



# Channel Islands Dive Adventures



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Hi Everyone,

I have been thinking of starting my own dive charter/trip business for some time now with the idea of getting friends, other divers and myself out diving more to some cool and unique places. Over the years I have dived lots of different places that most dive boats don't usually go to for various reasons. Some of the reasons the dive boats don't go to these dive sites are they are too small for a large group, can be too advanced for the overall group and some just don't know where these dive sites are, because of this I have had to charter boats and setup trips for groups to get to some of these unique dive spots and I have met many other divers along the way that enjoy doing the same.

With this in mind, I have teamed up with the Raptor to get to some of these unique dive spots. I chose the Raptor because of its speed, small size, and their willingness to make some changes and try something different. CIDA's first trip on the Raptor was to Deep Hole (a 1<sup>st</sup> for the Raptor) on 10-11-09 and it was a big success. I am also looking into several other boats (Peace & Truth) for multi-day trips and some wreck trips to dive the Yukon, P-38 and the Hogan in San Diego off the Lois Ann along with some other ideas that I have. Please visit the CIDA website for much more information at [www.channelislandsdiveadventures.com](http://www.channelislandsdiveadventures.com). I look forward to diving with you soon.

Keep Diving, Ken Kollwitz

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## **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.

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## **Featured Web link**

I found this web link from the [Ventura County Star](#) while doing some research on the internet for wreck diving. It is a Google map of the Channel Islands and Southern California coastline showing wrecks around the islands and coast along with information on the wrecks. I thought it was quite cool looking and informative.

## **Wanted-Wanted-Wanted**

CIDA is looking for dive related pictures and videos for the new website. If you have any that you would like to show on the CIDA website, please check the CIDA website [media page](#) for more details.

## So, why dive on a CIDA run trip?



Channel Islands Dive Adventures (CIDA) runs trips you normally will not find on most dive boat schedules. CIDA charts the boat, picks the planned destinations (weather permitting), limits the amount of divers on every trip, sets gate times so you're not rushed and has a trip leader on every trip to help make sure things go smoothly and safely. You also get the chance to meet other divers that like the same types of diving you do, make new friends and get more bang for your buck if you like less crowded trips and diving different unique dive sites. If this sounds good to you, give us a try. Check out the website [FAQ](#) page for more information. We look forward to diving with you and want to make sure you have a great day diving with us!

### 2009 Dive Schedule

<u>Trip Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sat., Jan. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Anacapa Arches-Relaxed
Sat., Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Anacapa-Day/Night
Sun., April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Santa Cruz-Peacock Wreck
Sat., June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Santa Cruz-Back Side
Sat., July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Anacapa-TBM Avenger
Sun., Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Santa Cruz-Outer Yellowbanks
Sat., Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Santa Cruz-West End
Sat., Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Coastal Deep Hole-Drift Dives Only

\*Check the website [Dive Calendar](#) page for detailed information and prices on each individual trip.

### Staying Connected

To help stay connected CIDA will soon be on Face Book along with sending out a monthly newsletter and a periodic email or two.

\*Your information will only be used for CIDA business and will never be given to anyone else!



### CIDA Dive Locations and Channel Islands information

If you would like to learn more information about the Channel Islands, diving the islands and general weather for the islands take a look at the [Dive Locations](#) page and its sub pages.



## Deep Hole aboard the Raptor



On Sunday, October 11th Channel Islands Dive Adventures had our 1st trip to Deep Hole aboard the Raptor and it was awesome. Deep Hole is a very large area about 20 miles south of Ventura Harbor and is made up of large piles of rocks to large boulders with lots of fish (big ones), sea fans, kelp, bugs, small critters and more. The area goes from shallow to deep.

Anyway, on the trip we had 16 divers and a non diver (my wife). We left at 7:15 and with the Raptor traveling at 18 knots we were there at about 8:30-8:45 and it was a very smooth ride. The seas were about 1'-2' ft with overcast skies for most of the day. The sun tried to peak out for a short time, but decided to go back behind the clouds. Our 1st dive was at about 65' ft and the vis was an outstanding 40+ ft. This dive was very nice, I got 2 bugs and there was lots of schooling fish going through the kelp forest. At one point I looked to the side and a Bat ray was cruising through the water, couldn't get it much better. The 2nd and 3rd dive was more of the same thing with short moves between the dives and working our way a bit shallower. After the 3rd dive I had 2 friends come and visit in their kayaks, they were diving from another boat close by. The total take of lobsters was approx. 25 for the group and some fish were speared too.

Afterwards it was time to head back to the dock with us getting back about 2:30. I had never been on the Raptor before and it worked out great. It was nice we had 3 excellent dives and were back with plenty of time to still clean the dive gear, what a day!

By Ken Kollwitz



### CIDA Website Dive Resources

The website [dive resources](#) page has some interesting and valuable information on it. There are lots of website links to different places with more coming. There are also technical charts that may be of interest. Take a look, if you have anything to add to it please let me know.

### Blog-Blog-Blog

There is a blog on the CIDA website, please feel free to use it. It is there for comments, questions; write an article (maybe your version of a past trip) or anything else you can think of.

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