

VENTURA HARBOR

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CELEBRATE THE WONDER AND MAGIC OF THE HOLIDAYS AND CONNECT & SHARE WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY SEASIDE AT VENTURA HARBOR VILLAGE ON CALIFORNIA'S HIGHWAY 101

Festive Holiday Boat Parade, Winter Wonderland & Holiday Marketplace Holiday Cruising, Seaside Shopping, Dining and a Waterfront Decked Out for the Season

VENTURA, Calif. – Put a little sparkle in the season and celebrate the most wonderful time of the year with friends and family by immersing in the sights, sounds of the holiday season at the festively adorned Ventura Harbor and Ventura Harbor Village with its seasonal events. A must on your holiday list is the 41th Annual Ventura Harbor Parade of Lights & Fireworks “*When You Wish Upon A Star,*” and Winter Wonderland and Holiday Marketplace featuring Santa and Mrs. Claus, live reindeer, faux snow flurries, and Dickenson carolers clad in traditional costumes. The magic of the season comes alive this December 2017 at this seaside playground boasting year round sun and fun amid a California waterfront setting.

Salute all things shiny and bright and forget who's naughty or nice! Just jingle the bells and head over to Ventura Harbor Village celebrate the holiday season in true nautical style for unique, one-of-a-kind shopping and artisan finds; spectacular waterfront dining, featuring an array of delicious seafood options, California and ethnic fare; and the thrill of getting on the water with themed holiday cruises.

Mark your calendar and head on over to Ventura Harbor Village for an unforgettable holiday season:

Shop Local On Small Business Saturday

Saturday, November 25, 2017 – 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Kick off the season and shop 'til you drop with stunning views and without the big box bustle and partake in “LOVE LOCAL–SHOP LOCAL!” the theme for this year’s Ventura Harbor Village's salute to *Small Business Saturday*. An array of items from home décor to fabulous stocking stuffers, to gift for sea enthusiasts, art lovers, fall fashion, jewelry, accessories, fresh fish to prepare for guests at fourteen waterfront shops. This national day allows local businesses to showcase their unique merchandise that benefits consumers and the community. Ventura Harbor Village, 1583 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura, CA 93001.
www.VenturaHarborVillage.com

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Tis the Season of Giving – Toys for Tots Drop Off at Ventura Harbor Village

Silhouettes by the Beach Salon hosts this season the annual Toys for Tots drop off box for children's toys. Silhouettes is a full-service salon and will be open for drop offs starting Tuesday, November 28 – Sunday, December 10. (closed Mondays) Giving is part of the holiday season. For more information visit VenturaHarborVillage.com

Skip the Parking Hassles & Hop Aboard the Downtown Harbor Trolley/Shuttle

December, 2017; Wednesdays- Sundays - 11 a.m. – 11 p.m. - Free
Ride the trolley to shopping, dining, and all the jolly holiday events in Ventura Harbor Village. Visit Downtown Harbor Trolley (downtownventura.org/downtown-harbor-trolley) for schedule details, or call 805-827-4444. Locations include: Ventura Harbor Village, Ventura Visitors Center, San Buenaventura Mission, Discovery Ventura, Four Points By Sheraton, in addition to other select hotels in Ventura.

Delight in the Joy of the Season- Barefoot Boutiques Holiday Open House

"Making Spirits Bright" – Barefoot Boutique hosts a holiday Open House on Saturday, December 9 from 1- 3 p.m. The event will feature gourmet appetizers, refreshments, trunk show with local artisan jewelry, flash sales and a chance to make a holiday candle. All while shopping to check off your holiday wish list! Barefoot Boutique is located in the Ventura Harbor Village, 1575 Spinnaker Drive, Ventura. Or visit VenturaHarborVillage.com for details.

Create Memories & Celebrate in Classic Ventura Style On a California Sleigh Ride by Boat

Nightly from December 8-14 and December 17-31, 2017 - Departs 5:45- 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 – 8:45 p.m.
Cost: \$25 adults, \$23 seniors, \$15 for children 2-12 years old and infants \$7. Come celebrate a seaside holiday tradition with Ventura Boat Rental's California Sleigh Ride cruise through scenic and decorated Ventura Harbor and the Ventura Keys. Ride aboard "The Dreamer" vessel decked out in holiday décor that takes patrons on a voyage to see the beautifully decorated boats and homes. Each 75 min. cruise includes holiday music, complimentary hot chocolate and holiday cookies. Savor some of Ventura Boat Rentals famous specialty "Reindeer Milk" from the fully stocked onboard bar. Ventura Boat Rentals is located in Ventura Harbor Village in front of Coastal Cone Ice Cream- look for the Candy Cane dock. Reservations Recommended. Call: 805-642-7753. www.californiasleightrides.com; www.VenturaBoatRentals.com.

Partake in Some Jolly Good Fun Aboard an Island Packers California Caroling Cruise

December 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, and 23 2017 - 6:30-7:30 p.m. - \$16 for adults, \$13 for seniors and \$10 for children. Cruise in style to view holiday lights with family and friends during Island Packers *Caroling Cruise* on select weekday evenings. Caroling is available onboard, but not required. Advance reservations recommended as cruises do sell out. Don't forget to bring a scarf! Grab dinner in the Ventura Harbor Village before the cruise. Purchase tickets at IslandPackers.com or call 805-642-1393; Island Packers is in the Ventura Harbor at 1691 Spinnaker Dr., #105B, Ventura, CA 93001.

Salute the Season at the 41st Annual Ventura Harbor Holiday Parade of Lights & Fireworks

Friday and Saturday, December 15-16 2017 – Carnival/Dining 5 p.m (Saturday 11 AM – 9 PM) .; Parade starts at 6:30 p.m.; Fireworks (weather pending) at 8 p.m. – Parking and entrance are free. Mark your calendar for an all-out holiday extravaganza at this annual "must-see" event. Themed, "*When You Wish Upon A Star,*" 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 16th watch Santa fly over in his sleigh at 6:30 p.m. as the parade kicks off. Kids can enjoy the rides at the carnival in Ventura Harbor Village. Be on the water to watch the Parade of Lights with Public Tours on December 15 & 16 with the following: Ventura Boat Rentals at (805) 642-7753 and Island Packers (805) 642-1393. For Parade of Lights information including dining options and more, visit VenturaHarborVillage.com.

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Entertain Family & Friends at Ventura Harbor Village's Winter Wonderland & Holiday Marketplace

Saturday, December 16, 2017 – 1-5 p.m. – Free entrance & parking

Delight in holiday shopping, and wander through the seaside village as part of the popular Winter Wonderland & Holiday Marketplace *on Saturday, December 16 from 1- 5 p.m. at Ventura Harbor Village.* Festivities include faux snowfall every 15 minutes, visits with Santa & Mrs. Claus, two of Santa's live reindeer, Dickenson carolers, holiday boutiques, Toy Soldier Band, carnival rides, delectable treats, artisan crafts, kids free crafts, holiday costumed characters, holiday shopping, seaside dining and more! New this year – kids can drop off letters to Santa in Santa's mailbox! The 41st Annual Parade of Lights & Fireworks to follow! 1583 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura, CA 93001. www.VenturaHarborVillage.com.

Artisans Sparkle at a Festive European Christmas Marketplace

The December Store & More and the Harbor Village Gallery & Gifts present an artisan European Christmas Market, Saturday and Sundays December 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17 and 23 from 11 AM- 4 PM. Over 15 local artisan one-of-a-kind gifts, cards, artwork and home décor perfect holiday finds for new homeowners, grandchildren, moms and dads, grandparents, friends, pups, new parents, holiday host gifts and to freshen up your home, and much more. Surprises every weekend, music, festivities by both stores and sweet tastes from eateries in Ventura Harbor Village are featured, plus children activities each day. Parking and entrance are complimentary – enter in Ventura Harbor Village Entry #1 and The December Store & More and the Harbor Village Gallery & Gifts happenings are in the 1559 Courtyard along with Ventura Swimwear, Ventura Dive & Sport, and Wild Local Seafood. Pick up fresh, sustainable fish for the holiday season.

Book Your Party Near the Sea in Style!

Ventura Harbor is THE place for holiday merry making. Book a group party at a Harbor restaurant, business or charter a boat, and celebrate waterside this winter with amazing holiday décor in Ventura Harbor and homes on the Ventura Keys, including a dock adorned with 10-foot candy canes. Rhumb Line - The Sunset Restaurant, Brophy Bros. Clam Bar & Restaurant, The Greek Mediterranean Steak & Seafood, 805 Bar & Grilled Cheese, Milano's Italian Restaurant, Boatyard Pub, Margarita Villa, Island Packers Caroling Cruises, Ventura Boat Rentals Paddlewheel Dreamer and California Sleigh Rides, The Ultimate Escape Rooms and Ventura Comedy Club are all ideal venues to welcome parties of all sizes! www.VenturaHarborVillage.com.

Celebrate Chanukah with A Special Seaside Festival

Sunday, December 17, 2017 – 2-4:30 p.m. - Free

Gather at the Ventura Harbor Village for a waterfront Chanukah celebration including 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. www.ChabadofOxnard.com.

Savor Delicious Holiday Fare On Christmas Day

December 25, 2017

Cherish a casual get together or gather for a special meal with family and friends at one of the popular dining options at Ventura Harbor. www.VenturaHarborVillage.com.

- Alexander's at Four Points by Sheraton
- Rhumb Line – The Sunset Restaurant, known for its fabulous sunsets
- The Greek Mediterranean Steak & Seafood: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- 805 Bar & Grilled Cheese 11a.m - 4 p.m.
- Coastal Cone Ice Cream
- The Parlor, a casual eatery

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Ring in The New Year's Eve Waterside

Ring in 2018 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 the below restaurants and clubs on December 31, 2017. Visit www.VenturaHarborVillage.com.

- 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

Both The Ventura Harbor Comedy Club and The Greek Mediterranean Steak & Seafood will be ringing in the New Year with holidays parties on December 31, 2017.

- Ventura Comedy Club, both shows on December 31, 2017 feature headliner show by comedian John DiCrosta with an option of a delicious catered dinner, champagne toast, party favors, noisemakers, and hats all for \$68 per person, or \$30 admission for the show alone.
- The Greek Mediterranean Steak and Seafood is pulling out all the stops with a special sea themed celebration highlighting mirrors and accents painted by local muralist Lisa Kelley. Party goers have an option to savor a la carte selection off the regular menu from 5-6:30 p.m. or partake in a special dinner at 8:00 p.m. priced at \$59.95 per person, plus tax and gratuity. As part of the evening, there will be belly dancing and a live Greek Show and diners are treated with a free photo to remember their special evening.

About Ventura Harbor Village:

Located on scenic Highway 101, Ventura Harbor Village is 30 minutes South of Santa Barbara and one-hour North of Los Angeles. Ventura Harbor Village is a vibrant, working harbor village and fishing marina boasting 35 shops, galleries, restaurants and waterfront activities including a Village Carousel & Arcade, Comedy Club, Harbor Cove Beach and Surfer's Knoll Beach, dive and fishing boats, harbor tours, boat, kayak and peddle boat rentals, and a beautiful walking Promenade. The Village offers

Visitors an escape to a sun-kissed, seaside playground with transportation to and from the Harbor via the Ventura-Downtown Harbor Trolley, annual special events, live weekend entertainment, dog-friendly facilities, soft adventure, and spectacular sunset views of the Pacific coastline. Home to the Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center, (open seven days a week with free admission and parking and within walking distance to the Village), this coastal playground features its own viewing tower, exhibits and bookstore and is easy for travelers to visit the five islands right off the Ventura coast. It is here that visitors can experience world-class island diving, snorkeling, hiking, kayaking, sea cave exploration, photography, camping and wildlife viewing.

For visitor information, contact [Ventura Harbor Village](http://www.VenturaHarborVillage.com) at 805-477-0470, online at www.VenturaHarborVillage.com, via fax at 805-644-1684. Ventura Harbor Village is located at 1583 Spinnaker Drive in Ventura. Post, share, and like #VenturaHarbor.

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