



# Wavelengths

*Timely News & Information for the Media*

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## **Ventura Harbor Introduces a NEW Seaside Holiday Gift Guide Online**

Oh what fun it is to browse holiday gifts online and make your list before coming to shop Ventura Harbor boutiques and galleries. Check out the new Ventura Harbor Holiday Gift Guide online at [Ventura Harbor Village](#) and enter the Instagram contest #seasidegifts to win a \$50 Gift Certificate of choice to a Ventura Harbor store in the guide. From great gift ideas for the Surfer Boy or Little Mermaid to helpful hints on Gift Certificates for dining and on the water experiences, browse to your heart's content.

## **Holiday Character Meet & Greet**

### **NEW - Delight in a Family Friendly Kid's Holiday Meet & Greet**

Fridays, December 11, 18, 2015 – 2-4 p.m.

Cherish some well-deserved "family-time" during the holidays. Take in some traditional family fun in front of the Village Carousel & Arcade where you can come have a warm coffee drink and a snack, shop for gifts, and indulge the kids with fun and games for select Fridays in December. Grab a cup of hot cocoa and play some games at the Village Carousel & Arcade. Plus visit and take photos with holiday characters each week. Get a handshake or hug from a penguin, polar bear and snowman visiting from the North Pole as they stop by Ventura Harbor Village to spread holiday cheer seaside. 1583 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura, CA 93001, [Ventura Harbor Village](#)

## **Holiday Delights Await Shoppers at Ventura Harbor Village**

Head for Ventura Harbor Village for holiday delights that await shoppers at open houses, promising distinctive gifts. Here's what's in store for the holidays! [Ventura Harbor Village](#).

- **Barefoot Boutique Struts its Stuff for the Hippest, Coolest Fashions**

Holiday Open House - Sunday, December 13, 2015, 1-4pm

Barefoot Boutique is famous for it's fashion-worthy, trendy clothes that speak to the California lifestyle. Stop by and browse the day away with special discounts, giveaways and more! Known for its unique local artisan jewelry, handbags and accessories, it's a journey through irresistible items. 805-798-2029, [Barefoot Boutique](#)

- **Attention Art Lovers! Harbor Village Galleries Hold Holiday Open Houses**

Sunday, December 13, 2015, 2 - 6 pm

- **Tina O'Brien Gallery & Studio** raffles off painting - 'Surfers Point Summer' - all proceeds go to charity. "Ukelelians" play 2-4 pm, with refreshments and painting demos. 805-644-6088, [Tina O'Brien Gallery](#)
- **Ventura County Potters' Guild Gallery** holds Holiday Clay Fun Open House, with demonstrations 2 - 4 pm. Wheel demo by Joseph Cervantes, Kim Clarke and Roe Estep who will be demonstrating hand-building techniques. Enjoy cookies and refreshments, as well. 805-644-6800, [Ventura County Potters' Guild Gallery](#)
- Be the guest of **Harbor Village Gallery and Gifts Too** for refreshments and silent auction, ending at 6:45 pm. There's a free raffle every half hour for restaurant or dessert coupons. Need not be present to win.

## **Hop Aboard the Downtown Ventura Harbor "Holly Trolley" with Santa Claus**

December 12 & 13, 2015 – 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Free rides

Step aboard the Holly Trolley for shopping and dining in Ventura Harbor Village and Ventura Harbor. Santa's on board, and passengers are invited to snap photos with him as he rides the trolley around town. 805-827-4444, [Holly Trolley](#)

## **Ventura Yacht Club Junior's Sunday Fun Days**

Sunday, December 13, kids interested in sailing can try a day of sailing fun and join as a Junior member at the Ventura Yacht Club. RSVP 805-642-0426, [Ventura Yacht Club](#)

## **Chanukah Festival**

### **Celebrate Chanukah With A Special Seaside Festival**

Sunday, December 13, 2015, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. - Free

Gather on the Ventura Harbor Village Main Lawn for a special Chanukah celebration, and enjoy live music, Judaica boutiques, hot latkes, and more. Everyone is invited to join the festivities – and it's free to all! Presented by Chabad of Oxnard. 805-382-4770. [Chabad of Oxnard](#)

## **Ventura Harbor Village is All Decked Out for the Holidays**

A wondrous surprise awaits visitors to the Village as they see it decked out in Seaside Theme from lit harbor seals, to palm trees, and seahorses. Come check out the holiday lights at Ventura Harbor Village this December. Don't miss the Candy Cane Dock decorated by Ventura Boat Rentals with 10-foot tall candy canes.

## **New Artisan Store Opens Just in Time for the Holidays**

The December Store & More, a new artisan store, opens just in time for the holidays at Ventura Harbor Village across from Ventura Swimwear. From local artists are handmade items that make wonderful gifts for all seasons. Hours are 7 days a week, 11 am – 6 pm. The December Store & More will remain open through January to feature a variety of specialty items, from coffee, to soaps and lotions, to glass wear and beautifully crafted serving wear. [Ventura Harbor Village](#)

## **Parade of Lights**

### **Salute the Season At the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Ventura Harbor Parade of Lights & Fireworks**

Friday and Saturday, December 18 & 19, 2015 - 6:30 p.m. - Parade, and 8 p.m. Fireworks – Free

Mark your calendar for an all-out holiday extravaganza at this annual “must-see” event. Themed, “Surf, Sand & Santa-Celebrating 150 Years of Ventura,” the parade will feature beautifully decorated boats and nightly fireworks over the water. Make your dining reservations now to enjoy dinner with front row parade seating. On Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> watch Santa fly over in his sleigh at 6:30pm as the parade kicks off. Just added- another day of carnival rides & games! This year, enjoy three days of carnival fun instead of two. From December 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, the Village Main Lawn transforms into an exciting amusement zone for kids, and kids at heart, to enjoy. For Parade of Lights information, visit [Ventura Harbor](#)

## **Winter Wonderland & Holiday Marketplace**

### **Revel in A Festive Winter Wonderland & Holiday Marketplace**

Saturday, December 19, 2015 – 1-5 p.m. - Free

Delight in holiday shopping, and wander through a festive village as part of the popular “Winter Wonderland & Holiday Marketplace” at *Ventura Harbor Village*. Come early for fun and festivities that includes faux snowfall every 15 minutes, visits with Santa & Mrs. Claus, two live reindeer, Victorian Carolers, holiday boutiques, carnival rides, holiday crafts, plus Costco holiday selfie booth and crafts by Macaroni Kid, and Lakeshore Learning! The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Parade of Lights & Fireworks to follow! 1583 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura, CA 93001, [Ventura Harbor Village](#)

## California Sleigh Rides

### Take to the Water In Style On a California Sleigh Ride

December 5-31, 2015- Departs 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. – Cost: \$16 adults, \$13 seniors and \$10 for children 12 years old and younger. Come celebrate a holiday tradition with Ventura Boat Rental's California Sleigh Ride cruise through Ventura Harbor. Ride aboard "The Dreamer" vessel decked out in holiday décor that takes patrons on a voyage to see the beautifully decorated boats and homes in the Ventura Harbor and Ventura Keys. Each one-hour cruise also allows guest to enjoy holiday music, complimentary hot cocoa and holiday cookies. Adults can also enjoy Ventura Boat Rentals famous specialty "Reindeer Milk" from the onboard bar. Choose between a 6 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. departure times every night in December. 1575 Spinnaker Drive, 105B, #395, Dock 7, Ventura, CA,93001. Reservations Required. Call: 805-642-7753. [Ventura Boat Rentals](#)

## Make Merry Aboard California Caroling Cruises

December 9, 11, 15, 16, 17, 20, 22, and 23 2015 6:30pm to 7:30pm

\$16 adult, \$ 13 senior, \$ 10 child

FA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA! No Silent Night, here, as you warm up your pipes with family and friends on a one-hour Island Packers *Caroling Cruise* on select weekday evenings. Start a holiday tradition and make new friends aboard a 64' catamaran. Laugh and enjoy serenading the families in the Ventura Harbor and Ventura Keys neighborhood with joyful holiday favorite tunes (singing not required). Advance reservations recommended and bring a scarf! Call for tickets 805.642.1393, [Island Packers](#)

## Savor Holiday Fare On Christmas Day

December 25, 2015

Cherish a special meal with family and friends at one of the popular dining options at Ventura Harbor. Alexander's at Four Points by Sheraton; Rhumb Line – The Sunset Restaurant, known for it's fabulous sunsets; The Greek Mediterranean Steak & Seafood: 11am-5pm; Coastal Cone Ice Cream; The Parlor, a casual eatery. For details and reservations visit [Ventura Harbor Village](#)

## Ring in The New Year's Eve In A Festive Atmosphere

December 31, 2015

Ring in 2016 waterside and toast the New Year with a savory selection of al la carte and pre fixe menus, featuring hand crafted and specialty cocktails at: 805 Bar & Grilled Cheese; Alexander's at Four Points by Sheraton; Rhumb Line - The Sunset Restaurant; The Greek Mediterranean Steak & Seafood; Ventura Harbor Comedy Club. Visit [Ventura Harbor Village](#), Calendar of Events

## Bring Family & Friends!

December 26 – January 3

Experience the best part of living on the coast. Shop, dine, and entertain with live music performing throughout Harbor Village.

## Have a Whale of a Time!

Pacific Gray Whale Migration & Whale Watching starts in December and goes to mid-April. There's no place better to watch for these magnificent creatures than aboard Island Packers catamaran to see gray whales up close as they migrate south for the winter. Check out [Islandpackers.com](#) for great gift certificates! 805-642-1393, [Island Packers](#)

## 150<sup>th</sup> Rider on the Downtown-Harbor Trolley Promo extended into December!

In honor of the City of Ventura's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – the Downtown-Harbor Trolley is offering visitors and residents alike to jump on the FREE trolley to shop and dine this holiday season – every 150<sup>th</sup> rider wins a Gift Certificate or a prize! Visit the Trolley's website for schedules and pick ups, which include Downtown Ventura, Ventura Harbor Village and the Rhumb Line –The Sunset Restaurant to name a few. 805-827-4444, [Downtown Harbor Trolley](#)

## **Blackbeard's – the Perfect Celebration Spot**

Event space is available for Holiday Party rentals this December – the ideal location overlooking the water and the holiday lights. It's prime blank space to put on a festive party that sparkles, utilize a Ventura Harbor restaurant to cater, and be the perfect host! Capacity is 120 people, weekdays and weekends available. Reasonable rates for weekdays and weekends. Contact Susan Bogue at (805) 477-0470, [sbogue@venturaharbor.com](mailto:sbogue@venturaharbor.com)

## **Pop Up Yoga**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays 6 – 7 pm, and now Monday & Wednesday classes at 6:30 am. and 6-7pm**

Go Zen during the busy holiday season as pop up yoga instructor Betsy Raspiller hosts donation-based Ventura Pop-Up yoga classes at Ventura Harbor Village Blackbeard's space on the waterfront. Visit [Ventura Pop Up Yoga](#) for details. Party 'Til You Drop This Holiday Season in Ventura Harbor

**On Assignment?** Ventura Harbor Village Public Relations Department can arrange for accommodations, meals, activities, and exciting interviews and/or a short list of angles for journalists on assignment.

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