



Support Clean Water Today



Support Legislation to Protect California from Offshore Drilling

The Trump Administration's Draft 2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Leasing Plan proposes to open more than 90% of the total OCS to potential new and expanded oil drilling, including the Santa Barbara Channel. This new plan threatens the progress California has made to protect our coastal resources and to transition from dirty fossil fuels toward cleaner, renewable energy sources.

California legislators are fighting back and have introduced two bills that urgently need your support! **Senate Bill 834** (Jackson-Lara) and **Assembly Bill 1775** (Muratsuchi-Limón) would help protect the California coast by prohibiting the State Lands Commission from approving new, modified, or extended leases for oil and gas production or associated infrastructure (including pipelines) in state waters that would result in an increase of production from federal waters.

If you haven't already, please join us in voicing your support for these important bills! Click [here](#) for more information and a sample email of support.

Skip the



(Plastic) Straw, SB!

Join us in our campaign to Skip the (plastic) Straw! Americans use 500 million plastic straws a day - that's a lot of single-use plastic making its way to the landfill or, even worse, into our creeks, beaches and ocean, where it can impact wildlife. As part of our [Skip the](#)

[Straw, SB](#) campaign, we are asking businesses to offer straws only upon request, to print that they are doing so on their menus, and to consider switching to environmentally friendly options like reusable or paper straws. This will not only help businesses save money by reducing the numbers of straws they give away, but it will also help reduce our plastic footprint.

We've partnered with local school groups to conduct outreach to businesses, which has been very well-received. Some of the students shared their work with the Santa Barbara City Council earlier this spring; check out the [video](#). We're honored to work with such dedicated students to help us spread the message to Skip the Straw, SB!

Surf & Swim Safely - Use Swim Guide!

With the summer beach season upon us, stay in the know about water quality conditions at local beaches and throughout the nation with the free [Waterkeeper Swim Guide](#) app! The app provides up-to-date information about water quality conditions at more than 7,000 beaches, coves, rivers, parks, piers and creeks. Swim Guide also helps users get directions to nearby beaches, view photos, learn what beaches are good for children, and even report pollution immediately to the nearest local Waterkeeper. [Download the app](#) today and surf and swim safely this summer!



Cruise Control

The spring cruise ship season in Santa Barbara has come to a close, and Channelkeeper was out on the water to greet the *Celebrity Infinity* on May 18th as it entered the Santa Barbara Channel. As part of our ongoing cruise ship

watchdog patrols, we hail the giant ships over marine radio to welcome

them to Santa Barbara and politely remind them that they have just entered the voluntary "no dumping" zone that extends 12 miles from the shore of the Santa Barbara Harbor, and we ask for their confirmation that they intend to abide by the restrictions. We then follow the ships in to monitor water quality as they head to anchor outside the harbor. Cruise ships will return to Santa Barbara in September, with ten more visits scheduled before year's end. Channelkeeper will continue these on-the-water cruise control watchdog patrols to monitor and deter cruise ships from polluting our waters.

West Beach Clean-up June 2nd

Channelkeeper invites you to join us for a beach clean-up to kick off the summer along with Hospitality Santa Barbara on Saturday, June 2nd from 10 am-12 noon. Bring your friends and family - it's kid-friendly! We will meet volunteers on the beach just off the bike path near the intersection of Bath and Cabrillo, on the harbor side at West Beach. Clean-up supplies will be provided, but we ask that volunteers help us generate less waste by bringing your own gloves and a bucket if you have them. We hope to see you there!



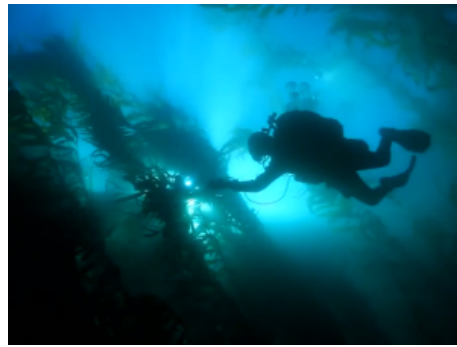
World Oceans Day June 8th

In 2008, the United Nations General Assembly designated June 8th as "World Oceans Day" to raise global awareness of the current challenges faced by the international community

in connection with the oceans and to be part of the solution. This year's theme is focused on preventing plastic pollution and encouraging solutions for a healthy ocean. Celebrate by diving in and exploring one of the many [Marine Protected Areas](#) in the Santa Barbara Channel, visiting the Santa Barbara Sea Center for the [World Oceans Day Festival](#) on Saturday, June 9th, and making a pledge to use less single-use plastic for plastic-free seas.

Dive Naples and Campus Point MPAs! June 9th

Join [Truth Aquatics](#) and Channelkeeper to celebrate [World Oceans Day](#) on a special, limited-time discounted trip to the Naples and Campus Point Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) on Saturday, June 9th from 7 am-4 pm. Dive in and experience the breathtaking beauty of this stunning stretch of coastline and the diversity of marine life that makes these MPAs so unique. For a glimpse at what's under the surface, [check out Channelkeeper's Naples Reef and Campus Point Dive Portals](#), including dive maps and videos. Excursion costs \$70 per person (including meals and air fills). **LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE SO RESERVE NOW by clicking [here](#)** or calling 805.962.1127. Dive gear and snorkeling rentals are available at your own expense.



Stream Team June 3, July 8, August 11 & 12

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

stream sites across the South Coast. Come join us to help protect our local waterways. Goleta Stream Team will meet on Sunday, June 3rd, July 8th and August 12th at 10 am, and Ventura Stream Team will meet on Saturday, August 11th at 9 am. For more information, visit our [website](#), or [email](#) us or call 805.563.3377 ext. 5.



2018 Harbor Clean-up a Success!

A HUGE thanks to the 60 volunteers, including a dozen divers and over 45 dock workers, who removed two tons of trash from the seafloor beneath Marina 2 on May 5th as part of the

City of Santa Barbara's annual Operation Clean Sweep harbor clean-

up. This brings the program's 12-year total to 21.2 tons! Items removed this year included two dozen shellfish receivers, an oven, trash cans, hand tools, buoys, a bicycle, a refrigerator, beach chairs, a sail bag, a tire, two toilets, a marine battery and a 500-pound iron keel (the latter lifted with a winch on Patrol Boat #3). Channelkeeper was thrilled to be one of the community partners in this awesome event, along with Santa Barbara Surfrider Foundation, the Maritime Museum, NOAA, Salty Dog Dive Service, Scrub-A-Dub Dive Service, Monterey Diving, and UCSB.

Become a 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. 1, [emailing](#) us, or clicking [here](#).



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