

Fisherman's Wharf Association Continues Wharf Walks at Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf on Saturday, September 1st with a "Focus on the Fascinating Fishing History of the Monterey Bay"

August 2018, Monterey, CA. Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf Association continues to team up with noted Monterey Bay Fisheries Historian and author, Tim Thomas, who is offering fun and informative monthly "Wharf Walks" -Walking Tours at Old Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey (www.montereywharf.com) on the first Saturday of every month from 10:00 AM – Noon.

Wharf Walks continues on Saturday, September 1st with a "Focus on the Fascinating Fishing History of 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:8315213304) 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.

Monterey Bay Whale Watch and Paluca Trattoria Special Offers:

Monterey Bay Whale Watch (<http://www.montereybaywhalewatch.com>) on Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf will offer a \$3.00 off coupon for all Wharf Walks participants of the September 1st Wharf Walk. After taking the Wharf Walk, participants are also invited to enjoy a complimentary appetizer of delicious calamari (squid) - either traditional style or pesto calamari - with a purchased entrée, at Paluca Trattoria (www.palucatrattoria.com) located at the head of the Wharf and featured in the recent HBO hit TV series, "Big Little Lies".

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 maritime history and the local commercial fishing industries involving sardines, abalone, salmon, crab, whales and squid, some fishing industries successfully continuing today!

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."

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. Built in 1845 for regular passenger and freight service, the Wharf was recently a main location for the filming of the hit HBO series, *Big Little Lies*, Season One.

Known as the "Whale Watching Capital of the World™" and a top destination of visitors from around the world that attracts 4 million visitors per year, Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf features 13 restaurants, 3 candy shops, 8 gift shops, 4 whale watching firms, 2 fishing companies and sailing, glass bottom boat rides, Bay cruises, fish markets and the Wharf Theatre.

Enjoy award-winning dining, special events, viewing an array of marine life, and strolling leisurely in a gorgeous setting overlooking the Monterey Bay on the only Wharf that features live theatre. 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. Take in the exquisite views and enjoy the “best place to walk and people watch” in Monterey County! Situated near downtown Monterey, Old Fisherman’s Wharf is conveniently located along the Monterey Bay Recreation Trail.

Monterey’s Old Fisherman’s Wharf continues to feature its popular “Enjoy the Wonders of the Wharf” free VIP Card promotion available on the website with two dozen special offers for both locals and visitors. By showing a local ID with “939” in the zip code, locals can park for free for two hours Monday through Thursday in the parking lot adjacent to Old Fisherman’s Wharf.

For more information about Old Fisherman’s Wharf, go to www.montereywharf.com or call 831.238-0777.