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## CHARTER FOR SINKING EVENTS COMMITTEE

### WHY IS THIS MISSION NEEDED OR WHY IS IT IMPORTANT

California Ships to Reefs wants to place each vessel upright and on the site where spotted. California Ships to Reefs does not want to harm any marine mammals that may be nearby. The sinking cannot happen unless all the permits for the event are in place. Alumni groups support reefing of their vessels & need a way to say "good-bye", general public & VIP attendance is good PR, as is a good documentary concluding with the sinking of the vessel.

### DESCRIPTION OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

1. Develop standardized protocol for Sinking Event
2. Liaise with Explosives Contractor, U.S. Coast Guard, NOAA Fisheries Office of Protected Resources (Marine Mammal Protection Act) and local jurisdictions to ensure all permits for sinking are in place, so sinking event goes off with no surprises.
3. Develop standardized pre-sinking workshop
4. Develop standardized alumni group, general public & VIP pre-sinking tours, parties, etc.
5. Develop standardized fundraising opportunities/pre-sinking events
6. Develop standardized protocol for VIP attendee invitations
7. Coordinate viewing location/safety zones, etc. for event
8. Develop standardized protocol for documentation of sinking
9. Determine press/media/camera equipment placement
10. Develop policy of who has ship access & who does not
11. Develop standard protocol for site prep (i.e., pick up starfish & place into containers for safety, then release after reefing complete)
12. Determine requirements and methods for proper placement of former crew ashes on the vessel(s)

### DEFINE SUCCESS FOR THIS COMMITTEE

1. All permits are valid and in place
2. No marine mammals in area of sinking
3. Site prep is complete
4. Pre-sinking events have gone off without a hitch
5. VIPs/Alumni/Press/General Public in place to view sinking
6. Documentary company has all the video it needs for TV and/or DVD
7. Press pool is in place
8. Vessel is on the bottom with no surprises

OVERALL PROJECT: For the Duration

### SKILLS/PEOPLE OR EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO ACCOMPLISH MISSION OF COMMITTEE

Explosives Contractor Liaison (Contracts Committee), U.S. Coast Guard Liaison (Governmental Relations-Federal Committee), Local Jurisdiction Liaison (Governmental Relations-Local Committee), NOAA Fisheries Office of Protected Resources Liaison (Governmental Relations-Federal Committee), Marine Mammal Lookouts (Science Committee), Documentary Company Liaison (Public Information Committee), Alumni Group Liaison (Veterans Committee), VIP Liaison (Project Representatives & International Relations Committees), people good organizing events, people good organizing workshops, people good working with the press, reporters, divers