



Channelkeeper Honors National Water Quality Month

August is National Water Quality Month, an initiative of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to promote awareness around the value of our water resources and what we can do to protect them. Throughout the month, we are working to inspire conversations and learning around actions that our community can take to ensure that we all have access to safe, clean water for generations to come.

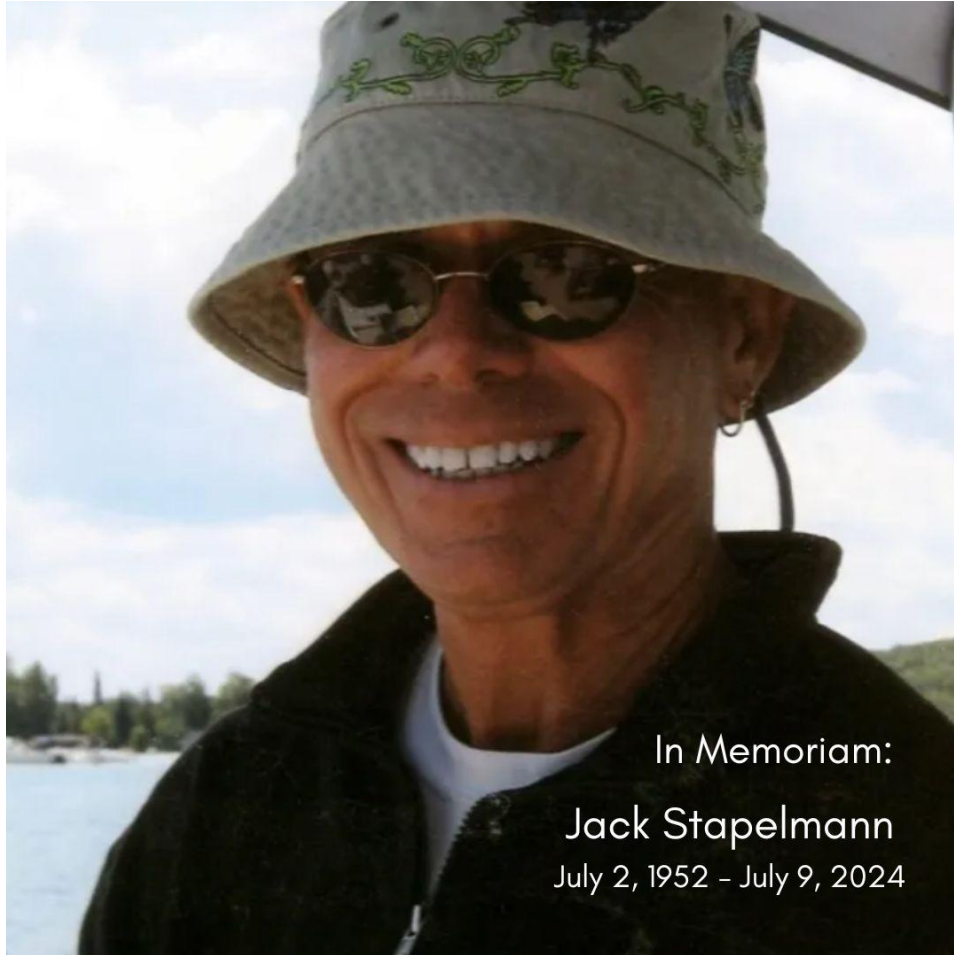
Protecting water quality in the Santa Barbara Channel is at the core of Channelkeeper's work to ensure that our community has access to clean, drinkable, swimmable, fishable water. To that effect, Channelkeeper monitors and advocates to protect water quality in the Santa Barbara Channel and surrounding watersheds.

Our team gathers and shares water quality data to help decision-makers protect and restore local waterways and to foster wider community awareness and involvement in protecting water quality. We collect plankton samples to monitor harmful algal blooms, respond to community member reports of pollution, and take action to ensure the enforcement of fundamental environmental laws. We also help educate the next generation of environmental scientists by teaching students water quality monitoring skills.

You can help us keep local waters clean. [Report](#) possible sources of pollution or [volunteer](#) with the Watershed Brigade to remove trash from beaches, creeks, rivers, and urban areas.

Read more about water pollution and how you can help address it on our blog.

[Read Blog](#)



Honoring the Life and Legacy of Jack Stapelmann

Channelkeeper is heartbroken by the passing of Jack Stapelmann, an extraordinary human being and an integral part of the Channelkeeper community.

As an accomplished sailor and boat builder, Jack was passionate about protecting the ocean—especially the Santa Barbara Channel. He helped found Santa Barbara Channelkeeper and chart the organization’s course over the years as a board member and enduring supporter. We are grateful beyond words for the trust he placed in us and the vision for clean water he inspired us with, as well as the many beautiful memories of him that we hold in our hearts. We send our condolences to Jack’s family and friends.



August Yoga + Beach Cleanup Event
Saturday, August 10
Leadbetter Beach

Channelkeeper is excited to host a beach cleanup and ocean-side yoga class with our partners [Sol Seek Yoga](#)! We hope you'll join us on August 10, at 9:00 am at Leadbetter Beach to gather trash and microplastics and enjoy an all-levels flow class! We'll also have raffle prizes!

Click below to reserve your spot in advance!

[Sign Up](#)



Santa Barbara Channelkeeper

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Happy Hour Fundraiser!

Libations • Snacks • Raffle • Trivia Quiz • Prizes

Wednesday, August 21 • 5:30 to 7:30pm

Rincon Brewery • 205 Santa Barbara St., Santa Barbara

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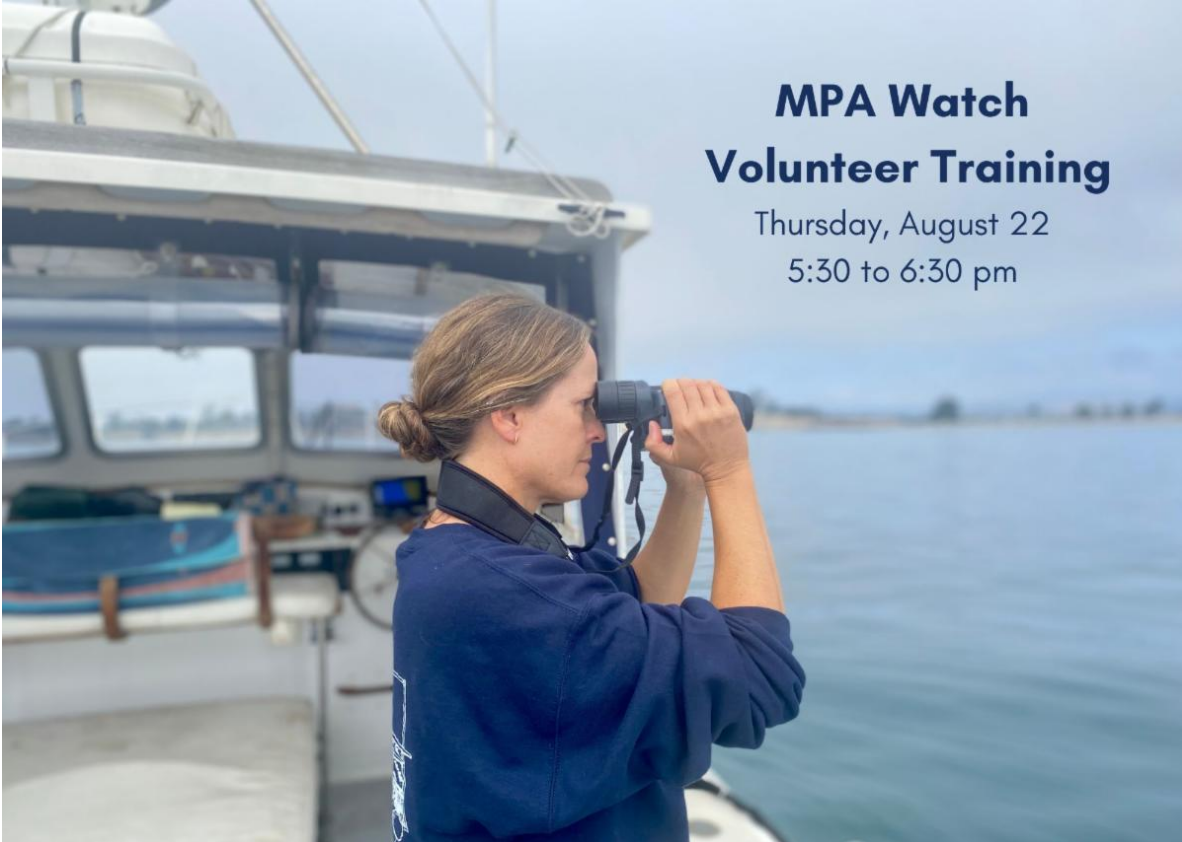
Let's gather as a community to raise a glass in support of clean water and healthy habitats!

We hope you'll join us at [Rincon Brewery's](#) Santa Barbara location on Wednesday, August 21st to enjoy refreshments, snacks, a raffle and trivia quiz, as well as fun prizes!

Tickets are \$35 and include admission, one drink (tap beer, house wine, or nonalcoholic beverage), and one raffle ticket. A sliding scale for tickets is available by contacting events@sbck.org.

Click below to get your tickets today!

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MPA Watch Volunteer Training

Thursday, August 22
5:30 to 6:30 pm

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Are you interested in becoming an MPA Watch volunteer? Sign up for Channelkeeper's Virtual Training on August 22, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

Channelkeeper's MPA Watch program conducts surveys of human use activities in our local marine protected areas (MPAs) at Campus Point MPA (IV/Goleta), Naples MPA, and Kashtayit MPA (Gaviota State Beach). The data collected helps to inform MPA monitoring and enforcement efforts. Surveys involve walking a designated transect along the beach at the MPAs mentioned above and recording all human use activities observed on the beach or just offshore. Volunteers are asked to conduct just three surveys per month.

The volunteer training workshop will take place virtually on Thursday, August 22, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Following the online workshop, there will be several opportunities to join a one-hour field training session at Campus Point in the Campus Point MPA.

Click below to sign up for the volunteer training workshop.

[**Register**](#)



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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