

WARNING!



Raccoons, A Threat to Island Ecosystems

Over the last two years several raccoons have made their way to Catalina Island aboard private vessels. Raccoons are not native to Catalina Island or any of the California Channel Islands and pose a serious threat to people, pets and sensitive island wildlife such as the endangered Catalina Island Fox.

Raccoons are major carriers of diseases such as rabies, canine distemper virus, parvovirus and parasites such as Baylisascaris, a roundworm that is passed through the feces of infected raccoons which can remain in the soil for years, and can cause illness and potentially death if ingested by wildlife or people.

If you observe a raccoon on your boat please contact one of the following:

- Anytime Animal Control 1-800-714-8727
- All City Animal Trapping (562) 234-3150
- Wildlife Removal Services (619) 228-5258

(NOTE: There is a charge for these services)

If you detect a raccoon on your boat mid-channel on your way to Catalina Island, DO NOT proceed to Catalina! Turn back to your harbor of origin and contact one of the above services.

Raccoons are excellent swimmers and can easily reach shore from a moored vessel.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

A message from the



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