



# Santa Barbara CHANNELKEEPER®



## TACKLING MARINE DEBRIS AT THE CHANNEL ISLANDS

In May, Channelkeeper staff and volunteers partnered with fishermen and local organizations to clear approximately 5,763 pounds of trash and debris from Chinese Harbor on Santa Cruz Island.

This is the fourth year of collaborative cleanups at the Channel Islands for Santa Barbara Channelkeeper, the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, Santa Barbara Adventure Company, Island Packers, and the Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara. This year, Tidy Seas supported the effort as well.

Trash from the mainland and lost fishing gear are carried out into the Santa Barbara Channel and beyond by ocean currents and waves. Some of this debris washes up on the remote shores of the Channel Islands, while other persists in the Pacific Ocean.

The large amount of debris that had accumulated in Chinese Harbor—including tires, irrigation pipes, fishing gear, plastic, and metal—was shocking to volunteers, especially considering that this group cleaned the same beach last fall.

During the cleanup, twenty-nine volunteers spread out along a two-mile stretch of beach to collect debris. They ferried the debris from shore using kayaks and

skiffs and loaded it onto boats waiting offshore. The boats brought the debris back to the mainland for disposal.

This Channel Islands debris removal program is funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Marine Debris Program through a contract with the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation to remove marine debris from five different marine sanctuaries across California, Washington, and the Gulf of Mexico.

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#### **CHANNELKEEPER BOARD MEMBER MIMI DEGRUY SHARES OCEAN FILMS**

For Channelkeeper's May Board Walk, award-winning filmmaker and board secretary Mimi deGruy shared film footage captured in and around the Channel Islands. The presentation included selected clips from three films she and her late husband, the underwater cinematographer Mike deGruy, completed for National Geographic, the BBC, and PBS between 1989 and 2003.

Technical and artistic feats of underwater cinematography dazzled a packed auditorium at the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum, starting with a macro look at a baby shark emerging from its egg case. Rich in narrative, the inclusions also captured the devastation of an El Niño year on sea stars and sea lion populations, the agility of an octopus mastering a maze, the beauty of nudibranchs and other jewel-like creatures living in the holdfasts of giant kelp, and more.

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## OCEAN-POSITIVE ACTIONS FOR WORLD OCEANS DAY June 8

This year's United Nations World Oceans Day marks the launch of a new multi-year action theme, Catalyzing Action for Our Ocean & Climate, that aims to build transformative collaboration and create a healthy blue planet, and a more just, equitable, and sustainable society.

In honor of **World Oceans Day** and this year's theme, we invite you to perform one (or more!) ocean-positive actions this month. Spend an hour **picking up trash** in your watershed, learn more about **plastic reduction policies**, or **donate** to an organization focused on marine conservation.

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**WORLD OCEANS DAY CELEBRATION**  
**June 8 @ 10:00 AM**  
**Sea Center on Stearns Wharf**

In celebration of World Oceans Day 2024, the Sea Center will be free of charge on June 8th, thanks to the generous support of the UCSB Associated Students Coastal Fund and the Stearns Wharf Merchants Association.

Enjoy a day filled with oceanic wonder and stewardship. Meet an array of community partners dedicated to ocean conservation and celebration, including Santa Barbara Channelkeeper, California State Parks, UCSB's Caselle Lab, The Fish Reef Project, Channel Islands Naturalist Corps, Channel Islands Marine and Wildlife Institute, Santa Barbara Channel Whale Heritage Area, and Channel Islands Restoration. We hope to see you there!

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## VISIT TIDEPOOLS AND HELP COLLECT DATA

Our colleagues at the California Academy of Sciences are looking for volunteers throughout California to join the **2024 Snapshot Cal Coast** event from **June 1st to June 30th**. You can help document California's incredible coastal biodiversity!

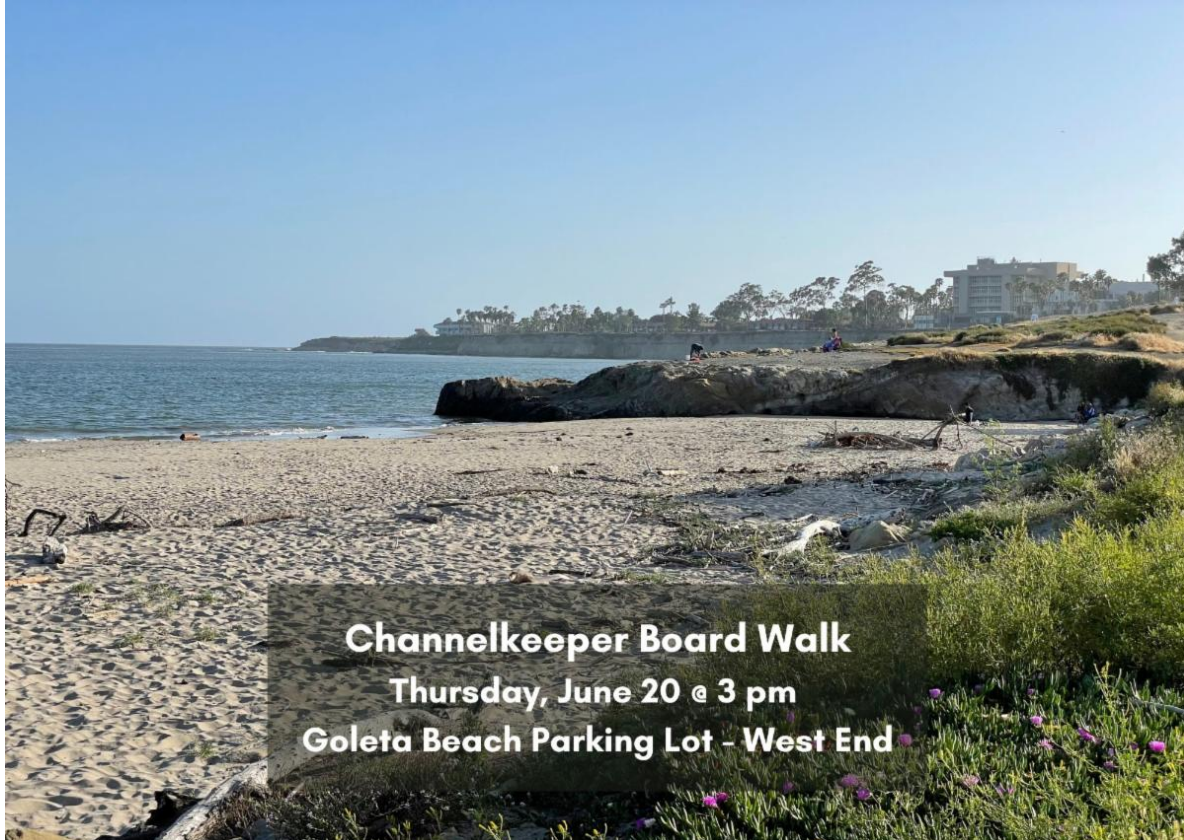
Snapshot Cal Coast is an annual statewide community science effort that encourages people to make and share observations of plants, animals, and seaweeds along the California coast using the **iNaturalist** app. The goal is to create a valuable snapshot in time of where species are located along our coast.

Participants are asked to visit a local beach or tidepool and, using the **iNaturalist** app, take photos and make observations of seaweeds, plants, and animals. Local areas of particular interest include Coal Oil Point in the Campus Point Marine Protected Area and the Carpinteria Tar Pits.

Be sure to follow the **Snapshot Cal Coast 2024** project in iNaturalist and use the #SnapshotCalCoast hashtag when recording your observations. Enjoy the tidepools and please remember to follow tidepooling best practices for your safety and the protection of wildlife. Never remove any animals or seaweeds, take care to step on bare rock wherever possible, never move animals from place to place, and leave the tidepools as you found them. Check the **NOAA tide tables** for info.

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**Channelkeeper Board Walk**  
**Thursday, June 20 @ 3 pm**  
**Goleta Beach Parking Lot - West End**

**CHANNELKEEPER BOARD WALK**

**It's More than Just Sand - An Interpretive Walk Exploring the Hidden Ecology of the Sandy Beach Habitat with Boardmember Bob Warner**

**Thursday, June 20  
Goleta Beach Parking Lot (West/UCSB Side)**

Channelkeeper's June Board Walk will be an interpretive stroll on the most extensive intertidal habitat in Southern California, the sandy beach. Participants will meet at the western (UCSB) end of the Goleta Beach parking lot on June 20, 2024, at 3 pm.

Join us to learn about the hidden ecology of this extremely important habitat. This short hike will be led by board member Bob Warner, Research Professor of Marine Biology at UCSB.

The walk includes an easy saunter along the beach. Participants should wear shoes appropriate for the beach (or no shoes at all!) and bring a hat, jacket, water, and sunscreen.

Channelkeeper Board Walks are occasional walks and talks around town to explore water from different perspectives. They are designed for the whole community to understand our place in nature, especially with respect to life-giving water. Each is led by a Channelkeeper board member, drawing upon their expertise as naturalists, hydrologists, nature film producers, native plant gardeners, and more.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 3 pm!

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**PLASTIC-FREE JULY EXPO**  
Thursday, June 27, 2024  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
CEC Environmental Hub, 1219 State St.

Plastic Free July is a global movement that helps millions of people “be the solution to plastic pollution.” Join Channelkeeper and the Community Environmental Council for our 3rd annual Plastic-Free July Expo featuring more than a dozen local organizations, businesses, and government agencies offering information and resources for eliminating plastic during the month of July and beyond.

Learn about plastic-free initiatives in our community and how you can get involved. Activities for all ages will be offered, along with chances to win various prizes. Each attendee will take home a copy of the new [Bluedot Living Santa Barbara](#) Green Guide. Light refreshments will be served.

**Plastic Free July Info**





## **JULY 5TH CLEANUP COLLABORATION**

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**9:00 am - 11:00 am**

Channelkeeper's Watershed Brigade is collaborating with the City of Santa Barbara's Waterfront Department to help clean up our waterfront beaches after the July 4th festivities.

After a celebratory kickoff to summer, we see trash on our beaches and waterfront area following the July 4th festivities. Without additional resources to pick it up, this extra pulse of trash will end up in the ocean and hurt wildlife. Channelkeeper is pleased to partner with the City of Santa Barbara Waterfront Department on July 5th to address this issue.

Join us between 9 am to 11 am at one of three specified locations along the Santa Barbara Waterfront.

- East Beach 1: Beach entrance at the Cabrillo West Parking Lot
- East Beach 2: Beach entrance at the Palm Park Parking Lot
- Leadbetter Beach: Beach entrance at the Leadbetter Parking Lot

Participants will receive a coupon good for 2-for-1 beers at [Rincon Brewery](#).

**Sign Up!**

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**LAZY ACRES**  
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**Please Vote for Channelkeeper!**



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ENVIROTOKEN  
CANDIDATE!**

#### VOTE FOR CHANNELKEEPER

Channelkeeper has an opportunity to become a recipient of Lazy Acres' Envirotokens program but we need your help! Please consider voting for Channelkeeper by scanning the QR code in any Lazy Acres store or visiting [lazyacres.com/vote](https://lazyacres.com/vote) to select the Santa Barbara store and up to five local organizations on the ballot! The voting, which takes place from May 22 through June 18, will select nonprofits that will be the program's next beneficiaries.

Lazy Acres Envirotokens program rewards customers who make the sustainable choice to reuse bags and keep single-use items out of local landfills. When you shop at Lazy Acres and bring your own reusable bags, the store will give you a 10¢ Envirotoken per bag. The customer then pays it forward to one of six local nonprofits that have been hand-selected for doing important work in our area, with a focus on K-12 education efforts, hunger relief, and environmental stewardship. Thank you for promoting Channelkeeper in this year's vote!

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## SUPPORT CLEAN WATER

Want to make a difference for the environment and your community? Making a tax-deductible contribution to Santa Barbara Channelkeeper today is an investment in clean beaches, healthy watersheds, and a more sustainable future. Thank you for your support!

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