Before the meetings you have to get it all set up, speakers, wires, the microphones, the club computer, and then packed back up when we're done. I do get the chance to talk with all the guest speakers about what they'll be talking about. That is always fun. Asking them to watch the time or to keep an eye on me, I'll signal when they start running long. Watching the clock to make sure we stay on track to get out by 8:45 as agreed to when we made the move to Black Bear Diner. Those things require a bit of attention but it's not the hard part. I'll miss it for awhile when I'm finally off the board and then I start thinking about it, not really, I probably won't. But what I know I will NOT miss AT ALL is trying to write a Bottom Times every month that everybody likes and maybe gets a laugh out of. I think I did a good job at it, but you all get to be the judge of that. Yep, it will be the most fun I'll ever have not doing something. I can see it now. Wake up sometime near the end of the month. Get to thinking the Bottom Times is due to the Newsletter Editor by the first. Just smile and move on. I'll do anything else you ask. Anything but the Bottom Times. It'll be easy not doing this! I got it covered. Trust me.

So, when Chuck Norris is asked to write the Bottom Times.....it's August, let's go diving.

-Thank you, Mike Cunningham



The Channel Islands Divers Club
invites you to hear




DR. MILTON LOVE ON RIGS TO REEFS



Join us to learn about the transformation of offshore
oil & gas platforms into thriving marine habitats

WED, AUG 21ST

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 Channel Islands Divers



Black Bear Diner
2401 E. Harbor, Ventura

CID is Vta Co's oldest
recreational scuba club.
Meetings are open to
anyone interested!

6 pm

**Dinner &
Meeting**

7 pm

Dr. Love



Graphic by Laura Forsyth Taylor



August speaker Dr. Milton Love



Photo by Ann Scarborough Bull



Click or tap on the image above to watch the YouTube trailer for the documentary film Rigs to Reefs.



• MORE on RIGS to REEFS From the UC SANTA BARBARA News *THE Current*

By Harrison Tasoff

Offshore oil platforms have an immense presence, physically, financially and environmentally. Some 6,000 rigs pump petroleum and natural gas worldwide. But as they extract hydrocarbons from deep beneath the sea, these structures undergo a transformation invisible from above the waves. The ocean claims the platforms' enormous substructures and converts them into vertical reefs, home to millions of individual plants and animals.

While decommissioning a platform is a tall order, a growing number have found new purpose as human-made reefs. Now, researchers at UC Santa Barbara have published a comprehensive study of the history, ecology and pragmatics of rigs-to-reefs efforts in the journal [Ocean and Coastal Management](#).

In addition to assembling information from across a large corpus of work, the scientists hope the study will help inform California residents and policymakers as they decide what to do with platforms slated for retirement off its coast.



Photo by Ann Scarborough Bull

PRESENTING....NEW EVENT!

Exclusive CID Hunting Charter aboard the TRITON

WHAT: 3-dive day, hunting trip aboard the TRITON

**3615 S. Victoria Ave.,
Slip H1, Oxnard, CA 93035**

DATE: Friday, October 4, 2024 6:15am to 4:00pm

WHERE: Santa Cruz Island

WHAT: Advanced certification/experience required for this trip

MEMBERS' ONLY COST: \$220 (due at the time of reservation)

NUMBER OF SPOTS AVAILABLE: 4



At our July 17 meeting, I announced the club's exclusive hunting charter aboard the TRITON for Friday, October 4, 2024. That's right, this will be a Friday trip. Dive boats fill up quickly during the start of lobster season, and rather than miss out on a great hunting opportunity, we worked with the TRITON to schedule an exclusive lobster trip for club members.

The TRITON gave the club a nice discount for this trip, and two of the original six spots were booked almost immediately at the July club meeting. You can lock in one of the remaining four spots for the members' only price of \$220 by sending me a return email or seeing me at our August 21 meeting. **Payment is due at the time of reservation in order to lock in your spot.**

Here is what to expect on the TRITON:

- * All tank fills are included in the price, and Nitrox is available.
- * Below-the-waterline swim platform for easy boarding.
- * Lunch and snacks are provided during the dive day.
- * Refrigerator, microwave, toaster oven, and coffee maker are on board.
- * Hot water shower is on the back deck.
- * 4 bunk beds are available for storage or resting.

Don't miss this opportunity to start your lobster season off with a great dive trip! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to send me an email at dive@channelislandsdivers.org, or see me at our August 21 meeting.

NOTE: IN THE EVENT A DIVER IS UNABLE TO KEEP A RESERVATION, A REFUND WILL BE ISSUED ONLY IF THE DIVE SPOT CAN BE FILLED FROM THE CLUB'S WAITING LIST OR BY THE TRITON.

Happy diving!

Sandy Bickford
CID Dive Coordinator



TRITON DIVING

tritondivingcharters.com

Small Group, Custom Boat
Dives to the Channel Islands



DON'T MISS ONE OF OUR UPCOMING FAVORITE CLUB EVENTS:
OUR ANNUAL REFUGIO BBQ PICNIC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th
Starting at 9am
(Food ready around 1pm)

Great news, divers!

Refugio State Beach is OPEN for business! And with that, our Channel Islands Divers annual BBQ Picnic and general good time event is right around the corner.

Your club will set up the site, BBQ for you, provide you with water, lemonade, yummy tri-tip, juicy chicken, and mouthwatering bratwurst, BBQ'd to perfection as always.

This event is free and even includes a free raffle ticket to enter in for some awesome prizes.

YES, there is a plan for a group dive so stay tuned for details!

You should have already received an email requesting your **RSVP** so go ahead and reply if you haven't already so we can get a head count. We are also always in need of helpers so please jump on in for setup, cleanup, and cook-up!

We try to set up at the same place every year, between the restrooms and the general store.

THIS SATURDAY JOIN US AT OUR MONTHLY BEACH DIVE!



WHEN: Each Saturday after the club's monthly meeting.

MEETING TIME: 8:00 AM

COST: Usually free, except for parking in some cases.

LOCATION(s): TBD, depending on ocean and weather conditions

LUNCH: Usually following the dive at an agreed-upon restaurant

DIVE LEADERS: Del Stewart and Mike Frabasilio

*Because this event is free, it is open to non-members!
Non-divers also welcome for land support and going out to lunch after our dive!*

The schedule for our regular monthly beach dives for the remainder of the year is as follows:

- * Saturday, August 24 Henry's Beach, Santa Barbara
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/9yt59cRNc1wHwBvUA> (yes you can click or tap on this link even if you're reading this on your phone :)
- * No beach dive in September due to the Annual Refugio BBQ & Beach Dive
- * Saturday, October 19
- * No beach dive in November due to the Annual Catalina Trip
- * Saturday, December 21

If you have any questions or suggestions for beach dive locations, please feel free to email
Del at webmaster@channelislandsdivers.org

A sign-up sheet will be available at all monthly meetings so we can determine the

JULY BEACH DIVE REPORT

BY DEL STEWART

Date and Time: July 20th, 2024, 8:00 AM

Location: : Deer Creek Beach, Right off of Pacific Coast Highway

Weather Conditions: Partly cloudy, 54°F, with a light breeze

Water Conditions: Surf: Moderate with 2-3 ft waves. Viz: 2-3 at bottom, Water Temp: 57°F at the at 25 ft.

Marine Life: Saw a large spider crab.

Personal Experience/Recommendation: The visibility was low today, so I recommend bringing a strong dive light. Entry and exit were manageable, but surf was picking up.

Dive Summary: Overall, it was a challenging dive due to low visibility, but it was worthwhile.

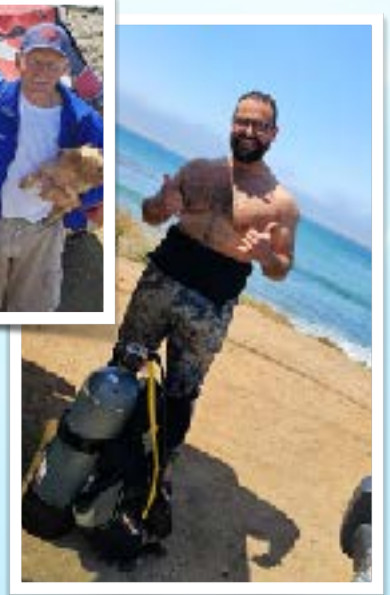
Additional Notes: Parking was easy at 8 AM, no restrooms and no state lifeguard. However, we had Sandy, Rob and Carrie overseeing the entry and exit of the divers with O2 on standby.

Personal notes:

Greetings and salutations from Deer Creek! This beach holds a special place in my heart and in my wallet. I remember a time, long ago (though it feels like it was just yesterday), when I was just starting out with my beach diving adventures. On one night dive, the surf decided it liked my brand new atomic mask and one of my jet fins a little too much and claimed them for herself. I never saw them again. Fast forward to this dive, Deer Creek tried to pull the same stunt but not with my gear. This time with someone else's. I will keep the victim's name under wraps, but if it was not for Josh Deer Creek would have scored another trophy.

It was a gloomy morning, and the surf was a little rough. Thank goodness the club has a great support system. Sandy and Rob were supervising the diver's entry and exit, ready to assist if needed with the O2 tanks on standby. Carrie, as always was the angel on the surface, no dive gear, overseeing our safety and ready to help if necessary. On this occasion, one of our new divers struggled to make it through the surf. We have all been there, it is not fun...and Carrie was there to lend a hand helping the diver get back to Rob and Sandy.

I have lost count of the times I have been in a similar situation (but without Carrie, Sandy, or Rob to help me) when the surf just flat out rejected me and forced me to crawl back to shore..often without a fin. It's not fun but over the years I have gotten pretty darn good at it. In fact, ask Mike, Tony, or Wayne—and they can attest that crawling back to shore is like my go-to move... lol



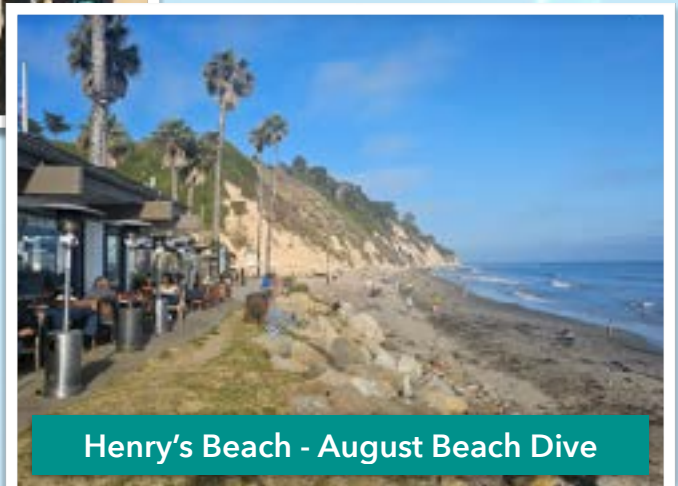
Overall we all had an excellent time. Bilel and I took Ben on his first dive after OW certification, and we had a blast. We dropped in right at the kelp and were met with 2-ft visibility. Not a big deal since it was not surgy. but we had planned for this. At the bottom, we gave each other the OK and took a heading. We made our way under the kelp patch, which was pitch black, past the reefs, and well beyond in hopes of finding better visibility... but it was not meant to be. On our way back we got separated near kelp and surfaced as planned to find each other. We started talking, and I asked Ben if he saw the spider crab. He replied, "I didn't see anything. The only thing I saw was the light on your tank, and I was just making sure I didn't lose it." We all just had a good laugh.. and more importantly he had a good time!!he was a bit bummed out that we did not go back in for a second round but there is always next time.. We kicked back to shore and made it through the surf with no issues.



Our next beach dive is scheduled for August 24th at Henry's beach, 8am.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/9yt59cRNc1wHwBvUA>

Arroyo Burro Beach County Park
2981 Cliff Drive
Santa Barbara, CA 93109



Dive Alert! Mark your calendars for August 24th because we are heading to the Henry's Beach! Our very own Rob Johnson and I tried to sneak in a night dive to scout the area. But, no luck.. the ocean had other plans. However, what we discover is that this spot is an absolute gem! Think free parking (score!), free showers (score! score!) and a fabulous beach-side restaurant where we can swap dive tales post-dive..

But, even if you're not diving, Henry's Beach is the ultimate chill-out zone. So come out and soak up the sun with us. I'm super stoked about this outing. Everyone's invited.

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Channel Islands Divers Go Diving for Abalone Conservation Research

Report by Rob Johnson

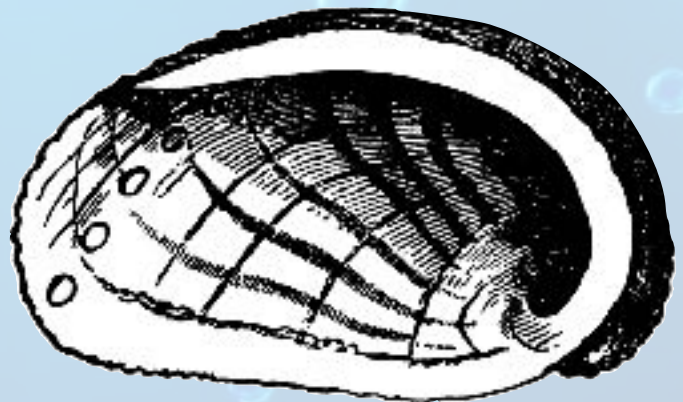
Eric Taylor and I were lucky enough to represent Channel Islands Dive Club on a recent white abalone research dive at Santa Cruz Island.

Professionals from NOAA, California Fish and Wildlife, and the Aquarium of the Pacific were on board to organize volunteers from Southern California to survey two dive sites for all abalone species and possible areas for future repopulation programs.

California Fish and Wildlife divers set out 80 meters of transect line as a reference for us to explore. Eight buddy teams covered 20 meter sections on each side of the baseline. We surveyed our respective areas for abalone, suitable habitat, and adequate food sources. After our dives we reported our findings, which are being compiled for future use.

This is the third year of the study. I would highly recommend that any of our members with advanced open water and above certifications consider volunteering for future studies.

-Rob Johnson



Channel Islands Divers' Summer Fun Dive Day Aboard the Spectre

Photos and Dive Log
by Sandy Bickford



Josh checking his gear as we approach Santa Cruz and our first dive spot, Three Sisters.



We are on our way out. Mark is making friends with divers from Santa Barbara, and of course discussing CID and our fine newsletter!



Channel Islands Divers L-R: Sandy, Josh, Tony, Rob, Mark

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Passing Anacapa (poor conditions on our way out to Santa Cruz).
Rob and Tony looking forward to a great day of diving.

Skipping ahead to our 2nd and 3rd dive spots. The Drop Off at Santa Cruz. Wonderful dive spot with very good hunting. Tony came home with scallops for dinner and this nice halibut.

DIVE LOG - JULY 28 SPECTRE TRIP

Location - Backside of Santa Cruz, dive spots Three Sisters and The Drop Off
Divers - Sandy, Josh, Tony, Rob, Mark
Water temperature - 64/65 degrees
Visibility - 30 to 40 feet

As our club librarian Mike F. likes to say, "Best dive ever!" Seriously, these three dives on the backside of Santa Cruz were the best dives at the islands I've experienced in awhile. Our first dive was at Three Sisters where we had plenty of kelp, some surge, many garibaldi and sheephead, and some white abalone and scallops. On our second and third dives at The Drop Off, there was still good kelp, more garibaldi and sheephead, many white abalone and scallops, and a huge sheep crab holding another smaller sheep crab. Mark picked them up! Freaked me out. Once Mark let him go, the large sheep crab quickly moved away, still holding the small crab. On the third dive the surge picked up, and visibility wasn't as good, so we ended our diving for the day, except for Tony. All our dive spots were open to hunting, and Tony made the best of the day by bringing home lots of scallops. On the third dive, he found a nice halibut, which the Spectre crew promptly fileted for him. As Mike says, "Best dive ever!"



Heading home with Anacapa and Santa Cruz in the background. After a great day of diving, divers will find any place to sleep!

UPCOMING EVENT - CATALINA in NOVEMBER!



Saturday, November 9 to Monday, November 11 (Veteran's Day) - Annual Catalina Trip:

- We currently have 24 members going on the Catalina trip, and the club is staying at the Pavilion Hotel, but all rooms at the club's discount rates are SOLD OUT!
- The Pavilion Hotel has a limited number of rooms available at the general public rate, which is approximately \$117 more than the club's rates. Other hotels are available on the island, but they are selling out, too, so don't wait to make reservations at the Pavilion or another hotel.
- Currently, 13 club members have expressed an interest in a Sunday, 2-tank boat dive aboard the *Scuba Cat*. The amount of discount from the \$160.50 general public price is based upon the number of divers we have on the boat, so if you are interested in the boat dive, please let our dive coordinator know at: dive@channelislandsdivers.org (NOTE: Club members do not have to stay at the Pavilion Hotel to take advantage of the club's rate for the *Scuba Cat*.)
- Here is the general schedule for the Catalina Weekend:
 - Saturday, November 9 – Early morning, take *Catalina Express* from Long Beach to Avalon Harbor. (NOTE: Club members make their own reservation for *Catalina Express*.)
 - Saturday, November 9 – Late morning to early afternoon, explore the island on your own or dive with club members at Casino Point.
 - Saturday, November 9 – 6:30 PM, Potluck Dinner at the Pavilion Hotel. (Bring a dish to share or buy something on the island.)
 - Sunday, November 10 – 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, boat dive aboard the *Scuba Cat*, or take a guided tour, go on a submarine ride, rent kayaks, hike to the botanical gardens, or go Zip Lining.
 - Monday, November 11 – 10:00 AM, Veteran's Day memorial service, and then enjoy the island on your own.
 - Monday, November 11 - Take *Catalina Express* back to Long Beach at a time of your own choosing.





Channel Islands Divers JULY MEETING RAFFLE WINNERS

GENERAL PRIZE DRAWING:

- ✦ Jellyfish luggage tags - Lauren McDonald
- ✦ Whaleshark travel bag - Joe Razo
- ✦ Seashell-drawstring backpack - Mike Cunningham
- ✦ Xtreme Scuba buoy/signal tube - Ann Hoagland
- ✦ Deep Sea 2mm dive gloves - Jimmy Harvey
- ✦ DAN First Aid Kit - Bill Weinerth
- ✦ Laura Forsyth - Camera lanyard & Ultralight t-shirt

Progressive Raffle:

- ✦ Carry-on dive gear suitcase & 4 Omaha Top Sirloin Steaks!
Bill Weinerth

DOOR PRIZE:

- ✦ Sea Gold anti-fog gel for dive mask - Ben Shulbert

- ✦ *Did you know that **everyone** who attends the meeting gets entered into the Door Prize raffle, including **guests**. So feel free to bring a guest to our next meeting and who knows they might leave with a prize.*
- ✦ *Writing an article or contributing photos for the club newsletter earns you an entry into the Participation Drawing. If you have a short write-up or photos for publishing, please send them to: editor@channelislandsdivers.org*
- ✦ *Progressive Drawing Months: When your non-winning tickets are thrown back into the pot! **January, April, July, & October***
- ✦ *Participation Drawing Months: **February, May, August, & November***
- ✦ *Membership Appreciation Months: **March, June, & September***
- ✦ ***No club meeting in December, because instead we have our Christmas Party!***

IT IS WRITTEN

ARTICLE VII: ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- a) Nominations for officers shall be accepted at the June, July & August meetings. Announce elections, list board member positions and call for nominations in June, July & August Newsletters.
- b) Nominees for BOD positions shall be active 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.
- d) Newly elected officers shall assume the duties of their respective offices at the October BOD and general meetings.
- e) A majority vote of the members constituting a quorum is required to carry a ballot item.
- f) Officers shall be elected by written ballot.
- g) Ballots shall have a place for write ins.
- h) Ballots will be counted by volunteers appointed at the general meeting.
- i) The election results will be announced at the completion of the counting.
- j) All ballots shall be available for viewing at the BOD meeting following the September general meeting.
- k) If the president does not fulfill her/his term of office, the vice president shall automatically take this office. The new president shall appoint a new vice president and any other vacated positions with the approval of the BOD. All other vacancies shall be filled by presidential appointment.
- l) No board member may hold a specific board position for more than 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. If no member runs for the position at the September meeting, the BOD may appoint a new member to the position with a majority vote of the BOD.



(The above is straight out of the Channel Islands Divers bylaws)

Loosely translated.....at this year's September 18th general meeting we'll have an election where you the people, the Channel Islands Divers membership, will decide just who you want running this show.

It's never too late to get involved. Just fill out a nomination form found on the tables at the general meetings or at the end of this digital Newsletter and your name will find its way inked in on the ballot. Or you can wait until the September meeting and announce your intentions to run as a write in. It's all good.

It's a lot more fun than we let on and only as hard as your willing to make it. So instead of waiting around for something to happen, with your help and involvement you can be there making sure everything goes off flawlessly. Be unique, join the crowd and proudly tell others you now serve on the

Board of Directors of Ventura's Premier Dive Club,

The Channel Islands Divers

It's not as if you'll have to stand up in front of crowded room full of people and speak.....

BOARD MEMBER POSITION

PRESIDENT: Develops agendas and conducts the general and board meetings. Offers assistance to board members unable to fulfill their positions and acts as liaison between the club and its sponsors. Sets up the audio equipment for the general meeting. Writes the monthly "Bottom Times" column for the newsletter and co-signs checks issued by the treasurer. Approximate time it takes to complete duties: 8 - 10 hours per month.

VICE PRESIDENT/SPEAKER SEEKER: Finds speakers for the general meetings. Sets up the video/computer connections as necessary. Introduces the speaker at the meetings and helps the speaker with any set-up. Provides the newsletter editor and web master a bio or other material about the speaker to be put into the newsletter and posted to the website. Conducts general and board meetings when the president is unable to. Approximate time it takes to complete duties: 1 - 3 hours of creative thinking and networking per month.

SECRETARY: Takes minutes of board meetings including any motions passed or proposed. Records the names of guest speakers and any other details of significance at the general meetings and distributes minutes at or before the monthly board meeting. Provides the newsletter editor any major developments from the minutes for the newsletter. Prepares any other club correspondence as necessary. Also, responsible for the storing, inventory, and selling of club tee shirts. Approximate time it takes to complete duties: 3 - 4 hours per month.

TREASURER: Records and tracks all incoming and outgoing monies. Issues checks, after verification of valid receipts, for co-signature by president. Makes bank deposits of all incoming monies, reconciles bank statements, and prepares monthly and year-end financial statements for the board of directors. Sells raffle tickets at monthly general meetings. Provides data for annual tax preparation and filing of tax-exemption paperwork. Approximate time it takes to complete duties: 3 - 4 hours per month.

RAFFLE COORDINATOR: Purchases raffle prizes. Describes raffle prizes, assists treasurer with selling raffle tickets, records prize winners and provides list to newsletter editor for publication. Takes newsletter copies to dive shop sponsors when purchasing prizes. Approximate time it takes to complete duties: 7 - 8 hours per month.

WEB MASTER: Responsible for maintaining the CID website. Provides help and instruction in navigation and use of the website to board and general members. Approximate time it takes to complete duties: 3 - 4 hours per month.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR: Greets and introduces guests, informing them of membership benefits and announces new and renewing members at club general meetings. Maintains current membership list, sends monthly updates to president and web master for email contact lists and club Facebook friends. Sends list of expiring memberships to newsletter editor for publication. Approximate time it takes to complete duties: 8 hours per month.

DIVE COORDINATOR: Plans, with board and general member input, dive charters, trips, and other activities. Makes reservations for and publicizes all activities. Collects fees and liability waivers from participants. Approximate time it takes to complete duties: 4 - 6 hours per month not including organizing a warm water trip or using a dive travel company.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Collect, layout, and edits articles from board, general membership, and other sources. At completion, sends newsletter to president for email blast to members, to web master for posting to website, and to raffle coordinator to print and distribute to sponsors when making monthly purchases. Approximate time it takes to complete duties: 10 - 15 hours per month.

CLUB LIBRARIAN: Responsible for maintaining the collection and the organization of library materials so they are available for members use. Handle the checking in and out to the membership. When possible bring collection to meetings. Approximate time it takes to complete duties: 1 - 3 hours per month.

CHANNEL ISLANDS DIVERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

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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
Print Nominee Name Here

the ballot for the position of _____
Print Board Position Here



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

Nominee Signs Here

- 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.
- DIVE COORDINATOR:** Plans with board and general member input, dive charters, trips, and other activities.
- SECRETARY:** Takes minutes of board meetings including any motions passed or proposed.
- RAFFLE COORDINATOR:** Purchase raffle prizes. Describe raffle prizes, assists with the selling raffle tickets, records prize winners.
- TREASURER:** Records and tracks all incoming and outgoing monies.
- MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR:** Maintains current membership list, sends monthly updates to president and the board for email contact lists.
- WEB MASTER:** Responsible for maintaining the CID website.
- NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Collect, layout, and edits articles from board, general membership, and other sources.
- CLUB LIBRARIAN:** Responsible for maintaining the collection and the organization of library materials

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.



Channel Islands Dive Club Annual Photo Contest

2024 Rules for Entry

For 2024 ONLY. You may submit photos from ALL of 2023 AND 2024 for this year ONLY.

The 2024 Photo and Video Contest is open to all current CID members. Membership must be in good standing at the time you submit your entries and receive a reward. Entries will be evaluated by an independent, non-club member judge appointed by the CID Board. The entries will be anonymous to the judge.

Photos and videos will be evaluated on the following criteria:

THEME - How well the photo/video relates to scuba diving

TECHNICAL MERIT - Quality of composition, lighting, contrast, focus, etc.

ARTISTIC MERIT - Visual interest, emotional connection, etc.

Prizes for First and Second place will be awarded for each category. Each member may submit only **TWO** entries per category. However, each member will be limited to one prize per category. In the event the judge selects **TWO** entries by the same person as the winner for a category, a runner-up will be chosen by the judge for the second place prize.

Contest Categories:

By definition, a **CLOSE UP** is NOT the same as a **MACRO**.

Underwater Macro Photo: A true macro shot depends on the level of magnification., essentially it means that you must take pictures where your subject is the same size as your camera sensor or smaller, and it fills the frame. If your camera sensor is one inch wide, you would be photographing something 1 inch or smaller. For this category the macro shot must underwater.

A macro picture not taken underwater can be entered into the topside photo category if it is diving related NOT just beach related.

Topside Photo - can be a wide angle or a **MACRO** but taken above the water. The subject of the photo must be diving related NOT just beach related.

Underwater Wide Angel Photo: Is anything below the surface but not a **MACRO**.

Novice: For all non-winners in the past. A **NOVICE** can submit any, **MACRO**, **WIDE ANGLE** or **TOPSIDE** into the **NOVICE** category.

Underwater Video: The total length of each submission must not exceed 60 seconds and must be a single, unedited clip. No special effects or titles may be added.

ENTRY FORMAT: Photos in a JPEG Format and Videos in MP4 Format.

DEADLINE: All photo and video entries along with an entry form and release must be submitted to CID's President, Mike Cunningham, by the club's **General Meeting on October 23, 2024.**

You may email to president@channelislandsdivers.org or give to Mike Cunningham on a DVD-Rom or USB Flashdrive. Please make sure your name is clearly printed on the media. Media will be returned to you if you wish at a future club meeting. However, the CID Club cannot be responsible for lost items, so please keep a copy for yourself!

**Channel Islands Dive Club
Annual Photo Contest
2024 Entry Form and Consent**

Copyright: You hereby acknowledge and agree that you are the creator/author of the submitted materials and that your submission does not in any way infringe the rights of any other party. You hereby grant the Channel Islands Dive Club a royalty-free, perpetual copyright license to reproduce the submitted work on the CID website, in the CID newsletters and in other materials promoting the CID Club, and acknowledge receipt of consideration therefore. You hereby indemnify and hold harmless the Channel Islands Dive Club, its officers, board, employees, independent contractors, agents, etc., from and all liability relating to your submission of any entry connection herewith.

Entrant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Entrant Name: _____

Telephone #: _____ E-mail: _____




Entry Category & Description:

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<p>AUGUST 2024</p> <p>21 General Meeting Milton Love - Rigs to Reefs 24 Club Beach Dive 26 Board Meeting</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 2024</p> <p>7 BBQ & Beach Dive 18 General Meeting Speaker NOAA tbc (no regular Saturday club beach dive - instead, join us on the 7th!) 23 Board Meeting</p>	<p>OCTOBER 2024</p> <p>16 General Meeting Speaker Jimmy Harvey on Navy Diving 19 Club Beach Dive 21 Board Meeting</p>
<p>NOVEMBER 2024</p> <p>9-11 Catalina Trip! 20 General Meeting Speaker Steven Peterson Baja Diving (no Saturday club beach dive - join us in Catalina!) 25 Board Meeting</p>	<p>DECEMBER 2024</p> <p>No General Meeting</p>  <p><i>Club Christmas Party Details to follow!</i></p>	<p>JANUARY 2025</p> <p>15 General Meeting Speaker TBD 18 Club Beach Dive 20 Board Meeting</p>

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Current Membership: 107

Membership Policy:

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

Renewing Members:

Single - \$30 Family - \$45

New Membership:

Single - \$40 Family - \$55

Welcome new member Ben Schulbert - Congratulations on your dive certification, Ben!

membership@channelislandsdivers.org

Please mail renewals to:

CID Membership
P.O. Box 5801
Ventura, CA 93005



Or renew via Zelle from your app/website.
Send payment to: cidtreasurer92@gmail.com
Add message with description, e.g., "shirt", "trip deposit", "membership renewal", etc. *Thanks!*

- *Click or tap on the image below to watch a 4 minute video by the New York Times on “Turning Oil Rigs into Reefs”*



- *We hope you can join us at our August club meeting, August 21st at 6:30pm to welcome Dr. Milton Love, research biologist at the Marine Science Institute at the University of California, Santa Barbara to learn more about the role of oil rigs in diving and their importance as a marine habitat.*

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