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“EVERYTHING ITALIAN! MONTEREY’S OLD FISHERMAN’S WHARF COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND CELEBRATION”

Monterey’s Old Fisherman’s Wharf Association is holding a special free **“Everything Italian! Monterey’s Old Fisherman’s Wharf Columbus Day Weekend Celebration”** event on Saturday, October 12th and Sunday, October 13th. Join Christopher Columbus, Queen Isabella and the Knights of Columbus in the celebration of Monterey’s Italian heritage on Fisherman’s Wharf at the first ever Columbus Day weekend event.

The **“Everything Italian! Monterey’s Old Fisherman’s Wharf Columbus Day Weekend Celebration”** will highlight special Italian dishes featured at the many Wharf restaurants in honor of the holiday. On Saturday, October 12th and Sunday, October 13th, there will be many fun family activities, including special “guests” from history including Queen Isabella and her court, Christopher Columbus, the Knights of Columbus, local performers and entertainment, live music, and much, much more. Experience a “voyage” on the seas with one of the Wharf’s Whale Watching boats, deep sea fishing boats, sailboats or the Little Mermaid Glass Bottom boat. Plan your visit to the City of Monterey’s nearby historical sites that weekend, including walking and bus tours, live battles, and more -- all open to the public for this special celebration.

AT A GLANCE:

What: “Everything Italian” Monterey’s Old Fisherman’s Wharf Columbus Day Weekend Celebration held by the Monterey Old Fisherman’s Wharf Association

When: Saturday, October 12th and Sunday, October 13th from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Where: Monterey’s Old Fisherman’s Wharf

Information: www.montereywharf.com or 831-238-0777 or info@montereywharf.com

Schedule of Activities:

Saturday (October 12, 2013) and Sunday (October 13, 2013):

11:00 am – 5:00 pm **Finger Pier Activities:** Bocce Ball, Italian Card Games, Face Painting, **Cannoli-making and other Italian cuisine cooking demonstrations**, Coastie the Tug Boat and Water Safety, plus Historical Figures will also appear.

11:00 am & 1:00 pm: **Special Knights of Columbus Parade** featuring the Knights of Columbus, Queen Isabella & her Court, Christopher Columbus, Tarantella Dancers and local musicians

11:00 am – 5:00 pm: **Italian Music on the Wharf** featuring local Italian musicians, **Italian Bites:** \$3-\$5 Delicious Authentic Italian Bite dishes (available in participating restaurants), and a **Columbus Day Grape Crush**.

Welcome/Information Table at the head of the Wharf: Begin your Monterey visit at the head of the Wharf for History Fest and Columbus event information, receive Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf VIP discount Cards and a map of the historical sites open free to the public, schedule of tours, live battles near the Wharf and at the Presidio, and information of the historical treasure hunt, and more.

Sunday (October 13, 2013):

11:00 am – 5:00 pm: In addition to the above activities, Sunday will also spotlight several **Italian Cars**. There will also be a display of **Historic Photos of Monterey's Sardine Fishing Industry** and films for viewing in the Wharf Theatre. We will miss the Tarantella dancers on Sunday.

Visitors to the Wharf will want to plan your visit to include lunch or dinner at one of our Wharf restaurants. Many restaurants will be featuring a special Columbus Day Weekend Menu. By going to www.montereywharf.com, visitors to Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf can access the "Enjoy the Wonders of the Wharf" free VIP Card promotion with 27 special offers.

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.