

November 2019 E-Newsletter



Happy Halloween from the Channelkeeper Crew!

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Island Brewing Co. Hosts Channelkeeper Beach Sampling Lab

Channelkeeper is stoked to share that our friends at [Island Brewing Company](#) are generously hosting our Rincon Beach water quality sampling lab at their tap room in Carpinteria! We are currently testing water quality at Rincon Beach once a week and posting our results at the brewery as well as on our [website](#). Once the rainy season begins, we will ramp up our sampling to three times a week so that surfers, swimmers and beachgoers have current info on beach water quality before they dive in. Also, Channelkeeper is looking for volunteers in the Carpinteria area to help us with sample collection and processing, so please [email us](#) if you're

interested or to learn more.

Oil & Gas Update

Channelkeeper's Science & Policy team was out patrolling local beaches this past month to conduct our quarterly tar ball surveys. We document the coverage and characteristics of tar balls along 14 beaches between Gaviota State Beach and Solimar Beach in Ventura County in order to help create a baseline measurement of tar coverage for comparison in the event of an oil spill. The data we're collecting is being used to build a database of what "normal" amounts of tar on our beaches look like so we can differentiate spilled oil from oil from natural seeps in the future.

Channelkeeper is also preparing for the impending process of decommissioning five offshore oil platforms in the Santa Barbara Channel. Check out this newly written [Citizen's Guide to Offshore Oil and Gas Decommissioning](#), which was put together by the California State Lands Commission and the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement. We will also be attending a two-day forum on oil platform decommissioning on January 13-14, 2020 at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach. This forum is open to the public – click [here](#) for more information. You can also join Channelkeeper at the upcoming [Community Town Hall](#) meeting on November 7th from 6-8 pm to hear updates about the decommissioning of Platform Holly and get your questions answered by the California State Lands Commission



Giving Tuesday Save the Date

Every year we get days for deals: Black Friday, Cyber Monday, and even Thanksgiving Day. [Giving Tuesday](#) is our chance to give back. Tune in December 3rd to find out how you can help Channelkeeper ignite curiosity and lifelong passion for the ocean in a child in our community.

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[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 November 2 & 3



Stream Team is Channelkeeper's volunteer-based water quality monitoring program. Come join us to help monitor and protect our local waterways. Ventura Stream Team will meet Saturday, November 2nd at 9 am. Goleta Stream Team will meet on Sunday, November 3rd at 10 am. Please RSVP via [email](#). For more information, visit our [website](#), [email](#) or call us at 805.563.3377 ext. 3.

Patagonia 2019 Salmon Run November 3



Join Channelkeeper on Sunday morning, November 3rd at Patagonia's annual [Salmon Run](#) along the lower Ventura River. This year's race will benefit our friends at [Los Padres Forest Watch](#) and their mission to protect wildlife, wilderness, and clean water throughout the Los Padres National Forest, the Carrizo Plain National Monument, and other public lands along California's central coast. The race is now

sold out - but all are welcome to cheer on runners and check out the great raffle prizes!

Montecito Beautification Day November 2



Calling all Montecito residents!
Channelkeeper will be tabling at the 34th Annual Montecito Beautification Day hosted by the Montecito Association this Saturday, November 2, at 1470 East Valley Road. This year's theme is "Resilient is Brilliant," and we are looking forward to supporting residents as they clean and beautify areas in the neighborhood that need a little extra attention. Festivities start at 9am and will run until about noon. See you there!

SB Surf Film Festival November 8 & 9



Santa Barbara has an amazingly rich history of surf culture, and we are excited to celebrate this history at the inaugural [Santa Barbara Surf Film Festival](#) on November 7-8. We will be tabling throughout the weekend-long event at the Arlington Theater. Be sure to stop by and say hello while checking out some of the films and activities!

**Save the Date: The 20th Annual Blue Water Ball is
March 14, 2020!**

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information!



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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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