



August 2016 E-Newsletter

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Did You Know?

Marine Protected Areas Aren't Here Indefinitely!

California's MPAs need your support! Opponents to MPAs, including some fishing groups, continue to lobby for the removal of MPAs. It is critical to demonstrate ongoing public support for our MPAs. Voice your support for MPAs by signing [this petition](#), which provide safe havens for marine life to recover and thrive.

Register for the Santa Barbara AQUATHON! September 17th



Register today for Channelkeeper's first annual [Santa Barbara AQUATHON](#) on September 17th at Leadbetter Beach from 8 am-12 noon!

This multi-sport fundraiser will be a fun, family-friendly celebration of clean, swimmable water, and everyone is invited to dive in! The event will include a Surfathon for kids 14 years and under; a 500-meter and 1K Swimathon for serious swimmers, training triathletes, and recreational swimmers; and a 5K SUP race around a charted course.

Registration is \$45 per person, \$25 for youth participants under 14 years old, and includes a Santa Barbara AQUATHON t-shirt. So [register](#), start training, and get ready to dive into the [Santa Barbara AQUATHON!](#) We hope to see you there!

Vote to Uphold Statewide Plastic Bag Ban in November!

Single-use plastic bags are damaging to the environment and wildlife, expensive to clean up, and an easily preventable source of



Download the Waterkeeper Swim Guide app for real-time water quality data at local beaches



litter. This July would have been the one-year anniversary of California's statewide bag ban, but thanks to big spending by out-of-state plastic companies to fight the ban, the bag ban's fate is up to California voters to decide. The referendum to overturn, **Proposition 67, will be the very last item** on a very long list of initiatives on this November's ballot. This November, please remember to **cast your vote to uphold the statewide bag ban - Yes on 67!**

Stream Team August 6th & 7th



Stream Team is Channelkeeper's volunteer-based water quality monitoring program. Every month, volunteers join Channelkeeper staff to test for common water quality parameters at numerous sites in the

Ventura River and Goleta Valley watersheds. Come join us to help protect our local waterways. Stream Team in Ventura will meet at 9am on Saturday, August 6th, and Goleta Stream Team will meet at 10am on Sunday, August 7th. For more information, visit our [website](#), [email](#) us or call 805.563.3377 ext. 5.

Surf 'N' Suds Beer Festival Saturday, August 13th

[DEEP Surf Magazine](#) brings you the fourth annual "Surf 'n' Suds" on Saturday, August 13th in sunny Carpinteria. This awesome beer festival with a surf twist will feature over 60 craft breweries, live bands and plenty of food trucks, more than a dozen local surfboard shapers, and several ocean-related nonprofits, including Channelkeeper. [Get your tickets today](#), as the event has sold out in past years!



Dive Trip with Truth Aquatics September 11th

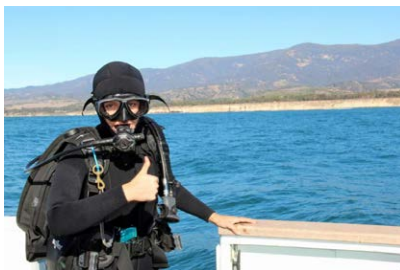
Join [Truth Aquatics](#) and Santa Barbara Channelkeeper on September 11th from 7am-4pm for a special limited-time discounted trip to the Naples Marine Protected Area (MPA).



Experience the breathtaking beauty of this stunning stretch of coastline as we cruise up from the Santa Barbara Harbor and anchor at Naples Reef, one of southern California's richest ocean areas. Dive in and experience the diversity of marine life that makes the Naples MPA so unique. To get a sneak peak of what you might see and to access our recently published [Naples Reef Dive Map](#), visit our [Naples Dive Portal](#).

To reserve your spot, call Truth Aquatics at 805-962-1127. The trip costs \$70 per person (includes meals and air fills); dive gear and snorkeling rentals are available for an additional fee.

Become a Channelkeeper Member!



Your support for Channelkeeper's efforts is needed now more than ever. [Become a member](#) of the Channelkeeper crew today with your [tax-deductible donation](#). You'll be investing in clean water and healthy communities along the Santa

Barbara Channel today and for future generations. With your membership, you will receive our regular newsletters, news updates and action alerts, invitations to special Channelkeeper events and fun volunteer opportunities, and a free Channelkeeper sticker. All new donors contributing \$50 or more can also receive a Channelkeeper t-shirt, and for donations of \$250 or more, bi-annual issues of [Waterkeeper](#) magazine. Sign up today by calling 805.563.3377 ext. 2, [emailing](#) us, or clicking [here](#).