

January 2020 E-Newsletter



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Happy New Year!

Best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2020 from the Santa Barbara Channelkeeper family to yours!





Anacapa Island Dive Portal Now Available Online!

Channelkeeper is pleased to offer a late holiday gift this month for local SCUBA divers and others who want to learn more about the Santa Barbara Channel's Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). Our new Anacapa Island State Marine Reserve Dive Map is now available, both [online](#) and in print form at local dive shops near you. The new

map highlights prime dive spots, and features detailed illustrations of underwater terrain and links to special videos of each location so that divers and non-divers alike can see what this awesome underwater park has to offer. The map is part of our ongoing work to promote access and enjoyment of the Santa Barbara Channel's MPA network. MPAs create safe havens for marine wildlife to reproduce, grow and replenish adjacent areas, leading to stronger and more resilient marine ecosystems overall. MPAs are not only valuable for protecting coastal ecosystems, but also provide recreational and economic benefits.

Help others learn what MPAs have to offer by sharing this map with your friends, and don't forget to check out our other dive maps (for [Naples Reef](#) and [Coal Oil Point](#)) in our growing MPA Dive Atlas.

Recycled Water Coming to Carpinteria

In mid-December, the Carpinteria Valley Water District voted unanimously to certify the final environmental impact report (EIR) for the proposed [Carpinteria Advanced Purification Project](#) (CAPP), a water reclamation project that will create a new, drought-proof source of potable water for Carpinteria. The "indirect potable reuse" project will produce

about 1,100 acre-feet per year (AFY) of drinking water from highly treated wastewater. The treated wastewater will be injected into the groundwater aquifer and retreated before being distributed through the potable water delivery system to homes and businesses. Channelkeeper submitted comments on the draft EIR to voice our support for the project. Given our changing climate and the likelihood of more frequent droughts on the horizon, Channelkeeper believes recycling wastewater for reuse as potable water is critical to a more sustainable water future for our region. We support and are championing recycled water because it benefits the marine environment by reducing the amount of treated sewage dumped into the ocean and turning it into a valuable new source of drinking water.



King Tides are Returning to Santa Barbara

King Tides will be hitting our shores again on January 10-12 and February 8-9, providing a glimpse of how rising sea levels caused by climate change could impact our shoreline. Although king tides are naturally occurring and predictable, they are particularly high compared to tides throughout the rest of the year and thus offer an opportunity to see how infrastructure and ecosystems may be impacted as sea level rises, since the high tides of today could be the norm in the future. Check out our [photo album](#) and [interactive Google map](#) to see how our local beaches could be impacted. You can also head out to the coast during the mornings on January 10-12 and February 8-9 to witness and photograph these high tides yourself. [Email](#) us your photos and share on social media using #kingtides. State and local officials and climate change researchers use the images taken during king tides to validate sea level rise models and better assess local flood vulnerabilities for planning purposes.



Buy Axxess Books and Support Channelkeeper

Axxess Books also make great holiday gifts! [Santa Barbara Axxess](#) features exclusive discounts at more than 550 local merchants, including unbeatable savings on restaurants, wine tasting, home, fitness and more! Buy your Axxess books from Channelkeeper and Axxess will donate \$13 of your \$40 purchase price back to us! Swing by our office at 714 Bond Avenue in Santa Barbara, contact us by [email](#), or call 805.563.3377 ext. 2 to get yours today.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Stream Team](#)

[Underwater Parks Day](#)

January 12



Stream Team is Channelkeeper's volunteer-based water quality monitoring program. Come join us to help monitor and protect our local waterways. Goleta Stream Team will meet on Sunday, January 12th at 10 am. Please RSVP via [email](#). For more information, visit our [website](#), [email](#) or call us at 805.563.3377 ext. 3.

January 18



January 29th is Underwater Parks Day - a day dedicated to educating the public about [Marine Protected Areas \(MPAs\)](#) and California's landmark initiative to establish a network of MPAs along its entire coast. Please join us in celebrating our local MPAs at the Sea Center's Underwater Parks Day Festival on Saturday, January 18th from 10 am - 3 pm (admission is free!). With hands-on activities and marine science investigations, this is a fun event for kids and adults alike. Stop by Channelkeeper's table to learn more about MPAs and how you can help monitor and promote them!

MPA Watch Volunteer Training Late January



Channelkeeper is looking for dedicated volunteers to help us record and track human activities in and adjacent to Santa Barbara's

Dirty Martinis for Clean Water February 6

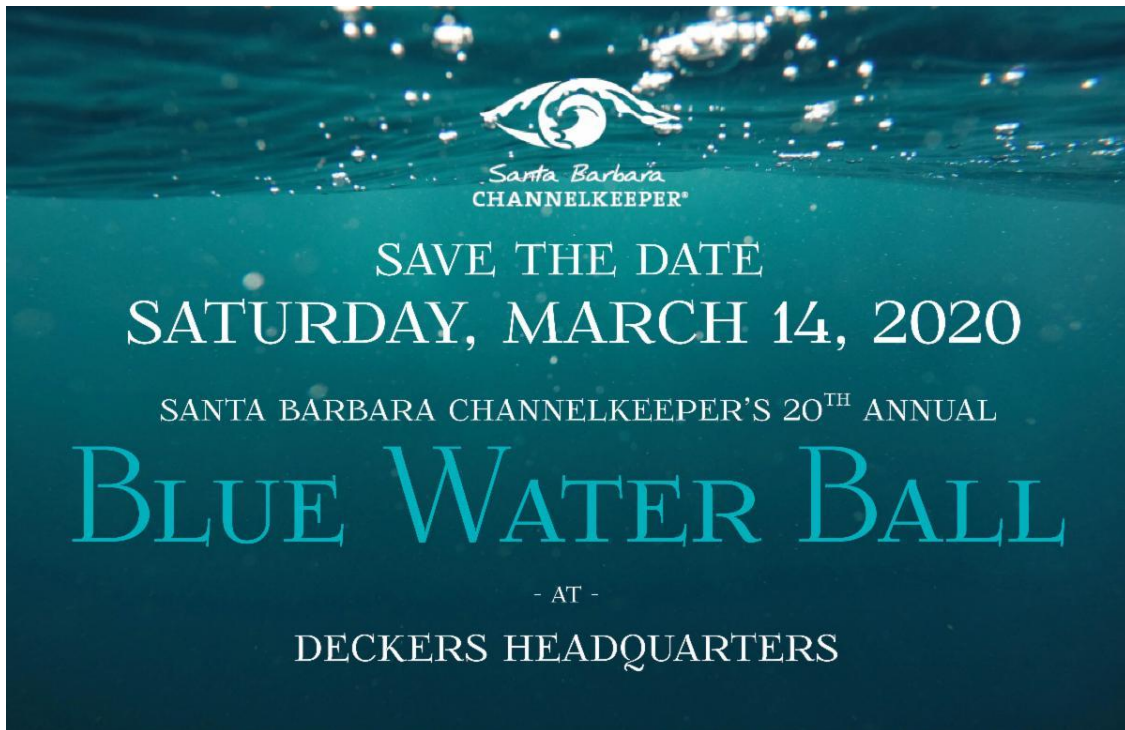


Please join Channelkeeper at [Bluewater Grill](#) on Thursday, February 6th from 5:30-8:30 pm for our Dirty Martinis for Clean

Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) through our MPA Watch program. The data we collect provides important information to understand how people are using MPAs and also helps inform MPA management. Becoming an MPA Watch volunteer is easy and fun! Our next volunteer training workshop will take place in late January. If you want to attend or learn more about MPA Watch, please [email](#) or call us at 805.563.3377 ext. 4.

Water event and mingle with like-minded ocean lovers while supporting Channelkeeper's clean water mission. [Tickets](#) are \$40 each and include two cocktails, appetizers, and a fabulous ocean view. Space is limited, and last year's event sold out in just four days, so click [here](#) to get your tickets today!

20th Annual Blue Water Ball March 14



Please join us on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at Deckers' Headquarters in Goleta for Channelkeeper's 20th Annual Blue Water Ball! The Blue Water Ball is our biggest and most important fundraiser of the year, and it will be extra special this year as we celebrate our 20th birthday! Help us raise critical funds to carry out our important work to protect and restore the Santa Barbara Channel while enjoying live music, fine local wines and beer, a gourmet dinner, dancing, and an extensive silent auction. You won't want to miss the opportunity to be part of one of the most celebrated and fun events of the year! Visit our [Blue Water Ball website](#) to buy your tickets or table today! If you'd like to become a sponsor, auction donor or volunteer, [email](#) or call us at 805.563.3377 ext. 2. We look forward to seeing you there!



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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