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Dungeness Days to be Celebrated in December at Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf

November, 2013. Monterey, CA. Many award-winning restaurants and merchants on Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf are participating in the special "**Dungeness Days in December at Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf**" **Celebration** honoring the fresh local Dungeness Crabs from the Monterey Bay through the month of December, 2013.

In addition to Dungeness Crabs, of course, locals and visitors can enjoy a wide array of delicious entrees at Old Fisherman's Wharf including other fresh seafood, steaks, pasta, clam chowder, calamari, and much more.

Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf visitors can enjoy Dungeness Crab in a variety of delicious preparations at Wharf restaurants (prices vary). Here is a sampling and why not try them all!

At Crabby Jim's:

Crabby Platter: Half Monterey Bay Dungeness crab, jumbo extra dry scallop and prawns

Crabby Cioppino: Half Dungeness crab, scallops, clams shrimps fresh catch fish in homemade marinara sauce.

Whole steamed Dungeness Crab with melted butter

Dungeness Crab Cocktail with fresh cracked crab meat

At Crab Louie's Bistro:

Fresh steamed Dungeness Crab with butter, rice and vegetables.

At Abalonetti's Bar & Grill:

Whole Fresh Dungeness Crab, Rice & Vegetables, Cup of Chowder Melted Butter and a Bib

At Old Fisherman's Grotto:

Fresh Dungeness Crab - whole or half

Fisherman's Wharf Platter includes ½ Dungeness Crab, grilled shrimp, scallops and crab cake

Cioppino with crab, shrimp, clams and marinara sauce

At Domenico's on the Wharf:

Dungeness Crab is served five different ways: cioppino style, hot, sauteed, chilled and salad style.

At Café Fina on the Wharf:

Fresh Dungeness Crab is also served 5 different ways: steamed hot, served chilled, sauteed, cioppino style and Italian style – chilled with olive oil and fresh herbs

At Paluca Trattoria:

Dungeness Crab steamed with butter, garlic, and white wine

At Gilbert's Seafood Grill:

Whole or half crab steamed; Crab can also be added to any entrée

And other great dishes!

Fishing trips that include Dungeness Crabs are offered daily by Randy's Fishing and Chris' Fishing who have set their crab pots and offer a Crab and Rock Cod Combo Fishing excursion.

The fish markets on the Wharf will offer whole crabs and crab sandwiches, too. In addition, there are fun crab-themed gift items to honor this delectable shellfish at the gift stores on Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf, as well as "crab confections" with some tasty treats from the two candy stores on the Wharf.

By going to www.montereywharf.com, locals and visitors coming to Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf can easily access the "Wonders of the Wharf" free VIP Card with 27 special offers.

Dungeness crabs do well in northern and central California's cooler waters and are typically found on sandy or sand-mud bottoms at about 300 feet, according to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Typically, Dungeness crabs can be caught for several more months in the region.

Monterey Bay Fisheries Historian and author, Tim Thomas, who is offering monthly "Wharf Walks" Walking Tours at Old Fisherman's Wharf, continues on Saturday, December 7th with "The History of Crabbing on the Monterey Bay" from 10:00 AM to Noon. 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.

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, glass bottom boats, 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, grass-fed 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. Enjoy the exquisite views and 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 and has plenty of nearby parking.

For more information about Old Fisherman's Wharf, go to www.montereywharf.com or call [831.238-0777](tel:831.238-0777).