



# Channel Islands Dive Adventures



Hi Everyone,

Sorry the newsletter is out late, it has been a very busy month. I was in Bonaire with a group of 12 and just returned last week. It was an excellent trip with some awesome diving. It is now time to start planning some other long trips, warm and cold water. I am also looking at adding some additional trips to this year CIDA Schedule. More on that and the new CIDA logo coming soon so stay tuned!

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!

#### Trip Date

#### Location

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
Dec. 11	Coastal Deep Hole (drift dives only)

\*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 it is about the education of the marine environment. The [Reef Environmental Education Foundation](#) is a grass-roots organization that seeks to conserve marine ecosystems by educating, enlisting and enabling divers and other marine enthusiasts to become active ocean stewards and citizen scientists.

## Featured Trip-Raptor to the backside of Santa Cruz Island-6 spots left



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 19th 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.](#)

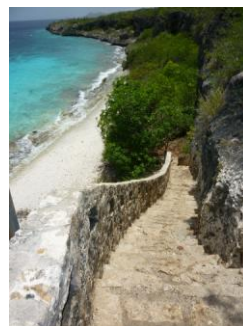


## Bonaire Trip Report

This trip was long overdue for me and much needed. This trip was put together by CIDA for the Channel Islands Divers dive club for May 28<sup>th</sup>-June 5<sup>th</sup> staying at the Buddy Dive Resort. There were 11 divers and 1 non-dive sharing two 3 bedroom apartments, which worked out great. It was unseasonably hot and humid while we were there, but the 85° water made up for it. The Vis was 50'-100' and I seen lots of cool things.

This was the first trip I have taken with out having an underwater camera and it felt a bit odd, but at the same time nice because I had more time to move and see things. We did boat and shore dives which are all very easy. I am looking forward to going back in a few years and doing most all shore dives and having some other adventures. The food was OK at the resort, but the biggest surprise was the Pasa Bon Pizza Restaurant & Bar. The pizza we had was probably the best I have ever had-it's a must do if your ever there. We also where able to go on a new 3 tank boat trip to the north end of the island on Buddies new yacht cat boat. If you never been to Bonaire, then you should add it to your must do list.

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