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Wharf Walk tells 'Sardine Tales of Monterey Bay'

Local historian leads monthly tours

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Capt. Fank Manaka s crew brings in a load of sardines on the Western... (COURTESY OF TIM THOMAS)

The Monterey Bay has been fished for thousands of years, beginning with the Rumsien Ohlone and continuing with whalers from the Azores, squid fishermen from China, salmon fishermen and abalone divers from Japan and Sicilians who fished for sardines in the "dark of the moon."

The next Old Fisherman's Wharf Walk, which takes place Saturday, will focus on "Sardine Tales of the Monterey Bay."

The Wharf Walks take place 10a.m. to noon the first Saturday of each month and are led by local historian Tim Thomas, a fourth-generation native of the Monterey area.

For 16 years, Thomas 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 Japanese on the Monterey Peninsula" and co-author of "Monterey's Waterfront."

Tours meet at the head of Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey (near the pink Harbor House store). For reservations contact Thomas 521-3304 or timsardine@yahoo.com. \$20 for adults, \$15 for children 10 to 15. Tour is for ages 10 and up only. Group rates are available.

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