

County: **Ventura**  
 USGS Quad: **Anacapa Island (digital)**

Thomas Guide Location  
 NA  
 NOAA Chart: **18720**

Latitude N Longitude W  
 34.00444 119.39861

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**SITE DESCRIPTION:**

THIS SITE IS LOCATED IN CHANNEL ISLANDS DIVISION D. The three islets (west, middle, and east) that make up Anacapa Island are oriented in an east-west direction, making it very long and narrow. The north side is primarily exposed vertical rock cliffs, with a few pocket beaches, while the south side is a combination of wave cut rock platforms, vertical cliffs, and pocket beaches. Much of the northern offshore area of Anacapa Island is included in either the Anacapa Island State and Federal Marine Reserves or the Marine Conservation Areas. A special closure also exist for Anacapa Island. Footprint State and Federal Marine Reserves is located southwest of this site.

**SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN**

March through July for nesting seabirds. All year as haul out site for harbor seals and California sea lions and for high concentrations of seabirds.

**RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN**

Anacapa Island is designated as part of a National Park, a National Marine Sanctuary, an "Area of Special Biological Significance" (ASBS) and is included in the international biosphere preserve program.

Brown pelicans (major population), double crested, brandt's, and pelagic cormorants, black oystercatcher, pigeon guillemot, and western gull.

Harbor seals and California sea lions.

Rich and diverse intertidal communities, including surf grass beds, black abalone and black abalone critical habitat.

Extensive eelgrass bed at Frenchy's Cove.

**CULTURAL, HISTORIC, and ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES**

Cultural, Historical, and Archeological sites are known to exist in the area, however, the exact locations of these sites must be ascertained by contacting the Channel Islands National Park Archeologist (see contact list). Information may also be obtained from the Native American Heritage Commission at (916) 373-3710, the State Office of Historical Preservation (916) 445-7000, and/or the South Central Coast Archeological Information Center (657) 278-5395.

**KEY CONTACTS: Trustee (T); Entry/Owner/Access (E); Cultural (C); or Other Assistance (O)**

Type	Name / Title	Organization	Phone
T/O	24hr Emergency Cell	Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary	(805) 729-1271
T	David Ashe Chief Ranger (24hrs)	Channel Islands National Park	(805) 218-0251
T	Kate Faulkner Chief, Natural Resources	Channel Islands National Park	(805) 804-0044
T	Russell E. Galipeau Jr. Superintendent	Channel Islands National Park	(805) 451-2199
T	Sean Hastings Emergency Operations Manager	Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary	(805) 729-5598
C	Kelly Minas Archeologist	Channel Islands National Park	(805) 658-5754
T	Chris Mobley Sanctuary Superintendent	Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary	(805) 893-6416
T	Mike Morales Supervisory Ranger (24hr)	Channel Islands National Park	(805) 804-0056
T	Mike Murray Deputy Superintendent of Programs	Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary	(805) 448-9971
T	Office	Channel Islands National Park	(805) 658-5720
T	Office (0800-1700)	Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary	(805) 893-6431
T	Becky Ota Marine Conservation Manager	CDFW Marine Protected Areas Program	(650) 631-6789
T	Elizabeth Petras Biologist	National Marine Fisheries Service	(562) 980-3238
T	SURCOM (24-hr)	California State Parks Dispatch	(951) 443-2969
T	Steve Wertz Senior Environmental Scientist	CDFW Marine Protected Areas Program	(562) 342-7184
T	Stephen Whittaker Marine Biologist	Channel Islands National Park	(805) 658-5807

**ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:**

# 4-880 -A Site Strategy - Anacapa Island

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## CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

Anacapa Island is located 11 miles from the mainland and is home to large numbers of seals and sealions as well as colonies of seabirds. The three islets (west, middle, and east) that make up Anacapa Island are oriented in an east-west direction and a boat is required to travel from one islet to another. Trustee agencies may not sanction onshore response activities. Refer to and comply with introductory section of 9814 before initiating any response activities.

## HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

Conditions in the Santa Barbara Channel and around the islands are variable and the ocean is unforgiving. Only experienced skippers with vessels capable of withstanding severe weather are advised to make the cross-channel passage. Major shipping lanes lie between the islands and the mainland.

## SITE STRATEGIES

**NO SITE SPECIFIC ONSHORE PROTECTION STRATEGY FEASIBLE:** There are no practicable onshore response strategies for protecting onshore and nearshore resources in this area. Attempt to collect and/or disperse oil in offshore locations before it reaches inshore areas or the shoreline. Before initiating any response activities within the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary or Channel Islands National Park, refer to and comply with the Channel Islands Introductory section of 9814.

## Table of Response Resources

strategy number	harbor boom	swamp boom	Other boom type	sorb boom	Anchoring no type and gear	Boom boat	Skiffs punts	Skimmers No Type	Special Equipment or comment No and kinds	staff deploy	Staff tend

## LOGISTICS

**DIRECTIONS: to site (by land and/or by water, to nearest launch ramp and are access permits required.)**

Only by boat. Closest harbors are Santa Barbara and Ventura. All access to the Channel Islands must be coordinated with National Parks and must follow biosecurity protocols. Refer to introductory section of 9814 for more information. The three islets (west, middle, and east) that make up Anacapa Island are oriented in an east-west direction, making it very long and narrow.

**LAND ACCESS:** No road or vehicle access.

## WATER LOGISTICS:

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking Vessel landing available at Landing Cove (north face of island on the east end). Caution- and Services Available: monitor sea conditions and depth before attempting approach.

## FACILITIES, STAGING AREAS, POSSIBLE FIELD POSTS AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE:

**COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:** Cell phone reception unreliable. Marine VHF or Sattelite phone best options.

## ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

Each island is equipped with at least 1 base station radio for communication with park headquarters and a marine band radio.

