

**Press Release for Santa Barbara Ocean Film Festival**



**On October 20, 2006, The Ocean Channel hosts its Third Annual Santa Barbara Ocean Film Festival at UCSB Campbell Hall from 8pm to 10pm presenting an inspiring night of short and feature length films about the sea.**

"We're really looking forward to this year's show, " says President of the Ocean Channel, the producers of the event., Michael Hanrahan. "After last year's line up of such diverse and well-produced films, we really didn't think it could get much better. But, the submissions we've received this year are phenomenal and we are very excited to be able to present these films to Santa Barbara".

Festival goers can expect another big night of ocean films from around the world, including a film premier from National Geographic filmmaker, Jon Bowermaster, featuring his kayak journey along the Adriatic Sea called "Borderlands".

Traditionally, all proceeds from the festival (revenue after expenses) have been donated to a local non-profit organization. This year's beneficiary is Santa Barbara's own **Environmental Defense Center** ([www.edcnet.org](http://www.edcnet.org)) an organization engaged in important work, protecting local waters.

Dean Dephillipo, co-producer of the show, offers: "The work that EDC is doing to inform local people about projects like the proposed LNG issue and 'Save Naples' initiative is so important. We're pleased to help them to raise money and awareness about pressing ocean

issues along our coast."The judging of over 100 ocean films submitted to this year's SBOFF continues with finalists to be announced at the end of September. Approximately 20 films will be deemed 'Finalists' while only ten to twelve 'winning' films will be screened at the big night out at UCSB.

A partial sponsor list includes; Brooks Institute of Photography, UCSB Marine Science Institute, Condor Express, Anacapa Dive Center, Patagonia, and La Cusinga Eco Lodge.

#### ABOUT THE OCEAN CHANNEL:

The Ocean Channel provides "ocean people" from around the world with a comprehensive and centralized source of ocean news, education, conservation, and entertainment. By utilizing the best of online technologies, science, and photography we seek to fully utilize the power of the Internet and communicate the beauty, significance, and fragility of the global ocean. Please visit us at: [www.ocean.com](http://www.ocean.com)

#### ABOUT EDC:

The Environmental Defense Center is a nonprofit, public interest organization that provides legal, educational and advocacy support to advance environmental quality. EDC primarily serves community groups on California's South Central Coast.

EDC selects cases and projects that preserve the environment for future generations, protect human health, promote appropriate management and use of natural resources, and enhance the character of the community.

#### ADDITIONS:

Tickets for the event are \$10 and available at:  
UCSB Associated Student Ticket Office 805-893-2064  
and  
Environmental Defense Center 805-963-1622

Raffle Tickets: \$5.00

Raffle Prizes include: A 4 night stay for two at La Cusinga Eco Lodge in Costa Rica, a \$250 gift certificate at Anacapa Dive Center.