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“Crab Mania” at Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf to Celebrate Dungeness Crabbing in the Monterey Bay

October 2014. Monterey, CA. Do you love Dungeness Crab? Many award-winning restaurants at Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf are participating in the special **“Crab Mania” at Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf** celebrating fresh Dungeness Crab from the Monterey Bay. The recreational Dungeness Crab season kicks off November 1st and the commercial Dungeness Crab season starts on November 15th and goes through June.

In addition to Dungeness Crab, locals and visitors can enjoy a wide array of delicious entrees at Old Fisherman's Wharf including other fresh seafood, Alaskan crab, steaks, pasta and much more. Many Monterey Wharf restaurants will be serving some great locally caught Dungeness crab entrees when the commercial season kicks off and they also offer Alaskan crab during the rest of the year.

Here are just a few of the delicious crab entrees visitors to Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf can enjoy:

At Nino's Whar side

Dungeness Crab steamed with drawn butter, steamed vegetables, mashed potatoes or rice.

At Paluca Trattoria

Dungeness Crab Cioppino style with capers, black olives, crushed pomodoro (tomato), Pinot Grigio, and Italian flat leaf parsley.

At Old Fisherman's Grotto

Crab Cakes with Dungeness Crabmeat, lightly breaded and grilled, served with Sun Dried Tomato Aioli and Mango Sauce.

At Domenico's on the Wharf:

Dungeness Crab Scampi style with garlic, white wine, olive oil and angel hair pasta.

Recreational Dungeness Crab fishing and other fishing trips can also be booked at Randy's Fishing Trips or Chris' Fishing Trips daily on Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf.

About Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf

A visit to the beautiful Monterey Peninsula just isn't complete without a rendezvous with Old Fisherman's Wharf in downtown Monterey that was built in 1845 for regular passenger and freight service. Known as the "Whale Watching Capital of the World" and a top destination of visitors from around the world, Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf provides a wide array of award-winning dining, shopping, live theater, special events, whale watching, bay cruises, a glass bottom boat, marine life, fishing and sailing, and strolling leisurely in a gorgeous setting overlooking the Monterey Bay. Savor delicious cuisine at a myriad of fabulous restaurants featuring stunning views and award-winning Italian food, sustainable seafood, steaks including the region's famous clam chowder and calamari.

Enjoy salt water taffy, homemade chocolates, caramel apples, cotton candy and many other yummy treats. View sea otters, sea lions, dolphins, whales, sea birds and other wildlife up close and personal that also share the Wharf. Watch people who have gone out and caught their own fish on the local and chartered fishing boats return with their own "catch of the day". Celebrate the first location in Monterey County where tender abalone was cooked and served in a restaurant. Check out the many fun shops to find the perfect memento of your visit and a variety of unique gifts. Bring your friends, family, and dogs (on leash) for a wonderful visit from morning to evening. Enjoy the exquisite views and the "best place to walk and people watch" in Monterey County!

Visitors to Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf continue to "Enjoy the Wonders of the Wharf" free VIP Card promotion available on the website with 27 special offers. Situated near downtown Monterey, Old Fisherman's Wharf is conveniently located along the Monterey Bay Recreation Trail and has plenty of nearby parking. For more information about Old Fisherman's Wharf, go to www.montereywharf.com or call [831.238-077](tel:831.238-077)

About Wharf Walks

Recreational Dungeness Crab Season begins on November 1st and Commercial Crab Season begins November 15th and goes through June 30th. Crabs will inspire the theme of Wharf Walks! The Monterey Fisherman's Wharf Association continues to team up with noted Monterey Bay Fisheries Historian and author, Tim Thomas, who is offering monthly "Wharf Walks - Walking Tours at Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf" (www.montereywharf.com) on the first Saturday of every month from 10:00 AM - Noon.

Wharf Walks will be held on Saturday, November 1st and Saturday, December 6th focusing on "Crabbing on the Monterey Bay." Tours meet at the head of Old Fisherman's Wharf (near the pink "Harbor House" store, #1 Old Fisherman's Wharf, Monterey. Advance reservations are required by calling Tim Thomas at [\(831\) 521-3304](tel:831.521-3304) or via email timsardine@yahoo.com.

The tour is for ages 10-adult only and the cost is \$20 for adults and kids are \$15 (10-15 years). Group Rates are also available. Future Wharf Walks will be held on November 1st and December 6th, continuing on the first Saturday of every month in 2015.

After taking the Wharf Walk, participants are invited to enjoy a complimentary appetizer of delicious calamari (squid) - either traditional style or pesto calamari - with a purchased entrée, at Paluca Trattoria located at the head of the Wharf.

About Wharf Walks

For thousands of years people have made their living fishing the Monterey Bay, beginning with the Rumsien Ohlone, the Native People of the Monterey area. From abalone to rockfish, everything was fished and utilized and the Monterey Bay was a multi-cultural stew, made up of whalers from the Azores, squid fishermen from China, salmon fishermen and abalone divers from Japan, and Sicilians fishing sardines in the "dark of the moon." This entertaining tour of Old Fisherman's Wharf and the waterfront will take us back in time to explore the history of the Monterey Wharf, early history of the Monterey waterfront, The Rumsien/Ohlone People-- Monterey's first fishermen, the abalone industry, whaling the bay and of course, the legendary sardine industry. Discover some of the people and cultures of Monterey's colorful past and hear fascinating stories about Old Fisherman's Wharf and those who worked and walked there. Learn more about the sardine and squid industry, too.

About Tim Thomas

Tim Thomas, fourth-generation native of the Monterey area, is a popular speaker and lively tour guide. For 16 years, he was historian and curator for the Monterey Maritime & History Museum and has worked with the Monterey Bay Aquarium, California State Parks and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. He is author of "The Abalone King of Monterey: 'Pop' Ernest Doelter," "The Japanese on the Monterey Peninsula" and co-author of "Monterey's Waterfront."

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