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Did You Know?

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Help Us Keep the Boat Afloat

With the political tide turning, it's clear there are tumultuous seas ahead. But with your help, Santa Barbara Channelkeeper will continue to do what we do best - protect the extraordinary beauty and biodiversity of the Santa Barbara Channel. Having a boat on the water is critical to our success. Our boat, the *R/V Channelkeeper*, is a 31-foot JC lobster boat that allows us to patrol and protect our waterways from pollution and habitat degradation. Please check out our [KEEP THE BOAT AFLOAT](#) website to see how the *R/V Channelkeeper* makes it possible for Santa Barbara Channelkeeper to be your clean water watchdog!



California Bans the Bag!



Channelkeeper is thrilled that Californians elected to uphold the nation's first state law to ban plastic grocery bags by voting Yes on Proposition 67 and No on Proposition 65. The statewide bag ban, which was signed into law in September 2014, enters into effect on December 9th in all parts of the state that did not already have a local bag ban ordinance in place. Many thanks to all voters who supported this pivotal law, which will protect our creeks, rivers,

You can take action with Waterkeeper Alliance to help water protectors at Standing Rock! Click [here](#) to learn how you can join the Month of Solidarity to support the Standing Rock Sioux in their fight against the Dakota Access Pipeline.



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wildlife and ocean from plastic bag pollution and will set an example for the rest of the country. Cheers to plastic bag-free beaches and waters!

Rein the Rain

Through our Rein the Rain Project, Channelkeeper is partnering with local vintners and brewers to convert oak barrels previously used to age wine and beer into rain barrels and distributing them to community members who want to conserve water. As California enters into the sixth year of a historic drought, tools like rain barrels promote water conservation while also reducing stormwater runoff, our number one source of water pollution. Many thanks to our first barrel donors, Figueroa Mountain Brewery, Beckmen Winery, Buttonwood Winery, and Imagine Wines, and to SoCalGas for supporting the project. To all winemakers and brewers in the Santa Barbara area, please consider donating your used barrels. To water-conscious citizens who want a rain barrel, we currently have a waiting list but will have more available later this year, so [email](#) us to reserve yours today!



Help Us Document King Tides



King Tides will be hitting our shores again soon and Channelkeeper needs your help! King Tides are naturally occurring, high winter tides that provide a glimpse of how rising sea levels caused by climate change could impact our shoreline, as the high tides of today could be the norm in the future. You can join Channelkeeper and the [California King Tides Project](#) to help identify and catalog coastal areas vulnerable to tidal inundation. The goal of this initiative is to promote awareness of the potential impacts of sea level rise on our region in an effort to support climate change mitigation and adaptation policies. Head out to local beaches and take photos of the morning high tides on December 13th and 14th. We are

particularly interested in documenting impacts to special habitats and infrastructure (buildings, sea walls, piers, outfalls, etc.). Send your photos to jennad@sbck.org and share on social media using #kingtides.

Eat Lucky Penny Pizza, Support Channelkeeper!

Lucky Penny has chosen Santa Barbara Channelkeeper as its beneficiary for *805 Living* magazine's first-ever Dishing It Out for Charity Challenge! Lucky Penny created a unique dish especially for the challenge - a Smoked Chicken Pizza (chicken, bacon, smoked mozzarella, cherry tomatoes, watercress, fresh thyme and chili flakes topped with mornay sauce, oh my!) - and for every one sold during the months of November and December, they will donate \$2 to Channelkeeper. Who says you can't eat pizza every night? Thanks, Lucky Penny!



Stream Team December 3rd & 4th



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, December 3rd, and Goleta Stream Team will meet at 10am on Sunday, December 4th. For more information, visit our [website](#), [email](#) us or call 805.563.3377 ext. 5.

Channelkeeper to Sail in the Parade of Lights Sunday, December 11th

Join in the festivities at the Santa Barbara

Parade of Lights on Sunday, December 11th! Channelkeeper's boat, the *R/V Channelkeeper*, will be participating in the boat parade again this year. The theme for this year's parade is "A Wild West Holiday." Parade activities will



begin at 3 pm with Santa's Village on the City Pier in the Santa Barbara Harbor, with snow, elves and Santa himself! The boat parade begins at 5:30 pm. Judging will take place at Stearns Wharf and boats will be awarded prizes in five categories. The best viewing locations are Stearns Wharf and the breakwater. The evening will wrap up with a short fireworks display around 7 pm.

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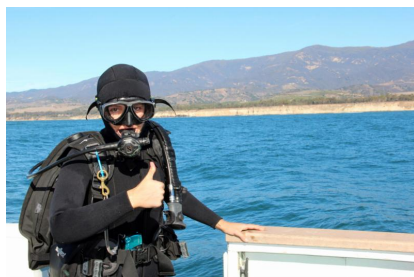
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