Background:

The University of Southern California's vessel, Miss Christi, has historically been used for cross-channel boat trips between the Southern California Marine Institute (SCMI) and the USC Wrigley Marine Science Center (WMSC) near the town of Two Harbors, Catalina.

Due to limited space and a high demand on our boat and facility, this service is currently only available in support of USC Wrigley Institute affiliated research and education. All boat seats are subject to availability. Seating priority will be given to students, faculty, and staff.

Boat Information:

Miss Christi will depart the dock promptly at the listed departure times. Plan on arriving and loading gear at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled departure. Boat schedules are subject to change. For the updated boat schedule and on-line boat reservation form, visit wrigley.usc.edu/transportation/.

SCMI is located at 820 S. Seaside Ave in San Pedro (directions on page 2). There is ongoing construction on the bridge, so leave plenty of travel time in case of confusion. Free on-street parking is available, but please refrain from parking inside SCMI's gate; it is for assigned staff only. Space is limited. Carpool if possible.

Baggage Guidelines:

Passengers are allowed up to 2 personal pieces of luggage each, no larger than 23"x23"x37" and weighing no more than 50 pounds. Do not tie anything to the outside of your bags. Any dive or snorkel gear should be packed separately, as it may be stored on the deck of the boat for the duration of the crossing. Let the boat crew know if your luggage requires any special consideration (fragile handling, expensive equipment, etc.).

If you should require additional luggage, mention this at the time of reservation. Requests will be considered on a space-available basis. For large items or cargo, especially if the use of a fork lift or crane need be involved, please arrange a gear haul by emailing wiesboat@usc.edu well in advance of your arrival date. Additional costs may apply.

Cargo Deliveries:

SCMI staff can accept deliveries and assist with offloading M-F 09:00 – 14:00. Items will be stored outside, unless otherwise specified. As available, there may be space in the SCMI warehouse for short-term storage. Gear will be transported on the boat as possible on a limited basis. Please coordinate the arrival of your gear by emailing wiesboat@usc.edu. In some cases, it may be required to charter Miss Christi or another vessel to transport cargo.

RUNNING LATE? CAN’T MAKE THE BOAT? PLEASE CALL THE BOAT PHONE AT 213-700-4508

Additional Travel Information:

- Travel time is roughly 90 minutes
- NO smoking or consumption of alcohol permitted
- Closed-toed shoes are mandatory
- Take any seasickness medication an hour before departure
- Children (<12 years old) MUST wear a life jacket while on board
- Inside the cabin, the life jacket may be removed for comfort. Please check with your reservationist if a life jacket will be available on board. If not, the parent is responsible for providing one.

Upon Arrival:

- Lunch is available for $10 per person. Please reserve in advance by calling 310-510-0811.
- Kayaks, snorkeling gear and wetsuits are available for $15 per person/day. Reservations must be made in advance and all gear is subject to availability. We may require a staff member to accompany you in the water (staff time is charged @ $50 per person per hour).
- For additional rates and information, visit wrigley.usc.edu/fees.
DIRECTIONS TO THE
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MARINE INSTITUTE (SCMI)
820 South Seaside Avenue
Terminal Island, California  90731
SCMI (310) 519-3172    MISS CHRISTI (213) 700-4508
http://www.scmi.net/directions/

FROM THE HARBOR (110) 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 South 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).

FROM THE LONG BEACH (710) 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 South 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!

PARKING
Free public parking is on the street (east side only). Do Not park inside the chain link fenced area. This is for SCMI staff only. If you continue past SCMI, there is additional free parking in the lot on the right hand side of the road.

Terminal Island is constantly undergoing construction, with detours and missing street signs. Be sure to follow the driving directions on this page or from the SCMI website. We have had reports that some GPS directions are not accurate. Leave yourself plenty of time to find us!
Eastbound Ocean Blvd to Northbound I-710 Connector Ramp

Start Date: June 11, 2018
Duration: 12 months*

CLOSURE: The connector ramp from eastbound Ocean Boulevard to northbound I-710 will be closed permanently on June 11, 2018. The ramp will be demolished as part of the Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project to enable the construction of a new ramp, which is expected to be completed in mid-2019.

DETOUR: Traffic traveling on eastbound Ocean Boulevard that is headed to the northbound I-710 will be diverted briefly onto surface streets. Motorists will exit onto northbound Pico Avenue and will drive for approximately one-half mile to the on-ramp to I-710 at Pico and Pier B/9th Street and other northbound destinations. Detour signs will be posted.

Traffic headed east into downtown Long Beach will continue to use the current southbound Pico Avenue exit.

* For exact time and date, please sign up for weekly updates at newgdbridge.com.
Miss Christi docking location

Do not crush fences, gates cant move

SCMI PARKING
820 SOUTH SEASIDE AVENUE
SAN PEDRO, CA 90731

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