**Channel Islands Maritime Museum**

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**Ed Cristál: Retrospective**

**Life and Work of the Artist Explored in New Exhibit**

May 9, 2016-June 20, 2016

Opening Reception: Saturday, May 28, 2016 3-5pm

The Channel Islands Maritime Museum is pleased to announce a new exhibit open to the public on May 9, 2016. The exhibition features painting and ceramics by artist Ed Cristál, the artist who created the whale sculptures that flank the entrance of the museum and the sculptural sundial on the south side of the Maritime Museum. CIMM will host an opening reception in celebration of the new exhibition on **Saturday, May 28, 2016 from 3-5pm.** The reception is free of charge for entry and open to all members of the public. Food will be provided, and drinks available for purchase.

Ed Cristál’s work reflects new discoveries in medium throughout his life. While living abroad in Mexico, Cristál primarily used pencil and watercolor as his medium of choice. An exemplary business owner, Cristál owned galleries Nimbus Fine Arts and Gallery 52 in Pasadena, where his silk screens, ceramics, oil paintings, and sculptures were showcased and sold successfully to the public for many years. CIMM has benefited for many years from Ed’s volunteer work as a docent and as a judge of juried exhibits, as well as the sculptures he donated to adorn the façade of the museum.

The Channel Islands Maritime Museum is open daily from 11-5pm. Located in Oxnard’s Channel Islands Harbor at 3900 Bluefin Circle, permanent exhibits include a seascape gallery of rare and beautiful maritime paintings dating back to the 1600’s and more than sixty world-class models of historic ships. Museum entry is $5 adults, $4 seniors, $2 children (ages 6-17), and free for members and children under 6. Info: cimmvc.org or 805.984.6260.