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FACT SHEET VENTURA HARBOR, VENTURA, CALIFORNIA

LOCATION

Situated along the picturesque California Central Coast, endowed with breathtaking views, Ventura County's Ventura Harbor is celebrating its 50th anniversary. The Harbor is bordered by the City of Ventura on three sides and the Pacific Ocean on the west, the site of one of the largest squid offloading harbors in North America. Ventura Harbor has a total of 1500 boat slips, 40 unique shops and dockside restaurants, two waterfront hotels, beaches, green spaces, water sports, and boating and cruising options, all part of an affordable, multigenerational vacation destination. Ventura Harbor is 20 miles from Santa Barbara, within 15 miles of Oxnard and is 60 miles from Los Angeles International Airport. It is accessible in just minutes from scenic US Highway 101.

LAND AREA

Other than the 2.74 acre site owned by the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, the Ventura Port District manages the land within this multiple use harbor, with current property holdings of approximately 152 acres of land and 122 acres of water area. The site was initially developed in the 1960s, and approximately 23 acres of land area is still available for development.

CLIMATE

Ventura Harbor enjoys a year-round balmy climate with fresh sea breezes and frequent sunny skies. Average winter temperatures are 43°F (6°C) to 69°F (21°C), while summertime highs often reach and rarely exceed 83°F.

MARINAS & BOATYARDS

From 6-foot dinghies to 88-foot commercial fishing seiner boats, scores of pleasure boats call Ventura Harbor home. Ventura Harbor Village marina is the number one off-loading squid harbor on the Pacific Coast and is in the top 10 of offloading fish harbors in the nation. Ventura Harbor Village marina is home to some of the largest fishery companies. Ventura Harbor Marina & Yacht Yard, Ventura Isle Marina and Ventura West Marina service recreational and some commercial boaters. Ventura Harbor has two yacht clubs, two boat yards, and numerous boat rental and charter companies. Boating instruction at all levels is readily available, through the Ventura Power Squadron, the City of Ventura, and private companies. Other boats docked at the Ventura Harbor include Dive Boats, 64' Catamarans (concessioner for the Channel Islands), Vessel Assist, National Park Service Vessels, and two oil recovery vessels.

Ventura Harbor Marina & Yacht Yard

Friendly, highly experienced team. Full service marina and boatyard with dry trailer storage. Specialize in hull, deck and boat bottom painting, geolocating, fibreglassing and general repairs, both structural and electronic. Only negative fork lift in Ventura County.

1644 Anchors Way Dr Ventura, CA 93001

(805) 642-6755

www.venturahbryachtyard.com

Ventura Harbor Boatyard

Ventura Harbor Boatyard is a first class shipyard servicing commercial and pleasure vessels to 165 Tons. Crane and off-loading services are available. Experienced, professional staff and extensive on site services, complemented by a well-developed network of off-site marine repair services, provides large or small boat owners with a full range of repair, maintenance, and fabrication options.

1415 Spinnaker Drive Ventura, CA 93001

(805) 654-1433

www.vhby.com

Ventura Harbor Village Marina

Ventura Harbor Village is a beautiful mixed –use marina, with heavy emphasis on commercial fishing. The Ventura Harbor Village Marina fronts the Village restaurants and shops and offers transient slip rates for both recreational and commercial fishing.

1583 Spinnaker Drive Ventura, CA 93001

(805) 644-0169

www.venturaharborvillage.com

Ventura Isle Marina

Largest pleasure boat marina in Ventura Harbor, home of the magnificent Channel Islands. It's the heart of Southern California's finest and most pristine boating area. In addition to 580 slips with berths ranging from 25 to 95 feet, Ventura Isle Marina offers a beautifully landscaped facility within walking distance of several restaurants, fresh fish markets, marine stores and specialty shops. An 18-hole golf course and a 4 star hotel are adjacent to the marina along with a secluded beach that stretches for miles.

1363 Spinnaker Drive Ventura, CA 93001

(805) 644-5858

www.venturaisle.com/marina/

Ventura West Marina

Vibrant, full-service, amenity-rich marinas. Facilities include 554 slips, modern restrooms and showers, spacious laundry facilities, boater's lounge, workout room, storage and freezer lockers, office and mail services, pumpout stations, cable TV, complimentary wifi, picnic/BBQ areas, secured gates, night security, free parking, half-court basketball and much more. Close to a variety of popular restaurants, quaint shops, fuel docks, boatyards, hotels and LAX shuttles. Pet friendly and accommodate live-a-boards. Cruisers always welcome
1198 Navigator Drive, Ventura, CA 93001
(805) 644-8266
venturawestmarina.com

BEACHES

Sun worshippers can enjoy Ventura Harbor's Harbor Cove Beach locally nicknamed "Mother's Beach," a jetty-protected surf-free lagoon that invites solo sunning or a day with the family. Village restaurants and a scenic bicycle path are located nearby. In the interest of safety, the Ventura Port District has funded summer lifeguards for the past two years, and for the convenience of those with limited mobility, a wheelchair aisle is available. Surfer's Knoll Beach is located one eighth-mile (.2 km) south of Harbor Cove Beach. Adjacent Harbor Wetlands Ecological Reserve has a bird sanctuary, wide sandy beaches on the Pacific Ocean, and mountain views in the background. Great for basking in the sun, however, swimming in the waters south of Harbor Cove Beach are not recommended due to dangerous rip tide currents.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Ventura Harbor Village is home to a number of annual events, including such favorites such as the Ventura Harbor Pirate Days, Kinetic Sculpture Race, and the Parade of Lights Boat Parade and Fireworks. Holiday fireworks burst over the Harbor's public boat launch ramp, and the best views of the Parade can be had from Village restaurants. Visitors return early each year to visit the Tall Ships -- Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain. Cottontail Day in the spring is a family-fun community event featuring egg hunts, petting zoo, kid's crafts, entertainment, and more. During July and August the harbor resounds with Steel Drum Saturdays and Summer Sunday Concert Series, both free outdoor live music.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Four Points by Sheraton, Ventura Harbor Resort (106 rooms), with access to such amenities as bicycle rentals, and Spa by Diane Loring, Inc., open 7 days, and offering a wide array of treatments, including top quality massage, skincare, and Reiki.
1050 Schooner Dr. Ventura, CA 93001
(805) 658-1212 Reservation Line: 800-368-7764 www.fourpoints.com/venturaharbor

Holiday Inn Express & Suites (69 rooms)
1080 Navigator Dr. Ventura, CA 93001
(805) 856-9533
Reservation Line: 877-834-3613
www.holidayinnexpress.com/venturaca

EVENT FACILITIES

Ventura Harbor Village's **Harbor Cove Beach** and **Surfers Knoll Beach** are perfect venues for wedding ceremonies as are Four Points by Sheraton and Ventura Harbor Resort, which also offer facilities for meetings, and receptions. A new waterfront location in the Village is available for event rental with indoor and outdoor space. Ideal for executive meetings is The Greek at the Harbor, which accommodates up to 250 guests with indoor and outdoor harbor side seating. Harbor hotels offer wonderful accommodations and conference rooms for meetings, reunions, and conferences.

DINING

The epicenter of waterfront dining and savory seafood in Ventura, Ventura Harbor boasts 16 restaurants and cafés many with harbor views and all serving a range of deliciously prepared cuisines from French, Italian, Greek, Mexican, Sushi, American, and of course popular seafood dishes. The French **Le Petit Café & Bakery** offers gustatory delights from its pastry showcase, as people travel miles to line up for **Andria's Seafood Restaurant & Market** famous Fish N' Chips. Fish tacos are the surfers delight at **Baja Bay Fish N' Taco** as is the fresh sushi prepared by **Maru Sushi** as you sit by the water. Wednesday night lobster dinner specials draw crowds at **Milano's Italian Restaurant**, while gourmet grilled cheese comfort food prepared in exciting varieties at **805 Bar & Grilled Cheese** offer you stunning views with a glass of wine. Warm days or after dinner is not complete without a homemade waffle cone ice cream from **Coastal Cone**. Traditional American flare can be found at The Parlor serving hot dogs and hamburgers and shakes. Delicious coffee, tea, smoothies and a artisanal and local café menu of sandwiches and salads from **Coffee Dock & Post** provide refreshment. Fresh seafood dishes and clams are a favorite at popular **Brophy Brother's Restaurant & Clam Bar** or near the Harbor's entrance at beautiful **Rhumb Line The Sunset Restaurant** for fine dining. Also with a classic seafood and steak menu is **Spinnaker Steak & Seafood** with a burst of flavorful dishes. Casual and delicious breakfast and lunch, featuring seafood omelets and buckets of seafood just steps from the boats at **Harbor Cove Café** adjacent to the National Park Visitor Center. The **Greek at the Harbor** entrees are true fresh Mediterranean dishes. **Margarita Villa** has stunning beach and harbor views with an authentic Mexican menu and mouthwatering margaritas. **Alexander's** at the Four Points is well known for a fabulous champagne Sunday brunch – not to be missed.

NIGHTLIFE

After viewing a brilliant sunset, light up the night with stellar happy hour menus and live entertainment ranging from traditional Greek Belly Dancing or Greek table dancing at **The Greek at the Harbor** to stand-up comics, or up and coming new bands that show the Harbor to be part of the thriving Ventura music scene. On any given weekend multiple bands play originals and sing-along favorites at one of the Harbor's many restaurants or at the center Carousel Stage. **Ventura Harbor Comedy Club** features celebrity stand-up comedians and is producer of the annual Fall Ventura Comedy Festival. The new Comedy Club Green Room offers guests karaoke 5 nights a week. Top picks for Happy Hour are **Brophy Brother's Restaurant & Clam Bar, Margarita Villa Mexican Restaurant, Rhumb Line The Sunset Restaurant, 805 Bar & Grilled Cheese, Milano's Italian Restaurant,** and **Ventura Harbor Comedy Club and Green Room.**

SHOPPING

Boutique shopping is found seaside with Ventura Harbor Village's more than 18 shops, boutiques, and art galleries. Visitors can pay a visit to the **Ventura County Potters' Guild, Cory Tile Art, or Tina O'Brien Gallery & Studio** for hand-made pottery, tiles and fine art, purchase a kite at **Harbor Wind & Kite Company**, or shop for someone special at **Treasure Cove, Casa de Regalos, or Windrose.** Boutiques, such as **Barefoot Boutique, Ventura Swimwear, and Beach Break Surf Shop,** offer trendy clothing that speaks to the California lifestyle. **Ventura Dive & Sport** has everything for dive and underwater adventures along with instruction. **Hats Unlimited/Shades Shack** stocks over 1,000 styles, making it nearly impossible to leave the store without the perfect hat; **Harbor Village Gallery & Artisan Store** has an enchanting array of original jewelry, greeting cards, fabric arts, artist's studios, originals and prints. Visitor services include a **Village Market, Silhouettes Salon, and Cruzin' Unique Boutique** for travel and cruise wear clothing and accessories. Two of the most distinctive shops in the Village and Harbor are **Island Packers Gift Shop,** the perfect outfitter for a trip to the Channel Islands and the **Channel Islands National Park Gift Store.**

RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Ventura Harbor Boat Rentals offers the largest fleet of pedal boats –from which passengers often see seals and wildlife in the placid waters of the Harbor. Kayak, sail, snorkel, rent stand up kayaks and electric boats, which are a fun way to see the Harbor and the Ventura Keys. Check out the **Channel Islands Visitor Center** complete with its new aquarium tank, viewing tower, gifts and bookshop, where visitors can view the iconic A Treasure in the Sea, narrated by Actor Kevin Costner, and the Jr. Ranger program.

Channel Island Excursion: The five islands of the Channel Islands National Park are nicknamed “the North American Galapagos” because of the unique wildlife, which has evolved on the uninhabited island. Anacapa, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, San Miguel and Santa Barbara welcome visitors through Island Packers catamaran boats out of the Ventura Harbor. Island Packers, the national concessionaire to the islands, runs half day, all day and overnight trips to the islands. The Channel Islands and surrounding

waters are home to over 2,000 plants and animals, including the island fox, of which 145 are found nowhere else in the world. Experience crystal clear waters, ancient kelp beds, and tide pools, while enjoying world class diving, hiking, kayaking, sea cave exploration, photography, snorkeling, camping, wildlife and wildflower viewing. Island Packers, 805-642-1393, www.islandpackers.com

Dive & Sportfishing: Ventura Harbor offers several dive charters with great amenities, from Peace and Spectre Dive Boats (both with hot tubs onboard), to the Raptor Dive Boat. The Raptor is the charter boat for Ventura Dive and Sport in Ventura Harbor Village. Ventura Dive and Sport is the only dive shop in the state of California to offer all levels of diver-training (from beginner to instructor), an on-site heated pool and the added bonus of a state-of-the-art dive boat docked right outside the shop and pool, standing by for divers to load up. Ventura Dive & Sport, 805-650-6500, www.venturadive.com Ventura Sportfishing has three boats, Pacific Dawn, Pacific Eagle, and the Island Spirit, and charters ½ day to full day (with bunks) events. Ventura Sport Fishing, 805-676-3474, www.venturasportfishing.com

Whale Watching: Sighting of the magnificent marine mammals is an experience of a lifetime as gray whales migrate annually through the Santa Barbara Channel off the coast of Ventura. The Channel, also flush with wildlife and food resources, has large numbers of blue and humpback whales returning to feed. Island Packers, 805-642-1393, www.islandpackers.com

Wildlife Cruises: Visitors can discover the natural environment of the island shores during non-landing trips to the Channel Islands aboard Island Packers 64' Catamarans. A highlight of the three hour narrated tour is the opportunity to spot sea lions, seals, and marine and island birds in their habitats. A variety of marine animals and birds can often be spotted as they cross the channel. Island Packers, 805-642-1393, www.islandpackers.com

POINTS OF INTEREST

Ventura Harbor Village, offering free parking, is a sun-kissed seaside playground with more than 30 international restaurants, water activities and boutiques. It features a host of attractions, including Village Carousel & Arcade, with a 32 animal carousel, fudge and candy counter, and Coastal Cone Ice Cream with homemade waffle cones and the popular flavors of "Thrifty" ice cream.

A scenic walk-able promenade links two harbor side hotels with the Ventura Harbor Village and continues to the Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center, open 7 days; admission is free. The Village is a vibrant destination with live music most weekends at various eateries, many with pet friendly patios, and beach access across Spinnaker Drive. Enjoy outdoor activities, including kite flying, piloting one's own electric boat, paddle boarding, harbor cruising and more.

The newly renovated **Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center** at Ventura Harbor has knowledgeable rangers and volunteers to educate visitors about the five- island chain off the Ventura Coast. Features include relief maps of the islands, a marine aquatic pool, bookstore, and "A Treasure in the Sea," a 25-minute reel narrated by well-

known actor Kevin Costner. Just a 10-minute walk to the Village, visitors can also see the storefront for the national concessionaire to the Channel Islands National Park, Island Packers. Tourists can stop in for island bookings, view the "Marine Sightings" daily counts of whale and dolphin encounters, and explore the Island Packers Gift Shop. The Center features new interactive displays and a tidal pool exhibit with lobsters and sand sharks.

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BOAT CHARTERS, CRUISES & RENTAL

Rentals are available from kayaks to surf bikes, as are aquatic adventures such as sunset cruises, snorkeling, scuba and fishing expeditions and harbor tours, Ventura Harbor is a Central Coast destination for water activities.

Explorer Dive Boat

Offers single and multi-day scuba diving trips to the Channel Islands, with food available. 3,000lb. air fills and hot tubs.

2419 Harbor Blvd., 131 Ventura, CA 93001

805-650-3483

www.peaceboat.com

Harbor Tours

Cruise the beautiful Ventura Harbor on a 40-minute narrated harbor tour, and get up close and personal with some of our local sea life. Saturdays, Sundays, and select holidays. Summer daily. Cost \$11 and under.

1575 Spinnaker Dr., 105B Ventura, CA 93001

805-642-7753

www.venturaboatrentals.com

Spectre Dive Boat

Single and multi-day scuba diving trips to Channel Islands, with food available. 3,000 lb. air fills and hot tubs.

1567 Spinnaker Dr. Ventura, CA 93001

805-483-6612

www.calboatdiving.com

Raptor Dive Boat

Fast, comfortable and spacious, the Raptor is only 40 minutes from Ventura Harbor to spectacular Channel Island dive sites. The Raptor is built from the keel up specifically as a dive charter boat, for the Eastern Pacific Coastal Waters. Come out and get the resort experience right here at home. Diving is fun and convenient on the Raptor.

1559 Spinnaker Dr., 108 Ventura, CA 93001

805-650-7700

www.raptordive.com

Island Packers

Cruising the California Channel Islands for education, recreation, and research since 1968. Let your island adventure begin with the experienced crew from Island Packers, which provide first-rate transportation services for island hiking, camping, kayaking, whale watching, school field trips, sightseeing and harbor cruises. Island Packers takes visitors to all five islands in the Channel Islands National Park.

1691 Spinnaker Dr. Ventura, CA 93001

805-642-1393

www.islandpackers.com

Pacific Sailing Lessons & Charters

Established in 1997, Pacific Sailing's goal is to offer sailing value without the expense and worry of boat ownership. In addition to the bare-boat sailing club they also offer private sailing lessons and skippered charters.

1575 Spinnaker Dr., 105B-131 Ventura, CA 93001

805-658-6508

www.pacsail.com

Ventura County Stand Up Paddle Board School

Ventura County Standup Paddleboard School offers guided group and private lessons, rentals, demos, kids' camps and boot camp / workout, and SUP classes at the beautiful Harbor Cove beach, within the Ventura Harbor. To schedule your paddleboard experiences, call or visit the official site.

805-415-7674

www.paddlesurfoutlet.com

YACHT CLUBS

Pierpont Bay Yacht Club

Founded in 1972, Pierpont Bay Yacht Club is located on the east end of Ventura Harbor in the Ventura Isle Marina on Spinnaker Drive. Clubhouse features a cocktail lounge with a 'living room' atmosphere for members and guests to relax and enjoy a variety of social activities and watch sports and movies on the big screen TV's.

(805) 644-4472

1363 Spinnaker Drive Ventura CA 93001

Ventura Harbor Yacht Club

www.pbyc.com

Ventura Yacht Club

One of the coast's most active boating clubs, proud of its long history, friendly members, community involvement, and significant accomplishments. Founded in 1938, VYC was a prime force in the effort to construct Ventura Harbor. A pre-requisite for membership in Ventura Yacht Club is an interest in developing lasting friendships with others similarly interested in boating.

(805) 642-0426

1755 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura, CA 93001

www.venturayachtclub.org

HARBOR FUEL DOCKS

Dave's Fuel Dock

A full service Gasoline/Diesel fuel dock with ice, food, beer, live bait and tackle

(805) 644-4776

1404 Anchors Way Dr. Ventura, CA 93001

www.davesfueldock@sbcglobal.net

Ventura Harbor Marine Fuel

Full service marine fueling facility with lube oil extraction and fill capacities. Re-filled low sulfur diesel from fast dispensing pumps. Dockside fuel service is available to vessels up to 120 feet; Pier side fuel service to 170 feet in length. Marine supply store.

1551 Spinnaker Dr. Ventura, CA 93001

(805) 644-4046

www.vhmf.com

VESSEL ASSIST

Vessel Assist / Channel Watch Marine

Offering towboat services, soft ungroundings, battery jumps, fuel deliver , repairs, salvage, spill cleanup for fuel or oil, ACAPT Certified (Accredited for Commercial Assistance and Professional Towing).

1516 Anchors Way Dr. Ventura, CA 93001

(805) 644-2762

www.channelwatchmarine.com

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

Olivas Adobe Historical Park

4200 Olivas Park Drive, Ventura, CA

Ventura County's only remaining Monterey-style adobe home from the Rancho era - California Historical Landmark No. 115 was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979. It celebrates Ventura's Rancho and Latino heritage through weekend tours, seasonal school educational outreach programs and year round special events. Visitors may experience the expansive adobe home and courtyard built between 1847-49, Grounds are open daily, free to the public, and the home is open for tours Saturdays and Sundays, 11 am-4 pm or by arrangement. \$5/adult, \$3/child/ senior. 805-658-4728

Olivas Links is an award-winning 18-hole championship golf facility, owned by the City of Ventura that offers a natural golf experience unique to the County. It is a stunningly scenic course with beautiful views of Ventura Harbor, the Ventura hillside, and Channel Islands. It provides golfers with the opportunity to play in a temperate climate with coastal beauty on four distinct sets of tees. Olivas Links, voted by *Golfweek* in 2013 as one of the best municipal courses, challenges players of all abilities. More information is available by visiting www.Olivaslinks.com for rates and tee times. 805-677-6770

Farm Fresh Produce Stands

The colorful display and tantalizing smell of California's most famous and delectable fruits and vegetables emanate from Ventura's farm fresh produce stands that practically beg visitors to take juicy bites right there on the spot. They include:

A & F Country Market 4550 Olivas Park Dr., Ventura, CA 93003. 805-644-5470. Located up the road from the Ventura Harbor where Telephone Rd. ends at Olivas Park Dr., brothers Anthony and Frank keep fresh produce year round. 8:30am-6:30 pm daily.

Aguila Produce 4542 Olivas Park Dr. Ventura, CA 93003, 805-658-8588, features some of the best Avocado prices in town.

Fernando's Produce, located catty-corner from A&F Market, offering delectable fruits and vegetables. 4800 Olivas Park Dr., Ventura, CA 93003, 805-612-7247.

ACCESSIBILITY AND TRANSPORTATION

NEAREST AIRPORTS Los Angeles International Airport is 67 miles (107.83 km) south of the Marina, and is served by national and international airlines. Contact the airport at 310-646-5252. Other airports include **Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport**, and **Santa Barbara Airport**. **Oxnard Airport** is 6 miles (10.19 km) from Ventura and is classified as a non-hub commercial service airport.

Airporter Shuttle Service runs daily round trips between the Holiday Inn Express, Ventura Harbor, the Oxnard Airport, and Los Angeles International Airport. In addition, Taxis, Limousines and other shuttle services from LAX are available.

Train transportation is available via **Amtrak** downtown Ventura platform, where the **FREE Downtown Harbor Trolley** picks up and travels loops with additional stops at waterfront hotels before the Ventura Harbor stops at Rhumb Line – The Sunset Restaurant and Ventura Harbor Village. The trolley is available Wednesdays – Sundays and holidays 11 am – 11 pm.

The **Ventura Port District** has made it easy for motorists to “go green” with two **electric vehicle charging stations** at the Ventura Harbor, located in parking stalls at 1691 Spinnaker Drive, by Island Packers.

VISITOR INFORMATION

For visitor information, visit www.VenturaHarbor.com or www.VenturaHarborVillage.com or contact the Ventura Harbor Marketing Department at 805-477-0470. For event information/listings: 805-477-0470, ext. 5 or Facebook Ventura Harbor. Marketing Contact: Jennifer Talt Lundin via e-mail at jtaltlundin@venturaharborvillage.com, via fax at 805-644-1684. For general Ventura information stop by the Ventura Visitor & Convention Bureau Visitor Center, 101 S. California Street, Ventura, CA 93001, Open Daily or visit www.Ventura-USA.com.