

## 2013 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



### NEW CHANNEL ISLANDS BOATING CENTER OPENS

Completion of the Channel Islands Boating Center (CIBC) facility in April 2013 marked an important accomplishment for Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary. The new 15,000 square foot facility is focused on boating education for youth and lifelong learners. The center prominently features sanctuary system exhibits, touch screen kiosks, a spherical display and interactive *Shipwrecked* game, classroom space, boat storage areas, and extensive docks. The CIBC offers a new hub for advancing sanctuary partnerships with the Channel Islands Harbor, Ventura County and California State University, Channel Islands.

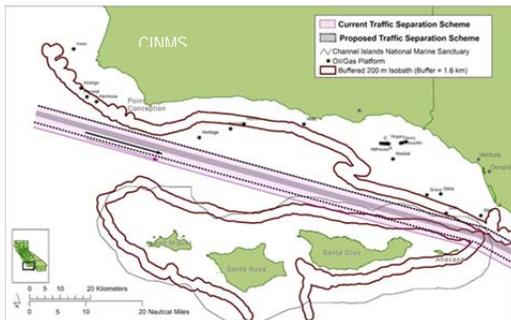


### CHANNEL ISLANDS VOLUNTEER EARNS NATIONAL AWARD

Paul Petrich Jr. was the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation (NMSF) 2013 Volunteer of the Year for his exceptional contributions to the maritime heritage and outreach programs of the sanctuary. He was recognized with fellow honorees Senator Sheldon Whitehouse and Dr. Jane Lubchenco at NMSF's 2013 Leadership Awards Dinner. Petrich has been volunteering with CINMS since 2006 as a member of the Channel Islands Naturalist Corps while serving as an ambassador for the sanctuary. He also assisted sanctuary staff in preserving the area's history of the shipwreck Del Rio.

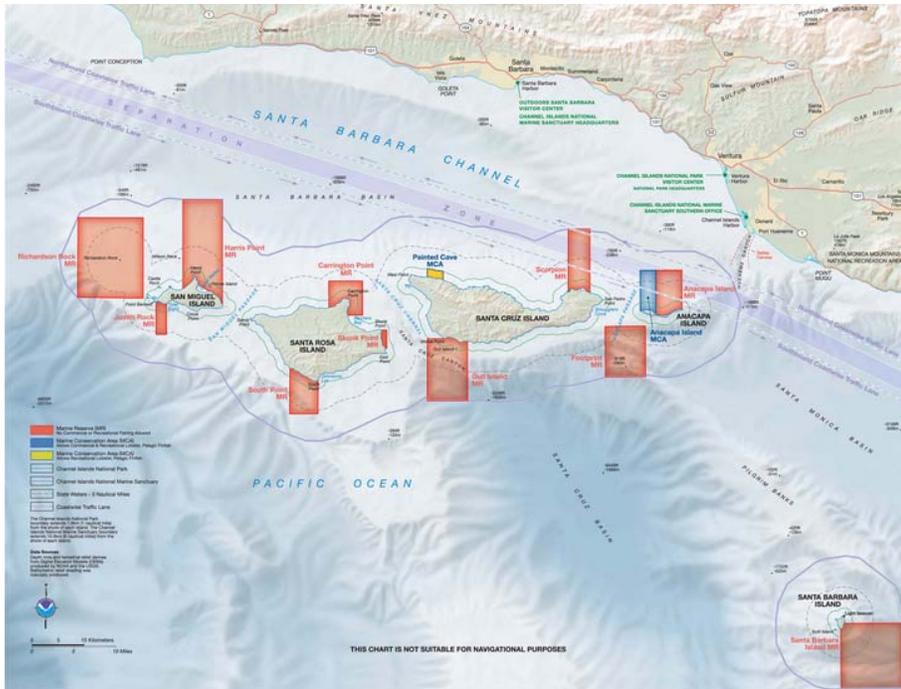
### SHIPPING LANES CHANGED TO PROTECT ENDANGERED WHALES

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, an International Maritime Organization decision took effect that shifted shipping routes within, and adjacent to, the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary. With significant input from the sanctuary, working in close coordination with the U.S. Coast Guard, NOAA Fisheries and the shipping industry, the adjusted Ship Traffic Separation Schemes within the Santa Barbara Channel and near the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, were redesigned to maintain navigational safety while moving traffic farther away from historical whale feeding grounds.



### A NEW SANCTUARY HEADQUARTERS OFFICE AT UCSB

In June 2013, the LEED Gold-certified Ocean Science Education Building was completed on the campus of the University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB), becoming the new sanctuary headquarters office and future home to the Outreach Center for Teaching Ocean Science. The big move has helped advance partnerships and collaborative work with a variety of university researchers and educators. In 2013, staff gave lectures on campus, taught courses, planned research expeditions with UCSB scientists, jointly pursued grants and more.



**Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary** encompasses the waters surrounding San Miguel, Santa Rosa, Santa Cruz, Anacapa and Santa Barbara Islands off the coast of Southern California, encircling Channel Islands National Park. The combination of warm and cold ocean currents around the islands results in a great variety of plants and animals, including large forests of giant kelp, flourishing populations of fish and invertebrates, and abundant populations of whales, dolphins, sea lions, seals and seabirds. Also plentiful are maritime heritage resources such as shipwrecks and historic artifacts. Established September 22, 1980.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Now that CINMS offices are located on the UC Santa Barbara campus and in the CSU Channel Islands Boating Center, our goals are to leverage these university partnerships to enhance sanctuary protection with more resources to sustain our mission.
- The Sanctuary Advisory Council is endorsing a multi-stakeholder, ecosystem-based approach to reduce the risk of ship strikes on endangered whales; decrease air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions; improve navigational safety and promote efficient maritime shipping; and reduce conflicts with naval operations.
- We will continue to advance our partnership with the NOAA Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Program, using CINMS as a hub for select UAS missions and help to convene a user workshop that will bring together industry, academia and other agencies.

*NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries is committed to supporting lives and livelihoods across the nation and in sanctuary communities through socioeconomic research and monitoring to understand the economic and social drivers of sanctuary resources and improve management practices.*

## NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY SYSTEM



○ National Marine Sanctuary  
△ Marine National Monument

Scale varies in this perspective. Adapted from National Geographic Maps.

The Office of National Marine Sanctuaries serves as the trustee for a system of 14 marine protected areas encompassing more than 150,000 square miles of marine and Great Lakes waters from Washington state to the Florida Keys, and from Lake Huron to American Samoa. The system includes 13 national marine sanctuaries and the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. For more information on the National Marine Sanctuary System, visit: <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov>