

USC Transportation to Catalina Island

The USC Wrigley Institute offers daily boat transportation, Monday through Friday, from the mainland to the USC Wrigley Marine Science Center on Catalina Island. The boat to the USC campus on Catalina Island departs from the **Southern California Marine Institute** (SCMI) on Terminal Island in San Pedro (south of Los Angeles, north of Long Beach). The route to SCMI can be hard to follow for anyone who is unfamiliar with the area, so allow extra time if you are making your first trip there.

Important Information

This boat transportation to the USC campus on Catalina Island is governed by USC policies and regulations of the U.S. Coast Guard. Please read the following list for important details.

- The boat service is offered daily from Monday through Thursday, but this schedule can be subject to change.
- **For the morning trip to Catalina Island on Wednesday, Sept. 4, you must arrive at SCMI in San Pedro no later than 7:00 a.m. to allow sufficient boarding time. The boat will depart promptly at 7:30 a.m.**
- Travel time is roughly 90 minutes one way.
- The boat leaves on time, with or without all passengers listed on the vessel's manifest. Please plan on boarding 30 minutes before the scheduled departure.
- **CLOSED-TOED SHOES are MANDATORY for all passengers aboard USC vessels. Anyone wearing open-toed footwear, such as sandals, will not be permitted to board.**
- Smoking and consumption of alcohol are prohibited aboard USC vessels.
- **For the return USC boat on Friday, Sept. 6, please be ready to depart the Science Center no later than 12:00 p.m. The boat will depart at 12:30 p.m.**

Directions:

Southern California Marine Institute is located at
820 South Seaside Ave., Terminal Island, CA 90731
Phone: (310) 519-3172 Fax: (310) 519-1054



(Terminal Island is undergoing constant construction, with several detours and a few missing street signs. Leave yourself plenty of time to find us in case you get lost.)

GETTING TO SCMI FROM THE 110 HARBOR FREEWAY

Take the 110 Harbor freeway south towards San Pedro. Exit at Rt. 47, the Vincent Thomas Bridge. Cross the bridge and exit at Ferry Street (the first exit coming down off the bridge), and turn left (onto Ferry) at the signal. Turn right onto Terminal Way (second signal). After one signal and two stop signs, the road curves left and becomes Seaside Avenue. After the curve, you'll see water on the left, after which SCMI is the first building, a tan two-story with a reddish fence along the street. Public parking is on the street (east side only).

GETTING TO SCMI FROM THE 710 LONG BEACH FREEWAY

Take the 710 Long Beach freeway south to Terminal Island (right two lanes when fwy splits). Then continue on to the Gerald Desmond bridge (Ocean Blvd) by staying to the left. Cross the bridge, continuing on Ocean Blvd then exit at Ferry Street about 3 miles (just before the Vincent Thomas bridge, which you don't want to cross). The offramp will turn left under the bridge onto Ferry Street. Continue on Ferry, and at the third signal turn right onto Terminal Way. After one signal and two stop signs, the road curves left and becomes Seaside Avenue. After the curve, you'll see water on the left, after which SCMI is the first building, a tan two-story with a reddish fence along the street. Public parking is on the street (east side only)

HINTS FOR FINDING US IF YOU GET LOST:

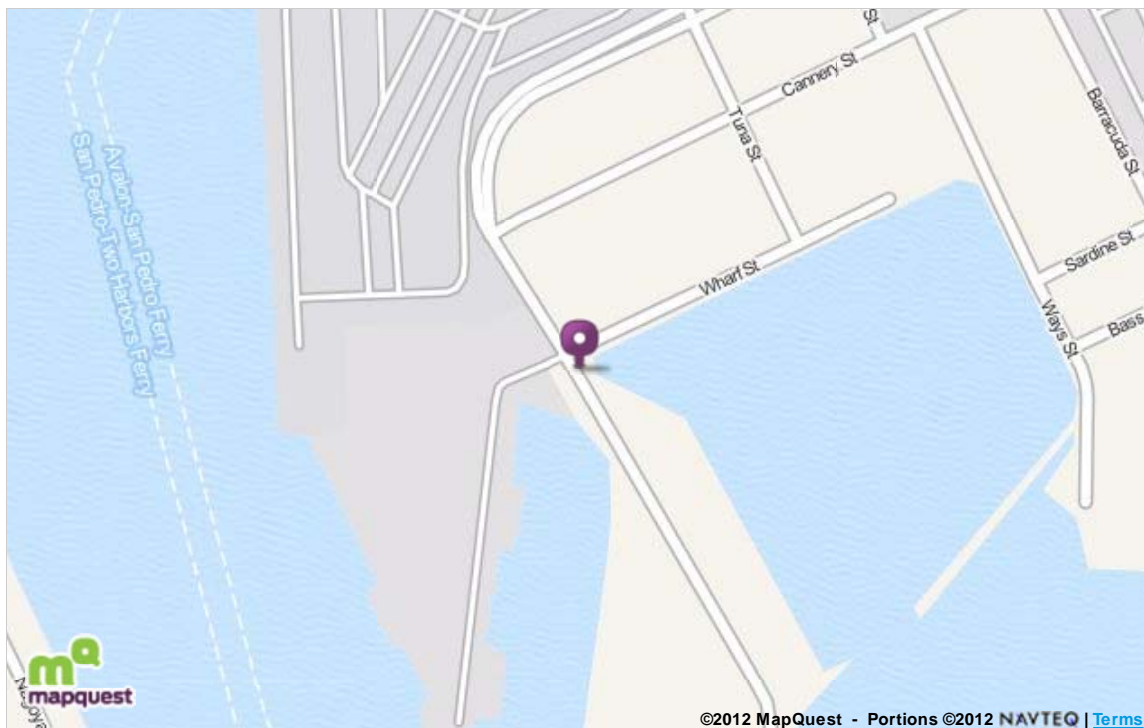
- Stay on Terminal Island - between the Vincent Thomas Bridge and the Gerald Desmond Bridge.
- The Terminal Island Correctional Institution, and the Coast Guard are past us on South Seaside Ave. So follow any signs to these that you see. If you reach them, you have gone too far. If you are lost ask for directions to these two landmarks!
- If you have any other questions you can email us at scmi@csulb.edu or call us at (310)519-3172.



Map of:
820 S Seaside Ave
San Pedro, CA 90731-7330

Notes

Southern California Marine Institute (SCMI)



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Catalina Express Riders

The following pages are from the Catalina Express web page. Most of you are coming on the 9:00AM boat over on the 4th and heading back on the 2:00PM boat on the 6th. There will be a gear haul for each of these trips to get your gear from and to Two Harbors from Wrigley. The marine facility is about 1.5 miles from where the Catalina Express boat docks, and the walk is really long if you are carrying your gear. You can either walk or take the shore boat. The shore boat costs about \$5 and takes 10 minutes to get from the Two Harbors dock to the Wrigley dock. The shore boat leaves from the same dock that the Catalina Express does, and no reservation is needed.

Wednesday arrival: the gear haul will be a brown truck with the Wrigley logo on the side, parked on the shore, at the end of the dock (to the left). Throw your stuff in the back and they will take it back to the facility for you. If you plan to take the shore boat you can take your gear with you onto the shore boat. If you have a lot of stuff it is best to put in on the truck, since they charge you extra for more than two bags per person on the shore boat.

Friday Departure: the gear haul will be the same truck, parked next to the dorms. The cooks will drive it over to Two Harbors right after they finish cleaning up after lunch. You will want to have your stuff in the back of it by 12:30 to be sure it makes it in time. You are then on your own to either walk or call the shore boat back to Two Harbors. It is recommended that you be to Two Harbors 30 minutes before the boat is set to sail.

CATALINA EXPRESS TRAVEL POLICIES

Check-In:

- All passengers must check in at the ticket window.
- Please plan on arriving at least one hour prior to departure.
- Passengers must be checked-in, with tickets in hand, ready to board, at least 30 minutes prior to departure.
- If you are not checked-in 15 minutes prior to departure, your seats will be forfeited and your credit card will be charged for the full amount of the round-trip fare.

Boarding

- Passengers are to wait in designated area until boarding is announced.
- Passengers are to hold their own ticket.
- An adult must accompany children under 7 years of age.

For your Safety

- Wear soft-soled shoes. High heels and leather-soled shoes are not recommended.
- Pay attention to boarding ramp incline, it may be steep.
- Watch your step. Vessel is constantly in motion.

Baggage Policy (Updated as of May 2011)

Each passenger is allowed 2 pieces of luggage, no larger than 37×23x23 and weighing no more than 50 pounds each, to be stowed in the luggage compartment. In addition, each passenger may bring one carry-on that fits under airline style seating. Flammables or dangerous items are not allowed. Please make sure you have an ID tag on each item and do not leave luggage unattended in the terminal at any time. Unattended luggage is subject to search and seizure.

A reservation agent at Catalina Express can answer your questions and if you have a special luggage request may forward you on to customer service for a solution. For Groups of 20 or more passengers and for camp groups contact a Group Service Representative at extension 4. Large freight or extra ordinary freight, is directed to Catalina Freight Line (310) 510-0248 or Catalina Flying Boat at (310) 510-1441.

The Following Articles May Be Carried On Board At Passenger's Own Risk And Liability For Loss, Damage Or Theft. Space Available Only

DIVE COMMUNITY LUGGAGE:

- 1 Carry-On Bag - 12" x 12" x 24" that will fit under the seat or in overhead bin. Maximum of 50 lbs.
- 2 Bags - 37" x 23" x 23". Maximum 50 lbs.

Includes Personal and/or Dive Bag These dimensions will accommodate the majority of Pelican, Stanley or dive boxes. A third bag is permitted if necessary.

THE FOLLOWING DOES NOT COUNT AS A BAGGAGE ITEM:

- 1 recreational dive tank or 1 double with fixed manifold.
- 1 weight belt or weight bag which is carried on or worn by passenger (Not in Luggage).
- 2 wheel dolly.

Note: Returning suits that return wet are not an issue and will be permitted aboard.

Strollers

One fold-up stroller per infant/child may be brought on board and transported free of charge. It must fold and fit in the luggage compartment or crew designated area.

Bicycles, Jogger Strollers, Surfboards, Two Wheeled Dollies & Four Wheeled Wagons

Bicycles and jogger strollers will be carried as “additional articles” on a space available basis. Surfboards, up to 9’ in length, are also acceptable as “additional articles” on a space available basis as are two wheeled dollies capable of disassembly. Four wheeled wagons not exceeding 36” in length are allowed as “additional articles” when accompanied by a child or infant under 11 years of age. There will be a charge of \$3.00 each way, per article and they are to be stored in crew designated areas.

Tandem Bicycles, Kayaks, Four Wheeled Dollies & Trashcans

Tandem bicycles and kayaks will not be carried on board the vessel. Four wheeled dollies and trashcans are not permitted.

Electrical & Musical Equipment

Electronic, computer, audio/visual or related items or equipment can be carried at passenger’s own risk on a space available basis and must meet baggage allowances and will be stored in baggage compartment or crew designated areas.

Musical instruments and band related equipment can be carried at passenger’s own risk and must meet baggage allowances and must be stored in baggage compartment or crew designated areas.

Animals

Personal domestic pets are to be leashed and muzzled or in a pet carrying case while waiting to board the boat and for the duration of the trip. One pet per passenger. Pets are to stay close to the owner on the deck. Pets are not allowed in passenger seats or in the aisles where they may obstruct traffic. Pets must be secure in a muzzle, leash and collar or a muzzle and harness sufficiently strong and tight fitting to securely hold the pet, or the pet must be enclosed in a suitable animal carrier throughout the duration of the trip. Catalina Express will not assume obligations to store or care for pets at ports, docks or on board vessels. Animals must not have an offensive odor. Animals are not permitted in the Commodore's Lounge.

Articles And Materials Prohibited In Baggage

Acids, batteries, boxes (except those containing apparel or mechanic’s tools), camp stoves and lanterns (except electric or when propane or butane canisters are removed), charcoal,

chinaware, human corpses, construction materials, cots, dangerous articles, explosives, firewood, fireworks, food stuffs, furniture, gambling devices, gasoline, glass or glassware, guns (loaded), household articles, inflammable materials, internal combustion engines of any kind, jewelry, kerosene, liquids, lumber, matches, merchandise, motorcycles, nails, outboard motors, perishable articles, paint, paint thinner, private papers or articles of extraordinary value, produce, televisions (except portable), tires, trail bikes, typewriters (except portable), and wire.

Baggage Waivers

Baggage waivers releasing Catalina Express from any liability are required for all non-luggage items and animals. Non-luggage items include, but are not limited to: Fishing poles (enclosed in carrying case), golf clubs and golf bags, beach chairs, tool boxes, ice chests, carts, 2-wheeled carts, strollers, surfboards, bikes, sleeping bags and tents. Baggage waivers may be obtained at the ticket window or from a dock person.

Limits of Liability

Catalina Express assumes no liability for damage or loss of any kind to ticket holder's baggage or personal property resulting from inherent defects in the quality or nature of the personal baggage, insufficiency of identification, or any act or omission on the part of the ticket holder.

Tickets

Evidence of Fare Paid

Tickets are evidence of fare paid and must be surrendered for boarding, cancellation, or inspection by a Catalina Express representative.

Ticket Change Charge

Tickets which are changed after they are issued will be charged a change fee of \$5.00 per ticket, one way. There is no charge for making changes to a reservation prior to the ticket being issued.

Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Tickets

Your tickets have value. Please safeguard your tickets as you would cash. Catalina Express is not liable for lost, stolen, misplaced or destroyed tickets.

Tickets are required for travel

You cannot travel on lost tickets. To be able to travel, you must repurchase your tickets.

Refund for lost tickets

- You may apply for a refund for lost or destroyed tickets. To do so you must complete the Lost Ticket Report at the Catalina Express ticket window.

- Lost tickets may be refunded by Catalina Express if you were required to repurchase new tickets to travel. If your original tickets have not been used within 30 days of the date printed on the ticket, your Lost Ticket Report will be reviewed for processing. A handling fee will be applied.
- Please keep in mind, all printed tickets are like cash, therefore, anyone who finds a lost ticket can use it. Identification is not required for boarding.
- Sorry you cannot apply for a refund on-line.

Tickets are valid:

- Between the ports listed on the ticket.
- For the class of service and accommodations listed on the ticket.
- Within the validity period stated on the ticket.
- Subject to other conditions as stated on the ticket.

Tickets are Void if:

- They bear alterations or erasures.
- Presented for passage for another day, another port, or past validity conditions.

Cancellation Policy

Passengers may cancel their reservation without obligation, provided they contact Catalina Express at least 24 hours prior to departure and obtain a cancellation number. Passengers who do not show up on the day of travel will be charged the full amount of the round-trip fare.

Alcoholic Beverages – “Zero Tolerance”

ABC Regulations provide that no persons may drink alcoholic beverages aboard vessels unless the on-board snack bar licensee has served them.

U.S. coast Guard enforces a “zero-tolerance” policy regarding illegal drugs on all passenger vessels.

Terms & Conditions

Prices, schedules and terms subject to change without notice in conformance with California Public Utilities Commission Regulations. Round trip fares include \$5.00 island wharfage fare per person round trip. Fares are subject to fuel and/or security surcharge. Holiday and holiday weekend schedules may vary, call for information. Catalina Express accepts no responsibility for lost or stolen tickets or any cancellations due to adverse weather conditions or circumstances beyond our control.



LOCATION:
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PORT OF SAN PEDRO

The New Catalina Sea and Air Terminal in San Pedro opened its doors in Summer 2012, just steps from the original location. The Terminal is located at the remodeled waterfront promenade in San Pedro which is freeway accessible from Los Angeles and Orange Counties.



The Catalina Sea and Air Terminal in San Pedro address does not display accurately on all mapping websites.

Location: Berth 95, San Pedro, CA

For mapping website driving directions use: N Front St & Swinford St, San Pedro, CA

General driving directions: Take the 110 Freeway south to San Pedro. Take the Terminal Island, Exit 47 ramp. Stay in the right lane, exit Harbor Blvd. Follow signs to Catalina Terminal.

The San Pedro Terminal offers an Express Grill and a Catalina Bistro where Chef Laurel Lyman will be at the helm. Menu items include: sandwiches, salads, beer and wine. [Click Here](#) for the Menu through September 3, 2012 *(subject to change)*.

There are also brochure racks filled with information as well as Catalina Island tour desks with personnel ready to answer questions. ATMs are available at all locations and Visa, MasterCard and American Express are welcome.

Parking

\$12.00 per day. Cash, credit cards or traveler's checks only. Prices are subject to change and prorated rates may be available. Check with parking vendor for details. Parking operated by:

PCI Parking - (310) 547-4357

Additional San Pedro Information

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Berth 95 for Catalina Express



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