



# Channel Islands Dive Adventures



Hi Everyone,

April was a busy month with 2 sold out trips. The 1<sup>st</sup> was on the Raptor to the Spirit of America and the 2<sup>nd</sup> was on the Peace to Gull Island. Both trips worked out great with trip reports in this newsletter. At the end of May, I will be leading a group of 12 to Bonaire (2<sup>nd</sup> time there), should be fun! Who's going to the Scuba Show? Come on by the Raptor booth and say hi, I will be helping out at the booth both days.

Channel Islands Dive Adventures has plenty of trips planned for the rest of the year. Check the upcoming dive schedule and come join CIDA on your next adventure! As always, I am looking forward to meeting and diving with everyone this year.

Keep Diving, Ken Kollwitz

### Channel Islands Dive Adventures Mission Statement

Channel Islands Dive Adventures mission is to offer well organized dive trips to unique and interesting destinations with a dive/travel guide present, to help foster new friendships with other like minded divers and above all to promote safe and fun diving.



## Upcoming Dive Trips

Join CIDA on your next  
adventure!

<u>Trip Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 15 & 16	Long Beach Scuba Show (Raptor Booth)
June 26	Santa Cruz-backside
July 17	Anacapa-TBM Avenger
Aug. 27 & 28	San Miguel Pinnacles
Sept. 19	Santa Cruz-Yellowbanks
Oct. 31 & Nov. 1	San Nick-Bug Fest

\*Check the website [Dive Calendar](#) page for detailed information and prices on each individual trip, along with other CIDA planned trips for 2010.

## Early Diver Special

Sign up early for any CIDA Peace or Raptor trip and receive a \$10.00-\$35.00 discount. What a deal!!!

The Early Diver Special makes diving more affordable for everyone.

## Featured Web link

This month featured web link is all about family. My brother [Mike Kollwitz](#) is a musician living in Maui and I know many divers go there on vacation. Mike plays a very unique instrument called the Chapman Stick. His music is more like what you would hear on a smooth Jazz station. Check out his website and take a listen to some tunes, then when you're in Maui go see him play in person under the banyan tree.

## Featured Trip-Raptor to the backside of Santa Cruz Island



On Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, CIDA has a charter aboard the [Raptor](#) out of Ventura Harbor for a trip to the back side of Santa Cruz Island. The backside of Santa Cruz is full of excellent dive spots with most being around the Anchorages such as; Albert's, Willows and Laguna Harbor. Then there is Bowen Point and dive spots up against the island, like walls or steep slopes. Most of these spots have healthy kelp forests, fish and plenty of marine life to see and can be good for hunting, photo or sightseeing. The depths range from 20'-80' and visibility from 20'-60'

The plan is to do a longer run up the backside and depending on the weather and currents make the 1<sup>st</sup> dive a 60'-80' dive, and then start the trip back making a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> dive at two other good dive sites between 30'-60' deep. This trip is longer than normal for the [Raptor](#) and is specifically being made for CIDA. Most dive boats don't get up to the back side of Santa Cruz very often, so most of the sites are seldom dived. **This trip is good for intermediate divers and above. There could be possible currents at the dive sites and surface signal tubes are recommended for all CIDA trips.**

The cost is \$135.00 if paid before June 12th and includes 3 dives, food and air. Board at 6:30am with the Raptor departing at 7:30am, the approx. time back to the dock is 4:00-4:30pm. [For more information see the CIDA website.](#)



### Raptor Trip Report Spirit of America (Peacock)

On April 18<sup>th</sup> CIDA had an excellent trip aboard the Raptor

The Spirit of America is not a large wreck and the Raptor with its smaller size and speed is an excellent choice for a trip like this. Conditions were very nice out with us diving the wreck, a no name spot (very nice dive) and another spot we will not be going back to. You can't win them all. We had at least 40+ vis with low to mid 50's water temperature and a nice sunny day. [Read article](#) to see pictures and read more about the trip.



### Peace trip Report Gull Island

On April 25<sup>th</sup> CIDA had a fun trip to Gull Island aboard the Peace. This was another full trip filling up early.

We did 2 dives at Gull Island and 2 other dives along the backside of Santa Cruz. The weather was somewhat overcast with the sun trying to peak out towards the end of the day. Vis varied from 15'-30' and the water temperature was mid 50's. Check out the article to [read more](#) about the trip.

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