

Channel Islands Divers



NEXT CLUB MEETING:

June 17th, 2026
Black Bear Diner
2401 East Harbor Blvd.,
Ventura 93003

Socializing and Dinner: 6:00 PM
Meeting: 6:30 PM

BOTTOM TIMES

By Club President Delbert Stewart

Greetings and salutations, amigos!

Every year we go through this June Gloom weather. It is like Mother Nature is threatening us with a storm, but zilch... it has not poured yet.

What is pouring is the enthusiasm from your beloved board members. What an amazing group of people we have helping keep the good ship Channel Islands Divers afloat.

This club has been active since 1992, and 34 years later the CID Board gathered once again, just as it has for all those years, to conduct club business. We met at Ann Hoagland's home, which has an amazing view of the Channel Islands from its perch high on a hill. What a view!!

For this meeting, Steve Peterson, the man that lobsters fear, treated us to a lobster feast, and we all brought a side dish to share. There was a fancy charcuterie board loaded with exotic cheeses, meats, and those fancy crackers in all kinds of weird shapes, along with delicious dips, garlic bread, pasta salads, refreshing strawberry lemonade, and for dessert, warm brownies, ice cream, and lemon cake. Ha ha ha... We suffer so much at these meetings, I tell ya.

The first topic on the agenda was elections, and we have a solid crew willing to keep running the ship next year. However, this wonderful group is going to need a new skipper. I plan to promote myself back



to the membership ranks, which opens an opportunity for one of you to take the helm. Being a part of this board for the past 4 years have been very rewarding and I take with me lots of great memories. I will speak more about the benefits of this position in a future newsletter.

So, if you are ready to have a little fun, help guide the future of the club, and work alongside a fantastic group of people, consider throwing your name into the hat. More on elections on pages 18-19.

Moving on...

This month's presentation features Jaclyn Maan, Southern California Regional Manager for Reef Check California. Jaclyn will introduce us to Reef Check's kelp forest monitoring program and explain how we can become volunteers. Woohoo!! At this meeting you will learn how to become a citizen scientist; sounds intriguing...I want to become one: "Delbert Stewart, Reef Check Citizen Scientist front and center, ma'am!" Who wants to go diving and save the world with me?!?! 😊

The idea that we can go out and enjoy our weekend dives, as we love to do, and combine them with a mission to help preserve our kelp reefs sounds like a lot of fun and one more reason to keep diving. Imagine the positive impact we could have on Jaclyn's research. I can already see us storming the So Cal beaches with our CID flag flying high, waving in the wind, under a classic SoCal sunny day. Then we would have the rest of the board members on shore beating their little drums. Like a scene out of Braveheart...CHARGE!! 😊

Let's pack this meeting and show our appreciation to Jaclyn Maan for the work she does. She is undoubtedly a marine biologist with a cape!

Upcoming Events

We have the **Hyperbaric Chamber Visit/Club** adventure, an event that Rob Marion has been working hard to organize and we **have 3 spots left! Join us.**

Now, why would we as divers want to visit a hyperbaric chamber and do a chamber run down to 165 feet? I would ask, why wouldn't you want to? It sounds exciting. First off, I will probably never have the opportunity to dive to 165 feet in the ocean, and I am a curious guy. What does it feel like? How does the body react? Does your voice change? Can you feel the pressure? Will I experience nitrogen narcosis? How will I react? I have been told it feels blissful. Is that true? Will I hallucinate? I do not know these things. It affects everyone a little bit differently and I am determined find out. It sounds thrilling.

Did you know that this fascinating machine that saves divers lives is also a powerful healing tool? Kind of like something straight out of Star Trek. I can hear Bones talking to Captain Kirk right about now... "He's going to make it, Jim!" I just added more O2... Apparently, that extra oxygen can help improve blood flow, support tissue repair, and assist the body in fighting infections and healing wounds that might not otherwise respond to conventional care. I cannot think of a reason why not to go. Check it out here: [Hyperbaric Healing](#) More on this topic on pages 11-12.

We have an exciting update on our **Santa Cruz Island trip** coming up in November. Stormy Thurston-Keller, our fearless Treasurer, made contact with the Channel Islands National Park Service, and we are exploring the possibility of collaborating with them on a PADI Dive Against Debris event. Divemaster Dan Perdue spoke with PADI, and they are interested in collaborating with – and possibly joining - us as well. Who knows; if goes well and everyone enjoys it, we might make this an annual event!

Before anyone gets carried away, we are still in the early planning stages, but just think about the possibilities. Channel Islands Divers helping lead a Dive Against Debris event at Santa Cruz Island alongside the National Park Service and PADI. Then imagine other dive clubs and dive shops throughout Southern California joining in. 🤪 🤪. Can you picture it? Divers everywhere, CID flags flying, everyone working together to make a positive impact on our local marine environment. It can grow into something really special and attract attention beyond our club, which is very exciting to think about it. Leading by example!

However, none of this is possible without you. As a first step, we would like to gauge the club's interest in participating. To get the ball rolling, we will be passing around a sign-up sheet at the next couple of meetings. If this sounds like something you would like to be a part of, please add your name to the list. And more importantly, give Stormy a high five for bringing such an ambitious idea to the club.

Cozumel: ONE spot has become available!

One of our divers is no longer able to attend. The spot is based on double occupancy, and Melanie Kemmann will be your roommate. If you prefer, we can turn it into a single occupant.

If you have been kicking yourself for missing out on this trip, here is your second chance. These do not come often. Let me know as soon as possible before someone else snags it!

And if you are interested, I might even be able to negotiate a little discount on your behalf. 😊

Just send me an email at President@channelislandsdivers.org, and I will forward you the trip details.

This is an all-inclusive trip!

Date: October 17-24

Double occupancy: \$1,275

Single: \$1,875



Melanie with a monster crab!

I hope to see you all this coming Wednesday, June 17, 2026. We will kick things off at 6:00 PM with a little socializing and dinner, followed by the meeting at 6:30 PM. Until then, stay safe, keep diving, and remember to make a few memories along the way.

Del Stewart

President, Channel Islands Divers

JUNE PRESENTATION

Jaclyn Mann - Reef Check

Long-term Kelp Forest Monitoring



Reef Check is an international non-profit organization focused on conservation of temperate kelp forests and tropical coral reefs. The group used citizen science to encourage stewardship of reef communities throughout the world. This presentation will discuss Reef Check's long-term kelp forest monitoring program. Jaclyn will detail the training and experience needed to become a volunteer diver and look at some of the ways data collected by our citizen scientists is used in the scientific community.

Speaker Bio: Jaclyn grew up in Ventura, California where she discovered at a young age that she had an interest and a passion for studying marine biology. She earned her bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences with a concentration in Marine Biology and Fisheries from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Upon graduation, she was gifted her first scuba certification class which enabled her to explore

the ocean from a whole new vantage point. Following undergrad, Jaclyn pursued her Master's in Biological Sciences at California State University, Long Beach as a member of Dr. Bengt Allen's Marine Ecology Lab where she studied changes in species interactions across stress gradients in the rocky intertidal zone. While studying for her degree, she continued to delve deeper into scuba diving and worked her way through PADI's scuba certification courses until she became a PADI Instructor in 2014. Jaclyn started volunteering with Reef Check in 2022 and, right from the start, was drawn to the enthusiasm and dedication that Reef Check volunteers have for monitoring California's kelp forests and rocky reefs. She is excited to continue to work alongside Reef Check's volunteers and to contribute even more to Reef Check's long-term monitoring program as the Southern California Regional Manager.

More information about this fascinating and important work, people and projects here:
<https://www.reefcheck.org/about-reef-check/>



Kelp forest monitoring team



Kelp monitoring

Fascinating Facts: Coral Reefs

During the brief moments when we pause our breathing while diving, we hear how noisy the ocean can be and wonder who is making all those magical snap-crackle-pops. A healthy reef is a noisy reef; degraded reefs are eerily quiet. Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) and other researchers have shown that playing underwater recordings of healthy coral reef systems draws in coral larvae that then re-colonize the reef. *“Emerging evidence suggests these sounds can be used as orientation and settlement cues for larvae of reef animals. On degraded reefs, these cues may be reduced or absent, impeding the success of larval settlement, which is an essential process for the maintenance and replenishment of reef populations.”* (First link below.)

Broadcasting healthy reef sounds can also attract fish, which use the sounds to find their home reefs and/or potential homes. These fish start feeding on algae coating (& smothering) coral, gradually allowing the coral to recover and thus restoring the reef. Research is underway by the Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS) on the northern Great Barrier Reef of Australia in a project labeled Reef Song. *“Fish larvae are in the ocean listening out for the sounds of healthy reefs because they want to find a good coral reef with lots of food and shelter to settle on.”* (Second link below.)

According to a March 13, 2024 WHOI article (third link below), coral reefs support over 25 percent of all marine animals. Additionally, they protect shorelines from storms, waves and erosion, provide food, and support tourism. Sadly, the article reports that about half of all coral reefs have been lost over the previous 30 years.

<https://royalsocietypublishing.org/rsos/article/11/3/231514/92630/Soundscape-enrichment-increases-larval-settlement>

<https://www.aims.gov.au/information-centre/news-and-stories/scientists-study-how-underwater-soundscapes-and-young-fish-could-help-reef>

<https://www.whoi.edu/press-room/news-release/sonic-youth-healthy-reef-sounds-increase-coral-settlement/>

Member Dive Report

By Rob Marion, VP/Speaker Seeker

Eleven club members were on board for the May 23rd dive on the Spectre, with the women outnumbering the men! How about that?

I've done a lot of diving from the Spectre and without a doubt, this was one of the most memorable. Not that I ever get bored diving the islands in our aquatic backyard, I don't. Just when I think I pretty much know what's in store, we wind up diving the marine protected area on the front side of Anacapa (near the landing).

I wrote a short article about the dive we did to Gull Island on the back side of Santa Cruz a few years ago. Well, this area of Anacapa was all of Gull Island and more. There were more giant lobsters than I've ever seen. They were everywhere. My daughter (Sammy) tried her hand at catching one of them. As I watched, I couldn't tell just who was catching who. It was quite a sight when she finally got it out and showed me and several other club members. (Yes, she released it!)

The water was clear, not too cold (59-61), and most of the first two dives we were shallow, right around 15 feet. The kelp gardens were healthy. I couldn't get enough of the beauty of this area. Steve Peterson once told me he was glad we had these marine protected areas. I have to agree.



From left: Russel Schuster; Justin Lessel; Nicolas Lee; Sammy Marion; Alex Burum; Melanie Kemmann; Stormy Thurston-Keller; Jamie Carlton; Andrea Dransfield; and Remy Birchfield. Photo by Rob Marion.

Scuba Show 2026: A Whirlwind of Gear, Trips, and Big Plans

Contributed by Divemaster Dan Perdue, Dive Coordinator

The annual Scuba Show is always a highlight of the year, but this time around it was an absolute whirlwind for me. My to-do list was packed: hunting down fresh trip ideas for the club, connecting with PADI for an exciting new conservation project, scouting the latest gear, meeting our Cozumel travel agency folks, and putting in some hours working the booth for NEX Underwater Products.

It was a busy, chaotic, and incredibly productive weekend. In fact, it was so packed that I didn't get a chance to attend a single seminar, and our Saturday club photo was a bit of hilarious chaos with two groups taking photos on opposite sides of the aisle at the exact same time!

Here is the breakdown of what went down and what it means for the Channel Islands Divers.

Future Club Travel: From Cozumel to Roatán and Beyond

As far as travel goes, the show featured many of our regular favorite destinations, though the consumer-focused nature of the Scuba Show means that absolute rock-bottom group deals are rare. For those mega-deals—like comped spots we can pass along as club discounts—we look forward to the industry-only DEMA (Dive Equipment & Marketing Association) show later this year. That said, destinations like Belize, Fiji, Cuba, and Utila, Honduras caught my eye, and we will be making some future trip announcements soon.

Speaking of Honduras, I had a fascinating meeting with a couple from the American Watersports Association, who claim to be the originators of kayak diving. They operate a resort on an island near Roatán. Since we have a SCDving Dive trip to Roatán coming up at the end of June, I'm hoping to convince Don Sisting to head over and check it out with me while we are in the area!

Onward to Cozumel: We had a fantastic face-to-face meeting regarding our upcoming Cozumel excursion. Del Stewart and I met up with Mario, our booking agent, to iron out some details. When Del asked about the dive schedule, Mario simply said *"Come with me"* and led us around the corner to meet the Captain of the Dressel Divers boat. When we mentioned our group size, the Captain stopped me mid-sentence: *"You have 20 divers? You get your own boat, and we will go wherever you want!"* Needless to say, we are going to work closely with him to build the ultimate custom diving itinerary for the lucky folks heading to Cozumel! **Breaking news:** One spot has become available!

Big News: PADI Dive Against Debris This Winter

Stormy Thurston-Keller brought a fantastic idea to the board: hosting a **PADI Dive Against Debris** cleanup dive at the Channel Islands. This is exactly the kind of ocean stewardship our club should be championing.

While we are still in the initial planning stages, I pitched the idea to Annie O., PADI's Western Regional Training Manager. She was thrilled and immediately connected me with the Dive Against Debris Directors. They have expressed an interest in supporting us with event swag and are even planning to

come up and help out in person. Look for more details on this soon—we are aiming to make this happen sometime this winter!

Gear Innovations & Field Testing

I always love looking at new innovations, and the showroom floor didn't disappoint. I stopped by Ken Kollwitz's booth early Saturday to chat (Ken is the proprietor of Channel Islands Dive Adventures and UltraLight Camera Solutions, as well as a club sponsor). If you are into underwater photography and lighting, he is absolutely the go-to guy—his booth was packed with visitors for the entire the weekend.

I was on the lookout for a new DPV (diver propulsion vehicle) but didn't spot anything unique that can't be found elsewhere. However, the **Avelo System** definitely caught my eye. It's an intriguing concept that manages buoyancy by using an internal bladder inside the tank and injecting water into it to fine-tune your trim.

On the practical side, I picked up a pair of the new **CrossKix water shoes**. I've already put them through their paces, wearing them in the pool all morning and spent all afternoon walking around in them. They are incredibly comfortable both in and out of the water. We'll see how they hold up after a week of abuse in Roatán!

Helping Out a Friend

Finally, I spent a good chunk of my time helping out Jared over at the **NEX Underwater Products** booth. Jared brought along some giant, 3D-printed versions of his regulators to use as visual aids for equipment classes, and they were a massive hit. NEX makes fantastic regulators in an awesome array of colors and finishes, and take it from me—they breathe incredibly well.

The Verdict

This was the first year for the Scuba Show under the new ownership, but to me, it felt reassuringly familiar to the great expos of years past. It was great to see the dive community out in full force, and I'm excited to see how the show continues to evolve next year.

Now, let's go diving!



BAJA TRAVEL TIPS

By Steve Peterson, a frequent Baja driver



Driving the 70 miles from Tijuana to Ensenada, Mexico, you will travel over some of the best roads Baja has to offer. It is almost like driving in the States with a few minor differences. Here are a few suggestions to those who are not familiar with driving in Mexico.

1. Get **Mexican insurance**. This can be bought online or at one of the many insurance sales offices this side of the border. (I use Baja Bound, purchased on-line.)
2. Leave the **cannabis** and **firearms** at home. Neither are appreciated in Mexico.
3. Get a few **Pesos** for small purchases. Even though credit cards and U.S. dollars are widely accepted in Ensenada, some local cash can be handy. There are many money exchanges near the border.
4. As you cross the border and clear customs, get your **FMM tourist card** (*Forma Migratoria Múltiple*). They are free if staying for 7 days or less. Although available on-line, you will still have to stop at the border office for the official validation date stamp.
 - a. San Ysidro/Tijuana Crossing: Keep to the far right and watch for *Autodeclaración* (Something to Declare) or the *INM* (Instituto Nacional de Migración) checkpoints. Park & go inside.
 - b. Tecate Crossing: On the right when approaching the gate. Park on either side of the border and walk to the building. {Rumor has it that this is the easier & quicker of the two border crossing options, with shorter lines & fewer people. However, the drive is a bit longer (~225 vs 205 miles, from Ventura)}. Seek advice from **Rob Marion**, club VP/Speaker Seeker, on this. Rob is much more familiar with the San Ysidro border crossing than I am.
 - c. Please do your own research about **how and where to pay** at each crossing.
 - d. **Crossing the border back into the US**: *You will need to have it stamped again when you are leaving. *
5. As you drive through Tijuana, take the **Toll Road (CUOTA)** towards Ensenada. There are 3 toll booths. Restrooms at each stop.
6. You are now using the metric system. My quick mental conversion is: 1 km \simeq 2/3 mi. 4 liters \simeq 1 gal, 1 kilo=2.2 lbs. This is not totally accurate but works for me.
7. As you leave the **CUOTA** road and enter Ensenada, stay alert for **ALTA** (stop) signs and **TOPES** (speed bumps). These signs might not be as visible as those you are accustomed to and can be easily overlooked.
8. **Food and Water**: If a restaurant has running water, reasonably clean rest rooms, and the food is hot, then I feel safe eating there. Unless you are sure the local tap water is “safe”, I would recommend drinking bottled water. **I don't recommend buying food from pushcarts.**

9. I like to practice my **Spanish** whenever possible. The locals seem appreciative even when I butcher their language. My exception to this is when talking to a policeman or government official----- it's too easy for me to make a mistake and get into trouble by saying the wrong thing
10. The **Police** are not your friend. It is rumored that many Mexican police and government officials supplement their income by “shaking down” tourists for minor violations. The officers I have encountered are masters of intimidation and negotiation, especially in border cities. If you do get pulled over for a violation, the legal process is to give your driving license to the officer, follow the officer to the police station, and pay the fine at the station. It is illegal for officials to solicit a bribe, but many have tried. My advice is to have your paperwork in order, drive carefully, and avoid doing stupid things which might attract attention.

Have a great trip! Baja is a fascinating place with many beautiful beaches, great diving and wonderful people. I hope you enjoy traveling there as much as I do.



Relaxing with Rocky at the breathtaking San Francisquito Bay, perhaps one of the most beautiful beaches I've seen in Baja. Hard to beat the crystal-clear water and white sandy beach, not to mention the great fishing.

In the news:

- Channel Islands National Park (CINP): Congress is considering setting new boundaries & removing two islands from CINP.
- Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary & Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary: facing cuts.
- Three companies have received permits to explore deep sea mining around CINP

Veterans Park Dive Report

Hosted by Channel Islands Divers

May 30th, 2026

The beauty of arriving at Redondo Beach at 8 AM is that you miss all the LA traffic. A sunny morning, plenty of available parking, and a bit of surf greeted us. This dive site has a steep drop off at about 30 feet so we weren't worried about visibility. Delbert Stewart, Rob Marion, Eddie Salazar, Dale Burrows, and Rob Johnson all wanted some dive time before the SCUBA show. We made it past the surf and dropped down to about 20 feet and 5-foot visibility. Everyone took a compass heading and as a group headed into deeper water. The water soon got much clearer and we could see about 20 feet. My plan was to give everyone a slate with some questions to answer at 100 feet to see the effects of nitrogen narcosis. Getting to our target depth wasn't in the cards. We made it to 75 feet and a member of our group didn't feel right. Maybe the 51-degree water had something to do with it. Our plan was to stay together so we slowly made our way back to shallow water, surfaced, and made a clumsy, sandy exit. The ocean always teaches us. We followed our plan. Only egos were bruised, and we all learned from this dive. Can't wait for our next club dive. {Sorry; no pix!}

Rob Johnson, Membership Chair

USC Hyperbaric Chamber Catalina Island at the Isthmus July 18th

Five club members are signed up to experience diving to 165 feet inside the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber Facility at the USC Wrigley Marine Science Center. We still have **room for three more!**

Karl Higgins, Director of the Chamber, will give a presentation at our July 15 club meeting.

More trip details will be provided to the registered participants, but there are a few key items to know now:

- **REQUIRED:** Each participant **must bring a MEDICAL CLEARANCE** or a **CLEARANCE FOR HYPERBARIC EXPOSURE**. Each person will be required to read, complete and sign a **Waiver, Release and Indemnity Agreement**. Refer to the Chamber's website (below) for more info and to review these forms.
- The cost is \$20 per person (space is limited to 8 divers)

- Make the check out to the USC Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber
- The chamber is at the isthmus, not Avalon. Catalina Express offers two trips per day to the isthmus leaving from San Pedro. **We must be on the 7:30am boat.** From the isthmus, we will take another small boat to the chamber facility.
- **Sign-up deadline = June 17th**

It's highly recommended that all participants review the important information on the Chamber's website: <https://dornsife.usc.edu/hyperbaric/chamber-dives/>

ENSENADA DIVE TRIP – AUGUST 22-23



**Catalina Veterans Day Club Trip
November 7-9, 2026**

The club discounts at the Pavilion Hotel are **SOLD OUT**, with 13 rooms reserved. The hotel is allowing us to continue booking rooms at the discounted rate while availability lasts. Of course, there are lots of other lodging options. There are **a few spots remaining on the Scuba Cat** for our Sunday dive; \$152.93/pp (club discounted rate).



MAY RAFFLE WINNERS

Prizes sponsored by SC Diving
(Unless otherwise noted)



Ann Hoagland won the coffee table book



Rexy Birchfield won the dive parka



Tad Dawson won a CID hat



Tad also won a Scuba show pass



Nicolas Lee won a dive knife...

..and a travel bag...

...and a Scuba Show pass

RAFFLE DETAILS

1. **Regular:** Buy tickets at the meeting and those are the tickets we draw.
2. **Progressive:** This drawing is pulled from all the raffle tickets you've bought over the Quarter.
3. **Participation:** Points are given for your participation in our club activities (going on club events, posting to our Facebook page, and contributing to the newsletter).

RAFFLE SCHEDULE

January	<i>Progressive</i>
February	Participation
March	Regular
April	<i>Progressive</i>
May	Participation
June	Regular
July	<i>Progressive</i>
August	Participation
September	Regular
October	<i>Progressive</i>
November	Participation
December	No drawing in December

Upcoming Dives

Check Facebook for the most up-to-date dive info (meet time, locations)

Date	Location	Description
20-Jun	Deer Creek	Club beach dive with beach clean-up
11-Jul	Check Facebook	Club sponsor SC Diving will guide this dive.
18-Jul	Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber	Dive to 165 feet; tour the USC Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber
8-Aug	Check Facebook	Club sponsor SC Diving will guide this beach dive.
22-Aug	Ensenada/La Bufadora	SOLD OUT.
12-Sep	Check Facebook	Club sponsor SC Diving will guide this beach dive.
19-Sep	Refugio State Beach Park	Yearly club BBQ, dive (and potentially camping) weekend. Gates open at 8:00 am.
10-Oct	Check Facebook	Club sponsor SC Diving will guide this beach dive.
17-Oct	Cozumel	One spot available!
31-Oct	Underwater Pumpkin carving	Sponsored by SC diving, location TBD
8 Nov	Avalon, Catalina Island	Scuba Cat; Casino Point. A few spots left on the boat.
14-Nov	Check Facebook	Club sponsor SC Diving will guide this beach dive.
21-Nov	Santa Cruz Island trip	Club boat owners meet at Scorpion Cove for a group day of diving and hiking. Members who cannot fit on boats will travel via Island Packers.
12-Dec	Check Facebook	Club sponsor SC Diving will guide this beach dive.
19-Dec	Laguna Beach	Road trip for the last dive of the year

Ideas for Future Trips-Thoughts??

In July, we'll survey the club about where we want to go and how much we want to spend for 2027 trips. **Please** come to the meeting full of ideas. Current (get it?) thoughts include Lake Tahoe {with a diving at altitude class}, PADI Dive Against Debris event (possibly Scorpion Harbor on Santa Cruz Island), and Farnsworth Banks (advanced divers only).

CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
<p>13: Shore dive, TBA</p> <p>17: Club Meeting, regular raffle drawing.</p> <p>Speaker: Jaclyn Mann from the Reef Check Foundation</p> <p>20: Beach dive, Deer Creek followed by beach clean-up</p> <p>23: Board Meeting</p>	<p>11: Shore dive, TBA</p> <p>15: Club Meeting, progressive raffle drawing.</p> <p>Speaker: Karl Huggins: Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber</p> <p>18: Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber at the isthmus (<i>not Avalon</i>)</p> <p>21: Board Meeting</p>	<p>8: Shore dive, TBA</p> <p>19: Club Meeting, participation raffle drawing. Speaker: Cora Sverdrup The Bay Foundation</p> <p>22-24: La Bufadora, Ensenada Baja</p> <p>25: Board Meeting</p>
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
<p>12: Shore dive, TBA</p> <p>16: Club Meeting, regular raffle drawing.</p> <p>Speaker: Scott Gabara, National Park Service Marine Ecologist</p> <p>Board Election!!</p> <p>19: Club BBQ at Refugio State Beach Park</p> <p>22: Board Meeting</p>	<p>10: Shore dive, TBA</p> <p>21: Club Meeting, progressive raffle drawing.</p> <p>Speaker: Delaney Sauer, CSLB Shark Lab</p> <p>17-24: Cozumel</p> <p>24: Shore dive, TBA</p> <p>27: Board Meeting</p>	<p>14: Shore dive, TBA</p> <p>18: Club Meeting, participation drawing.</p> <p>Speaker: Melanie Kemmann, Cozumel trip</p> <p>21: Shore dive, TBA</p> <p>24: Board Meeting</p>

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP: 111

Thank you to all renewing members!!

Welcome to our newest member!!



Aaron Hauptman

Please see our website for member benefits

<https://www.channelislandsdivers.org/membership>

Membership Policy: Club policy is to drop members from the roster
THREE MONTHS AFTER MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION

Membership Prices: Renewing Membership: Single = \$30; Family = \$45

New Membership: Single = \$40; Family = \$55

Please mail renewals to: CID Membership, P.O Box 5801, Ventura, CA 93005

Renew by Zelle: cidtreasurer92@gmail.com

BOARD ELECTIONS COMING THIS SEPTEMBER

The club bylaws provide guidance for the election of our board members. Nominations will be accepted at the June, July, & August general meetings. The election will be held at the September 16th meeting. Write-ins will be allowed at the September meeting. Descriptions of each board position are summarized on the next page.

At least six of your current board members would like to continue in their current role; there are two open positions:

Position	Name		Position	Name
President	<i>Your name here!</i>		Dive Coordinator	Dan Perdue and Rob Johnson co-dive coordinators.
VP	Rob Marion		Librarian	Steve Peterson
Webmaster	Laura Forsyth		Raffle Coordinator	Laurie Hennessy
Secretary	Ann Hoagland		Membership	<i>Your name here!</i>
Treasurer	Storm Thurston-Keller		Newsletter editor	Jackie Bowland Worden

Why I Joined the CID Board Contributed by Ann Hoagland, CID Secretary

When I first volunteered to be club secretary in 2006, I was asked why I wanted to be on the board. My response was “Guilt!” For ten years I had enjoyed dives, picnics, Christmas parties, and interesting speakers, and it was simply my turn to try to give back.

In 2012 I took over the newsletter mid-term, The newsletter was paper when I took it over & even with my poor computer skills I made it an e-newsletter. My newsletter was kinda plain, but I didn't have to do address labels, stamps, or fold, staple, and mail the thing. It used to cost about \$150/month to put out the newsletter until we went electronic. One time the whole newsletter disappeared from my computer. I called Apple in total panic & they felt so sorry for me that they went looking for someone who knew their newsletter programs and got it back for me (it hadn't really disappeared from the computer)!

Yes, it's work, but it's such a good feeling when an event – or newsletter - is successful. Plus, it's fun getting to know fellow board members.

So, if you have a few hours a month, and feel like it's your turn to give back, please join us on the board.

CHANNEL ISLANDS DIVERS BOARD POSITION DESCRIPTIONS & DUTIES

Summary version; for full descriptions, refer to the CID website

{For the inside dirt, talk to a board member, past or present. We're quite friendly!}

PRESIDENT: Develops agendas and conducts the general and board meetings. Aids board members unable to fulfill their positions, and acts as liaison between the club and its sponsors. Writes the monthly "Bottom Times" column for the newsletter.

VICE PRESIDENT/SPEAKER SEEKER: Finds speakers for the general meetings. Introduces the speaker at meetings and helps with set-up. Provides the newsletter editor and web master information about the speaker for the newsletter and website. Steps in if president is unavailable.

DIVE COORDINATOR: Plans dives, charters, trips, and other activities with board and general member input. Makes required and collects liability waivers from participants.

SECRETARY: Takes minutes during board meetings. Prepares club correspondence as necessary. Responsible for the storing, inventory, and selling of club merchandise.

RAFFLE COORDINATOR: Purchases and/or develops donations for raffle prizes. At each general meeting, describes raffle prizes, assists with selling raffle tickets, records prize winners and provides the list to the newsletter editor for publication.

TREASURER: Tracks all incoming and outgoing monies. Issues checks, makes bank deposits, reconciles bank statements, and prepares monthly and year-end financial statements. Sells raffle tickets at monthly general meetings. Provides data for annual tax preparation and filing of tax-exemption paperwork and coordinates with club's CPA.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR: Greets and introduces guests, informing them of membership benefits and announces new members at club general meetings. Maintains current membership list, sends monthly updates to the board. Sends list and photos of new members to newsletter editor for publication

WEBMASTER: Responsible for maintaining the CID website. Provides help and instruction in navigation and use of the website to board and general members.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Collects and edits articles from board, general membership, and other sources. Provides to president for email blast to all members.

LIBRARIAN: Maintains the collection and organization of library materials. Provides book reviews of material of interest to the general membership.

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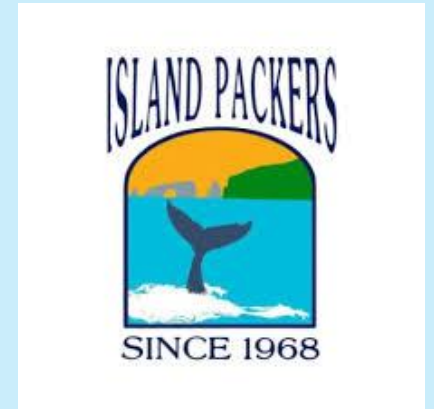
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Name: _____ Board Position: _____

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