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# Harbor Views



## Celebrate Ventura's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Through April

The City of Ventura invites the community to celebrate Ventura's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary through April 2, 2016. The Ventura Harbor, Harbor Village and the Channel Islands National Park are a big part of the festivities and join other community partners to honor Ventura!

"We are celebrating all the unique parts of the city, from the Pacific Ocean to the mountains to the Ventura Harbor and the Channel Islands. Ventura Harbor and the Channel Islands are beloved parts of our community and special places that so many people enjoy," said Ventura Mayor Cheryl Heitmann. "We invite everyone to help us enjoy these places and the many others that are unique to our community," she said.

There are many ways folks can celebrate Ventura and numerous events are planned. The festivities kicked off in November, launching 150 days of celebrations that culminate with an extravaganza on the city's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of April 2.

Events include the Parade of Lights and Fireworks Show at Ventura Harbor on Dec. 18 and 19, with the theme, "Surf, Sand & Santa Celebrating 150 Years"; a screening of the film "Island of the Blue Dolphins" at Ventura's Century 10 Theater, followed by a Chumash event at the Museum of Ventura County, on March 5; a lecture by a Smithsonian archaeologist in conjunction with "Island of the Blue Dolphins," presented by Channel Islands National Park, on March 10; Bell Arts' 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary party, open house and fundraiser at the Museum of Ventura County, presented by Bell Arts Factory, on March 11 and 12; and the Kellogg Park

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## Celebrate the National Park Service Centennial

Throughout 2016, the National Park Service and Channel Islands National Park celebrate the Park Service's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary by encouraging visitors to "Find Your Park."

The National Park Service and National Park Foundation encourage everyone to visit one of the 407 national parks, including the Channel Islands right in our backyard, to learn how the park service's recreation, conservation and historic preservation programs positively impact our communities.



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## Ventura Parade of Lights Sails Into Harbor Dec. 18-19

Winter Wonderland & Holiday Marketplace Saturday, Dec. 19, 1-5 p.m

Ventura's beautiful boat parade and fireworks show sails our way on Friday, Dec. 18, and Saturday, Dec. 19. The theme of the 39<sup>th</sup> annual Ventura Harbor Holiday Parade of Lights & Fireworks Show is "Surf, Sand & Santa, Celebrating 150 Years of Ventura."

Visit the Ventura Harbor and enjoy festive dining seaside while watching the colorful and decorated boats go by. Come earlier to the Harbor on Saturday for a day of family fun with live reindeer, faux snowfall, crafts and holiday shopping at the Winter Wonderland & Holiday Marketplace, on Saturday, Dec. 19, from 1-5 p.m. at Ventura Harbor Village. Fireworks nightly begin at 8 p.m. Guests are invited to dine at Harbor restaurants, shop for holiday gifts at the Harbor Village boutiques and enjoy the outdoor carnival for kids on the Village Main Lawn. Parking and admission are free.

## What's New at Ventura Harbor Village

◆ The Greek has a new name, new menus and new updates! The Greek at the Harbor is now **The Greek Mediterranean Steak & Seafood**, and is introducing new menu items as well as lounge and group dining areas both indoors and outdoors. Owners Lynn and Makis Mikelatos freshened up the entrees and interiors after their Mediterranean travels.

◆ **Brophy Bros. Clam Bar & Restaurant** views from the balcony are better than ever with a new awning that allows diners to enjoy the patio year-round.

◆ **Blue Water Boutique** has combined with **Barefoot Boutique** serving customers better with an efficient one-stop shop.

◆ **Wild Local Seafood Co.** plans to open its doors in December 2015 with the company's first "brick and mortar" sustainable seafood market, at Ventura Harbor Village, welcoming Captain Ben Hyman and his crew to Ventura.

◆ **Copa Cubana** will open in 2016. This new waterfront restaurant and nightclub plans to offer Cuban-American fusion cuisine, classic favorites, a full bar and live entertainment.

◆ **Milano's Italian Restaurant** will have a new expansion of the bar to host happy hour and specialty drinks. This new bar will be adjacent to the outside patio that will



Lynn and Makis Mikelatos, owners of The Greek Mediterranean Steak & Seafood

feature a new fireplace dining area.

◆ **The Parlor** introduces a new pet-friendly **PAWlor doggie menu**, so you and your pooch can dine seaside overlooking the boats in the Harbor.

◆ **Boatyard Café** has expanded its service of breakfast and lunch to feature a dinner menu on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, along with its iconic fisherman's bar. Enjoy dining on the patio or indoors for a delicious menu of seafood dishes and traditional fare.

## Celebrate the National Park Service

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**SAVE THE DATE:** On the actual birthday of the National Park Service, Aug. 25, the Ventura Port District will host a special party at Ventura Harbor Village featuring an outdoor screening of a new documentary, "West of the West: Tales from California's Channel Islands," which explores the islands' human history. Don't miss this fun event!

The Channel Islands National Park is celebrating the anniversary with a series of special events throughout 2016. Every month during 2016, Channel Islands National Park will host a free educational lecture at the Robert J. Lagomarsino Visitor Center at Ventura Harbor, 1901 Spinnaker Drive, as part of the annual "From Shore to Sea" lecture series. Topics will touch on recreation, history, science and more. To learn more about this series, visit [www.nps.gov/chis/planyourvisit/from-shore-to-sea.htm](http://www.nps.gov/chis/planyourvisit/from-shore-to-sea.htm).

Channel Islands National Park also will be featured at a number of events at the Museum of Ventura County. They include a special event on Feb. 28 centered on Scott O'Dell's famous 1960 novel "Island of the Blue Dolphins"; a 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for the Channel Islands National Park on March 6; and a "World Oceans Day" celebration on June 5. Each event will feature themed speakers and kids activities and admission to the museum on those days will be free.

The documentary "West of the West: Tales from California's Channel Islands," will premiere on March 5 at the Arlington Theatre in Santa Barbara and on March 6 at the Century 10 Theater in Downtown Ventura, featuring a question-and-answer session with producer Sam Tyler.

On March 9, the park will present a special Channel

## Thank You Parade of Lights Sponsors

A special thank you and recognition to the 39<sup>th</sup> annual Ventura Harbor Parade of Lights & Fireworks sponsors who provide a festive holiday tradition for the community.

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Islands Live broadcast online from Anacapa Island. "Junior Ranger Day" is April 16 and "Kids to Parks Day" is May 21.

Visit the National Park Service's centennial website at [www.nps.gov/subjects/centennial/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/subjects/centennial/index.htm) and the Channel Islands National Park at [www.nps.gov/chis](http://www.nps.gov/chis). Celebrate the parks at [FindYourPark.com](http://FindYourPark.com) and by using #FindYourPark on social media.



Ben Hyman

## Wild Local Seafood Co. Opens Doors to Ventura

**W**ild Local Seafood Co., a successful, sustainable fish and seafood business, opens a new daily fish market at Ventura Harbor Village this winter – Wild Local Seafood Co.'s first “brick and mortar” location!

It's all about sustainable fishing practices for this award-winning fish and seafood company, led by Captain Ben Hyman. Hyman, a Santa Barbara resident, has almost 20 years of experience working on commercial fishing vessels for a wide variety of fresh fish and seafood including tuna, crab, live rock fish, local black cod, live local halibut, squid, white sea bass, Pacific red rock cod, local spiny lobster, prawns, oysters, seasonal albacore, ahi and local wild California king/Chinook salmon. He has been selling fish and seafood to the public since 1998.

The new establishment will be almost 2,000 square feet and will be one of the state's only sustainable seafood markets of its kind. The seafood market will be phase one, with a bistro and wine-tasting bar planned to open in the future, featuring seafood, wine, fruits and vegetables from local farmers, Hyman said. “We'll have tastings and pairings and small fish items. We're really trying to promote local products and to do things ‘green,’” he said.

Wild Local Seafood Co. already enjoys a large and loyal clientele from Santa Barbara and Los Angeles, selling fresh fish and seafood to restaurants, hotels, high-end seafood markets, farmers markets and caterers. The business has over 100 restaurant accounts in Los Angeles, including many prestigious, five-star restaurants.

At the forefront of eco-friendly practices in the fishing industry, Hyman does not buy or sell any farmed fish or fish caught internationally; all seafood is caught under strict California and federal guidelines for size, season and by-catch, and only with sustainable practices. Nor does the company buy any farmed fish or food with dye added or GMOs (genetically modified organisms, or living organisms whose genetic material has been artificially manipulated in a laboratory through genetic engineering) fed to the fish.

Hyman hopes that by coming to Ventura Harbor, he will be able to work with Ventura fishermen to sell their local fish catches and seafood to the new market. Hyman said he offers higher prices to local fisherman than others. “That's good for fishermen's families. What that does is not devalue our local fish but increase the value of it.”

Visit [www.wildlocalseafood.com](http://www.wildlocalseafood.com) to learn more.

## Nikos Valance Appointed to Port District Board

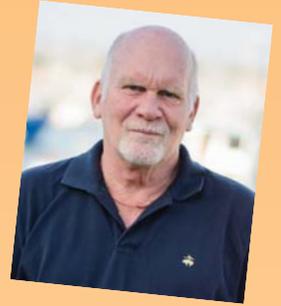
**N**ikos Valance, a local attorney, economist and lecturer at California State University, Channel Islands, is enjoying his first four-year term on the Ventura Port District Board of Port Commissioners. The City Council appointed him earlier this year.

Valance, a New York native, also is a board member of the Ventura Hillside Conservancy and he previously served for four years as a member of the Manhattan Community Board in New York. He moved to Ventura in August 2014.

Valance said he applied for the Port District Board as a way to share his skills and experience with the community. His term expires on June 30, 2019.

“In New York, I was always very active in civic affairs and community projects. Once I settled in Ventura, I wanted to be more active and also give to the community,” he said. “I'm really thrilled about living in Ventura and enthusiastic about the potential of the Harbor.”

Valance is excited to be teaching economics for the Martin V. Smith School of Business and Economics at CSU Channel Islands. Previously in New York, he was an adjunct lecturer at several universities over a span of about 20 years (including the City University of New York and New York University), teaching both undergraduate and graduate-level economics courses.



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groundbreaking and concert at the future Kellogg Park site, featuring a free concert, kids' activities, crafts, dancers and demonstrations, from 2-4 p.m. on March 12.

Ventura Harbor is producing a “150 Things to Sea & Do in Ventura and Channel Islands National Park.”

In addition, the Downtown-Harbor Trolley celebrates with a 150<sup>th</sup> Rider promotion. Through December 2015, every 150<sup>th</sup> rider receives a free gift courtesy of Ventura Harbor and downtown businesses. The trolley is free to ride and is an easy way to enjoy holiday shopping and entertain family and friends this holiday season.

The 150<sup>th</sup> party culminates on Saturday, April 2, 2016, with a free Old Time Picnic and barbecue celebration at Plaza Park from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., hosted by the city.

Simultaneously, Ventura's mayor, seeking to increase community engagement, is leading a campaign called “Ventura Kindness.” People can submit kind acts by filling in the submission form at [www.VenturaKindness.com](http://www.VenturaKindness.com) and posting it at [facebook.com/venturakindness](https://facebook.com/venturakindness), or by using the hashtag #venturakindness on Instagram photos or tweets.

Find out what's happening in Ventura and at Ventura Harbor by visiting [www.celebrateventura.org](http://www.celebrateventura.org) and [www.venturaharbor.com](http://www.venturaharbor.com).



# Events Coming to Ventura Harbor

## Winter 2015 & Spring 2016

### "California Sleigh Rides"

Nightly in December starting Dec. 5, 2015

Departing at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy dazzling holiday lights reflecting on the water and decorated homes in the Ventura Harbor. Reservations required. Call 805-642-7753 or visit [www.CaliforniaSleighRides.com](http://www.CaliforniaSleighRides.com)

### Caroling Cruises

Dec. 9, 11, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22 and 23, 2015, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Enjoy an hourlong Island Packers Caroling Cruise. Reservations requested. Call 805-642-1393 or visit [www.IslandPackers.com](http://www.IslandPackers.com)

### Hanukkah Festival

Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015, 2-4:30 p.m. at Ventura Harbor Village

Celebrate Hanukkah with live music, Judaica boutiques, and more at this free festival. Call 805-382-4770 or visit [www.ChabadofOxnard.com](http://www.ChabadofOxnard.com)

### 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Ventura Harbor Holiday Parade of Lights & Fireworks Show

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 18-19, 2015, 6:30 p.m. at Ventura Harbor

Ventura Harbor and the sailing community celebrate the season with the 39<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Parade of Lights & Fireworks Show. This year's theme is "Surf, Sand & Santa, Celebrating 150 Years of Ventura." Visit the Main Lawn for carnival rides and children will enjoy free visits with Santa. On Saturday, see Santa and his sleigh fly overhead!

[www.VenturaHarborVillage.com](http://www.VenturaHarborVillage.com)

### Winter Wonderland & Holiday Marketplace

Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015, 1-5 p.m. at Ventura Harbor Village

Enjoy holiday shopping and a festive holiday village at Ventura Harbor's Winter Wonderland & Holiday Marketplace. Come early for fun and festivities including faux snowfall every 15 minutes, visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus, live reindeer and holiday carolers. Free parking and admission. [www.VenturaHarborVillage.com](http://www.VenturaHarborVillage.com)

### Pacific Gray Whale Migration & Whale Watching

December 2015 through mid-April 2016

Hop aboard an Island Packers vessel for a chance to see gray whales as they migrate south for the winter. Island



Ventura Harbor Parade of Lights 2014 Sweepstakes Winner KISS (Jan & Debbie Lawson)

Packers offers whale-watching tours through mid-April. Call 805-642-1393 or visit [www.IslandPackers.com](http://www.IslandPackers.com)

### Tall Ships Hawaiian Chieftain & Lady Washington

Jan. 15-Feb. 8, 2016

Tall Ships docked in Ventura Harbor offer dockside tours, battle sails and adventure sails where passengers learn seaworthy history. [www.HistoricalSeaport.org](http://www.HistoricalSeaport.org)

### Cottontail Day Festival

Saturday, March 19, 2016, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on the Ventura Harbor Village Main Lawn

Ventura Harbor Village comes alive with the sights and sounds of families on the Village Main Lawn. \$2 Easter egg hunts are held every 30 minutes for kids ages 1-7. The Cottontail Bunny can be spotted hopping around and greeting children. Other activities include face-painting, a petting zoo, hands-on arts and crafts and pony rides (weather permitting). [www.VenturaHarborVillage.com](http://www.VenturaHarborVillage.com)

### Harbor is Hopping – Dining by the Boats

Sunday, March 27, 2016, noon-3 p.m. at Ventura Harbor Village

Hop over for a springtime celebration and Easter brunch at Ventura Harbor restaurants. Children can meet and take photos with the Easter Bunny, ride the Village Carousel or play in the arcade.

[www.VenturaHarborVillage.com](http://www.VenturaHarborVillage.com)

## Ride the FREE Downtown-Harbor Trolley

In December, ride the Downtown-Harbor "Holly Trolley" – to shop local and discover holiday gifts for all ages. Ride the free trolley to Harbor destinations: Rhumb Line – The Sunset Restaurant and Venura Harbor Village.

Plus, Ride the Trolley with Santa on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12-13, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., enjoying holiday entertainment and complimentary visits with Santa.

### ◆ Trolley hours for January, February & March 2016

11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday

11 a.m.-11 p.m. Thursday-Friday

11 a.m.-midnight - Saturday

### ◆ Regular Trolley Hours Return in April 2016

11 a. m.-11 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday

◆ Call the driver directly at 805-827-4444 for a location update or hotel pick-up. For schedule details, visit [www.venturatrolley.com](http://www.venturatrolley.com)



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Nikos Valance, *Commissioner* (appointed: 7-27-15/expires: 6-30-19)