

MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

CHANNEL ISLANDS DIVERS



Photo: Franklin Murphy

NEXT CLUB MEETING: MAY 21th 2025
BLACK BEAR DINER
2401 EAST HARBOR
VENTURA CA 93003

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

***BOTTOM TIMES*****By club president****Delbert Stewart****By Your President-in-Fins**

Welcome to May! Summer is just around the corner — hooray! I will spare you my weather predictions (as many of you have already noticed, my spider senses have been letting me down lately), but we did get a beautiful preview of warmer days this past Sunday, May 11. The sunshine made for a perfect Mother's Day, and I want to give a heartfelt thank you to all the amazing scuba moms in our community. You have helped raise some

fantastic divers, and we are very lucky to have you. 🌸

Now, let us dive into some exciting club news. Our **2025 Photo and Video Contest** is officially open for submissions! Whether you have been capturing epic reef dives, funny fish faces, or magical topside moments, this is your chance to show them off. You have plenty of time to either shoot something new or dig through your dive logs for the perfect entries. First and second place winners will have their work printed as an 8x10 and professionally framed, complete with a custom brass plaque featuring your name, award title, and placement. We are selecting frames to ensure your artwork is beautifully displayed.

And now, on to something just as exciting — **CID Board Elections** are just around the corner. If you have ever thought about volunteering this is your chance. The election will take place in **September**, and new board terms will begin in **October**. All positions are open, so whether you are new to club, a seasoned veteran or a

current board member, there is room for you to get involved. Some current board members may choose to run again, but ultimately it comes down to a vote. We will be sending more reminders months to come, and this newsletter includes the nomination forms if you would like to check them out early.

Moving forward, we have **three exciting beach dives** coming up! First up is **Nicholas Canyon**. If you are not familiar with it, it is one of my favorite sites when conditions are nice. On my last dive there, the kelp was tall and healthy, and there were plenty of fish 😊 — a real treat. I will not be attending this one myself, as I will be off scorching in the Arizona heat. However, fear not — **Rob Johnson** will be there to lead the dive.

Next, we head to **Palos Verdes** for a beach dive on **June 1**, which coincides with the **Scuba Show (31st & 1st)**. This is a great opportunity to explore a new dive spot in the morning and still make it to the show. It is shaping up to be an awesome month for diving.

We are also heading to **Picnic Beach in Laguna** on **June 7**. Laguna is beautiful, and this dive will double as a scouting expedition for future club adventures. I am especially looking forward to exploring more of this area — there is so much to see and enjoy.

Also in June, mark your calendars for **Saturday, June 21** — the weekend following our board meeting — for an **Introduction to Kayak Diving**, led by none other than **Mark Thompson**. The goal of this event is to give everyone a solid overview of what is needed to successfully dive from a kayak. By the end of the session, you will know which types of kayaks are suitable (and which ones to avoid), how to rig your gear, and — most importantly — how to avoid losing your kayak while you are underwater. (Now that would be a story!) If you do not have a kayak, do not worry. Sign up at this Months meeting, and I will do my best to find one for you. Just be sure to sign up at the meeting so we have time to make arrangements. Also, you are more than welcome to just attend the intro on shore if you like.

And last but certainly not least — we have **one ticket left for Bonaire!**

So whatever plans you might have had for October... cancel them and come join us! Just imagine it: an entire island to drive, dive, and explore — all in the warm, turquoise waters of the **Caribbean**. Perfect conditions, breakfast at Sebastiana's (included), coconuts, unlimited shore diving, and yes — a truck to haul your gear from dive site to dive site. Then we swing by the **Cadushy Distillery** to investigate the local spirits (strictly for research, of course 😊).

We will encounter flamingos and make tacos out of them, wander through the colorful towns, explore the pink lake flats, and relax on the beach under the sun with a cold drink and your favorite tunes. Oh yes — and I will be scouting local food spots. There might even be a kayak ride through the mangroves if we get lucky. I can already see it — eyes closed, huge smile on my face, soaking in the beauty of what is sure to be an unforgettable scuba adventure. I cannot wait!

~Del



RAFFLE WINNERS
April 16th 2025
Murphy Brothers win! And Rexy!



LET'S GO TO THE
SCUBA SHOW
May 31 & June 1 2025
Long Beach Convention Center
One Day Pass
Saturday or Sunday



May Speaker

Tyler Buckingham

Blue Robotics

"Exploring the Depths: Blue Robotics & the Future of ROV Diving"

The world of diving is evolving, and ROVs are playing a growing role in underwater exploration,

research, and recreation. In this presentation, I'll introduce Blue Robotics, a company making high-quality, low-cost marine robotics that are expanding access to the underwater world. I'll also dive into Bubble Time, an initiative focused on integrating ROVs into the diving

community — whether for scouting dive sites, capturing unique footage, or increasing dive accessibility.



Joining me will be Asher Bayless and Larsen Meckstroth, two student interns working on ROV-based experiences for divers, eco-tourism

operators, and recreational boaters. Together, we'll showcase real-world applications of Blue Robotics' technology and discuss how ROVs complement traditional diving, offering new ways to explore and interact with the underwater environment.

Whether you're a seasoned diver, a marine enthusiast, or just curious about underwater technology, this talk will provide insight into the growing intersection of diving and robotics.



Tyler Buckingham

Tyler Buckingham is a strategist and storyteller in the marine technology space, leading Blue Economy Strategy & Engagement at Blue Robotics. With a background in ocean and coastal industries, he has developed initiatives like Bubble Time, which explores how ROVs can enhance recreational diving, and Grow Line, which brings marine robotics into regenerative aquaculture.

Tyler's work focuses on making ocean technology more accessible, whether through education, professional applications, or recreational experiences. He is also an award-winning podcast producer and the former co-host of The American Shoreline Podcast Network, where he highlighted diverse voices in the blue economy.

Based in Ojai, CA, Tyler is passionate about connecting people with the ocean through technology, exploration, and storytelling.





GULL ISLAND DIVE ADVENTURE

Written by: Remy

Situated on the south side of Santa Cruz Island, in a marine protected area (MPA) we traveled aboard the Spectre Dive boat to a small rocky outcrop known as Gull Island. A nice sized pos of dolphins guided us toward the rocky reefs and kelp forests which abound this more than six square miles of diving habitat.

At all three dive locations, a considerable surge was present, however, the underwater wildlife at Gull Island delivered. Large California Sheephead was found everywhere. Some of the males were among the largest I have ever seen and there were plenty of kelp bass, garibaldi, and other schooling fish as well. Fairly large California Spiny Lobsters were tucked into crevices along the reef. I was pleasantly surprised to see two octopus near one another and



further enjoyed a variety of nudibranchs, a sea star, and urchins along with an abundance of corals and sponges, but alas the purple hydrocoral eluded me.

During all the dives the sea lions came out of play but not a seal was in sight. The highlight of the dive was that I had the great pleasure of getting to spend it with two Dive Club Members, Ken and my friend Storm who also celebrated her birthday with us that day. We made a lot of new friends among the small diving group and some of us enjoyed a hot soak in the hot tub on the boat before heading back.



The return trip did not fail to provide a giant Mola Mola cruising by our boat followed by a showing of two-humpback whales, a momma and her calf, as they jumped and splashed ahead of us and continued their display for a short time before we sailed back to the harbor. This is a dive location worth a repeat visit.

The Next Club Boat Dive

Where: Spectre to Flame Reef, Santa Cruz Island

Depart from: Ventura Harbor

When: Friday, June 13, 2025

Time: Boarding at 6:00 am Friday, departing at 7:00 am and back to dock at 4:00 pm.

Cost: \$220 includes 3 dives, lunch and air. Limited to 25 divers

ALL TRIPS are dependent on weather

Note: Club members receive a 10% discount.

If you have questions, please get in touch with Ken at

info@channelislandsdiveadventures.com or call (805) 469-7288



Flame Reef

Is a rocky outcropping with a healthy kelp forest and a high spot that is about 45' deep. The north side is sloped leading down to boulders and rocky structures and depths to about 80' and the south

side levels out with some smaller boulders and sand at depths of about 45 feet. You can find lots of gorgonians, nudibranchs, invertebrates, lobster, rockfish and lots of macro.

BONAIRE BUDDY DIVE RESORT

OCT 18 - 25, 2025
GROUP DIVE TRIP



**ONE SPOT
LEFT**

7-Night Drive 'n Dive 6 Boat Dive Package

Includes Breakfast, Free Nitrox and 1 Truck Rental per Unit!

\$810 Non-Diver

\$1,429 per diver / Triple occ. in 2-bedroom apt.

\$1,210 per diver / Quad occ. in 2-bedroom apt.

\$70 per person tourist entry tax + \$40 marine park fee paid online or on island

Roundtrip airport transfers on Bonaire, 7 nights apartment accommodations with en-suite bathroom, separate living area, full kitchen, and balcony or patio, breakfast daily at Blennies Restaurant on site, Free Wi-Fi, 6 days of single-tank boat dives and unlimited shore diving, including tanks, weights & weight belt, Free Nitrox upgrade for Nitrox certified divers, and a 7 day truck rental (1 per unit, includes insurance/\$250 deductible)

1-bedroom apts. are on ground or upper floor with garden, pool or ocean view
2-bedroom apts. are on upper floor with either garden or pool view

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PROTECT YOUR VACATION INVESTMENT WITH TRAVEL TRIP INSURANCE

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CHANNEL ISLANDS DIVERS

Ventura County's Premier Dive Club (est. 1992)

Ventura County, CA

To join this group trip, Contact Del / 661-373-1532

president@channelislandsdivers.org

www.channelislandsdivers.org

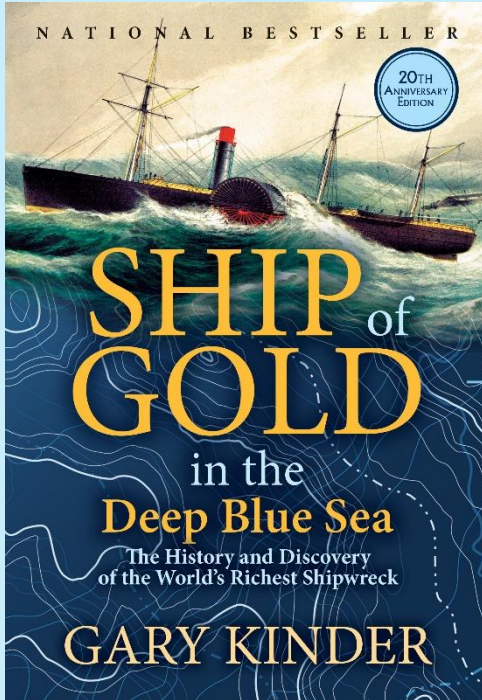
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EASTER DIVE and HUNT





Book of the Month



Ship of Gold

In The Deep Blue Sea

Written by Gary Kinder

This book tells the amazingly true tale of salvaging gold from a 131-year-old shipwreck in 8,000 feet of water nearly 200 miles from the Carolina Coast. The SS Central America, a 280-foot sidewheel steamer was carrying 578 crew and passengers returning from the California gold fields when she went down in a hurricane. Only 153 passengers survived making it the worst maritime disaster in U.S. History at the time.

“Ship of Gold” is an incredible story of the search, salvage, and court battles over “America’s greatest treasure ship”. On September 12, 1857, the SS Central America sank while transporting about 30,000 pounds of gold. In 1988, treasure hunter Tommy Thompson found the wreck and

made off with the gold, but the story didn’t end there.

I found parts of the Ship of Gold extremely interesting and other sections hard to wade through. The gold rush history and hurricane were great, while the financing, technology of the (ROV) remotely operated vehicle, and achievements of Tommy Thompson were rather dry. I felt that the author went into extreme detail describing many items which were of little significance.

The main character in “The Ship of Gold” is Tommy Thompson. He is portrayed in **“Ship of Gold”** as an almost Super-Hero-figure. It was interesting to discover that after this book was written, Thompson was sued by several investors who had provided \$12.5 million in financing and by several crew members. In 2009, he had an offshore account in the Cook Islands of \$4.16 million. Thompson went hiding in 2012. In January 2015, he was located by U.S Marshals and was extradited to Ohio to provide an accounting of the expedition profits. As of February 2025, Tommy Thompson had served nearly 10 years in prison and was still serving time for contempt of court. (Book reviewed by Steve Peterson)





SCUBA SHOW

THE DIVING EVENT OF THE YEAR!™

May 31 & June 1
Long Beach Convention Center

10 reasons why it's totally *worth it to go*:

1. It's **fun** – and even more with your buddies!
2. It's a *scene* and the **vibe is great**
3. **Connect** with what's happening **here in SoCal**
4. Great deals on dive **travel** to anywhere
5. Incredible shopping
6. Talk with **experts** in all aspects of diving
7. The **seminars!**
8. So. Much. **GEAR.**
9. *Fabulous* **door prizes** (\$-\$\$\$\$)
10. Club meet-ups:
 - Group pics at the Photo Booth
 - Lunch together
 - Saturday night party
 - Sunday am Beach dive at Palos Verdes
 - Sunday breakfast

Seminar Highlights

Schedule is up at
scubashow.com Just a few
highlights:

Mark Strickland on how to
approach shy marine life:

Sat+Sun

Todd Kortte on shooting
underwater video: Sat+Sun

Diving From a Private Boat: Sat

Fun with Calif Marine Life: Sat

**Channel Islands: California's
Underwater Jungle:** Sat

Diving the Sea of Cortez: Sat

Paddleboard & Kayak Diving:
Sun

New SoCal Wrecks: Sun

SoCal's Best Beach Dives: Sun

*Tickets will be
raffled at the at the
May meeting!*

LET'S GO to the SCUBA Show!

Tickets and info @ scubashow.com

Palos Verdes Dive - June 1st 2025

WHITE POINT



We are meeting at Palos Verdes, June 1st at 8 a.m., then heading over to the Scuba Show. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting for anyone who would like to carpool.

[Parking](#): 2117 W Paseo Del Mar, San Pedro, CA 90732

Unknown to many are the hot-water volcanic vents off Palos Verdes. Is Palos Verdes an active volcano? Not exactly. Actually, not at all. But at White Point you can see something truly unusual in California diving — underwater hot springs.

Many have likely seen fascinating documentaries on TV about the discovering incredible ecosystems that gather in the deep ocean purely supported by huge underwater volcanic vents. These ecosystems are extremely complex with hundreds of species. While tiny in comparison, a similar eco-system is happening off White Point. Bacteria live and thrive in the warm waters and nutrients bubbling up from deep in the earth's crust. White fungus in turn feeds on this bacteria and its waste. Underwater, it is near these areas of white fungus that you can find the hot springs. The term "hot" is a bit of an exaggeration. While you can take your glove off and feel the warm water at some of the larger springs, the temperature difference is minor and the vents do very little to change the water temperature in the cove.

White Point has some interesting history. It is the earliest dive site explored along the California coastline. In 1898 Japanese hard-hat divers discovered plentiful abalone and lobster in Issei Cove and along the nearby coastline and began harvesting operations. Those same early Japanese immigrants (Issei means "immigrant") also discovered the hot springs and a resort was built with a saltwater pool and dance hall. It prospered through the 1920's until the storms, depression and eventually WWII took its toll and the resort was closed. Ruins of the old resort can still be seen along the shoreline today.

For shore divers, the benefit to these early developments is the road that was built years ago that leads right down to the water's edge. The Palos Verdes Peninsula has some excellent shore diving, but there is no place to drive right to the water's edge except here.

White Point and Issei Cove lie within the Royal Palms State Beach (1799 Paseo Del Mar, San Pedro). Follow Western Avenue to its end and as the road veers to the left at its intersection with Paseo del Mar you will find the park. Parking at the bluff portion of the park is metered. Bring a few coins to drop in the meter and take some time to look over the dive site from high above. Entrance to the beach portion is the road down the hill and with admission of \$7. The gate closes at 6 p.m. Once down the hill turn to your left to head to White Point, Issei Cove and the main diving area. There are facilities in the park but unfortunately are not at the White Point diving area but to the west in the Royal Palms section. Parking is limited and then it is a short walk to the Issei Cove water entry area. Water entry is over slippery stones and best done at high tide. This can be a tricky water entry and when exiting, do so only in conditions of low surf.

In addition to the underwater hot springs there are interesting reefs and small kelp forests to explore. While the diving here is not as good as other parts of Palos Verdes, it does have its merits. Near shore there are interesting rock structures and boulders, some quite huge with lots of stars, urchins and fish. Within the cove and toward the wash rock to the left of center, there are the big boulders, and valleys and crevices between that make for interesting exploration in depths of 15 to 20 feet depending on the tides. There is a small kelp forest near the wash rock. Better kelp lies to the west off the point and just a short distance outside the cove. Depths here are 25 to 35 feet. You will find señoritas, opaleye, surf perch, garibaldi and calico bass. Some of the calicos are of decent size if you are interested in hunting. Lobsters are present under a few of the ledges but they are all small.

White Point is a great and easy way to beach dive the famous reefs of Palos Verdes. And with the bonus of the submerged hot springs, there is a great opportunity to see something that is truly unusual in California's underwater world.

Dive Spot At A Glance

Location: At the end of Western Ave. San Pedro on the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Access and Entry: A short drive down to water's edge and then a short walk to the water entry area. Take time on the bluff above to check out water conditions. Water entry can be tricky over slippery boulders and is best done at high tide.

Depths: 15 to 35 feet.

Visibility: Averages 10 to 15 feet.

Skill: Intermediate with rocky surf entry and exit experience required.

Photography: Good but it is tough to bring camera in and out over rocks.

Hunting: A few fair sized calico bass. Lobsters are here but all are small.

Hazards: Entry and exit can be tough over slippery rocks.

Facilities: None in this section of the park.

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

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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.

JOIN US AT OUR MONTHLY BEACH DIVES

When: The first Saturday of every month, as well as the Saturday following our monthly club meeting (which takes place on the 3rd Wednesday of each month), are the beach dive dates

Since this event is free, it's open to both members and non-members. Non-divers are also welcome—whether you want to snorkel, swim, or just offer land support! Check Facebook for updates and or club calender at www.ChannellIslandsDivers.org

UPCOMING BEACH DIVES

- 24-May** *Nicholas Canyon*
- 1-Jun** *Palos Verdes*
- 7-Jun** *Picnic beach lagoon*
- 21-Jun** *Intro to Kayak Diving. Kiddie beach*
- 5-Jul** *Leo Carrillo*
- 19-Jul** *Kayak Dive, TBD*
- 2-Aug** *Point lobos*
- 23-Aug** *Big rock beach*
- 6-Sep** *Refugio yearly club BBQ and dive.*
- 20-Sep** *La Jolla Shores Beach*
- 4-Oct** *County line*
- 18-Oct** *Bonaire trip*
- 1-Nov** *Lechuza beach*
- 22-Nov** *Point Dume*
- 6-Dec** *Christmas party*
- 20-Dec** *Last Dive 2025*

UPCOMING BOAT DIVES

- 13-Jun** *Spectre-Flame reef, Santa Cruz*
- 12-Sep** *Spectre-Gull Island, Santa Cruz*
- Oct/Nov** *TBD*



**Sign up at
the meeting**

LAGUNA ROAD TRIP JUNE 7 2025

**CARPOOL SIGN UP
SHEET AT CLUB MEETING**



PICNIC BEACH DIVE



LOCATION: 499 CLIFF DR, LAGUNA BEACH, CA
DIVE TIME: 10:00 AM
2 TANKS DIVE WITH LUNCH BREAK AT THE BEACH



Channel Islands Dive Club Annual Photo Contest

2025 Rules for Entry

The 2025 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, Delbert Stewart, by the club's **General Meeting on October 15, 2025**.

You may email to president@channelislandsdivers.org, send it via google drive, or store it on a thumbdrive and give it to Delbert Stewart. 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
2025 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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CALENDAR

MAY 1 - Beach Dive - Malibu Road Beach Dive 21 - Club Meeting Speaker: Channel Islands Naturalist Corps 24 - Beach Dive - Nicholas Canyon, Malibu 26 - Board Meeting	JUNE 7 - Beach Dive - Picnic Beach Laguna Beach 18 - Club Meeting Speaker: UPDATE with White Abalone Moss Landing Marine Labs 21 - Intro to Kayak Diving with Mark Thompson at Kiddie Beach, Oxnard 23 - Board Meeting	JULY 5 - Beach Dive - Leo Carillo 16 - Club Meeting Speaker: Darvil McBride 19 - Beach Dive - Leo Carillo 21 - Board Meeting
AUGUST 2 - Beach Dive - Point Lobos 20 - Club Meeting Speaker: TBA 23 - Beach Dive - Big Rock Beach 25 - Board Meeting	SEPTEMBER 6 - Beach Dive - Point Lobos 17 - Club Meeting Speaker: TBA 20 - Beach Dive - La Jolla Shores 22 - Board Meeting	OCTOBER 8 - Beach Dive - Point Lobos 15 - Club Meeting Speaker: TBA 18 - BONAIRE! 20 - Board Meeting

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CURRENT MEMBERSHIP: 109

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

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