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**Floating Stories, Ancient Waves: The Moche Maritime Heritage**

**Peruvian Ancient Culture Explored in New Exhibit**

January 11, 2016- March 27, 2016

The Channel Islands Maritime Museum is pleased and proud to open another unique exhibit to the public on January 11, 2016. Museum members will be hosting a reception in celebration of this exhibit and Peruvian heritage on Thursday, February 4, 2016 from 5-7pm with music and food. Please come visit the extraordinary ceramic materials and fine line painting replicas of ancient coastal Peruvian culture.

The ceramics produced by the Moche people are some of the most artistically sensitive and technically developed of any found in South America. Realistically decorated with figures and scenes, the images on the clay pieces offer descriptive insights into the Moche civilization, which flourished on the north coast of Peru between approximately 200 and 800 A.D. Most of the objects depicted have a direct relationship with items in the artist's coastal environment. Even the supernatural creatures they painted are comprised of elements from the daily life of the Moche people. Artists depicted scenes of hunting, interpersonal relationships, burial activities, supernatural confrontations, battle scenes, musical processions, as well as fishing and the use of reed boats. The maritime scenes presented in this exhibition will guide the viewer along a path of discovery. Come see this dramaticexhibition of large-scale, colorful reproductions.

The Channel Islands Maritime Museum is open daily 11-5 pm. 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. Info: cimmvc.org or 805.984.6260.