

CSTR Launches Year-End Volunteer & Fundraising Campaign

As you enjoy planning your year-end donations, consider helping to enrich our ocean environment and revitalize the economies of our coastal communities by donating to California Ships to Reefs. There has never been a better time to invest in our non-profit organization, as we are now poised to move ahead on exciting new sink projects.

Our all-volunteer organization has had a year of remarkable effectiveness as we worked to create new marine life and build the future of recreational diving and fishing through artificial reefing. We've spearheaded new legislation which helps smooth the way for artificial reef projects by removing liability for dive accidents that may occur on them. It sailed through the legislature without a single no vote. It was signed into law by the Governor on the tenth anniversary of the sinking of the *HMCS Yukon*, an event we celebrated with two days of festivities, including the first ever open water deep sea press conference.

We've participated in conferences, conventions and special event events up and down the state. And we capped off the year by announcing to the Dana Point City Council that we're ready to move ahead on sinking the *USS Kawishiwi* outside the city's harbor, creating the nation's second largest ship-based reef.

All of this exciting progress was made possible by our dedicated band of volunteers and the generosity of supporters like you. You can be sure that every penny of your contribution moves us ahead on our mission as our tightly run organization carries no salaries or expensive overhead. As well as monetary donations, we welcome goods from businesses and manufacturers for use as door prizes at auctions, and as awards and prizes at special events.

Since volunteers are the life blood of our organization we also urge you to support us with your time and expertise. We have many ways, large and small that you can be part of our adventure, from writing letters and sharing information with your community to chairing a committee or a project. Help us raise volunteers and resources needed for our ongoing projects like baseline studies, towing vessels to cleaning sites, permitting expenses, and all the details that go into a project.

The Board of Directors wishes you all Happy Holidays and thanks you heartily for all you've done. To make a contribution, visit <http://californiashipstoreefs.org/Calendar?eventId=245720&EventViewMode=2&CalendarViewType=1&SelectedDate=12/9/2010>.