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- Steve Mandel, Oceans 360, “Using Virtual Reality for Ocean Conservation Education”

- Tom Escher, Chairman, Red & White Fleet. “Making Zero Pollution Maritime a Reality”

- Brandon Southall, Southall Environmental Associates “Listening to California’s Whales: Acoustic Science to Inform Conservation and Inspire the Next Generation”

- Colleen Flannigan, Living Sea Sculpture / UCSC, “Art and Science for Coral Reef Restoration”

- Students from Hopkins Marine Station at Stanford University, “The Formative Stages of Becoming a Whale Researcher”

In addition, Save the Whales returns with Dee, the 43-foot inflatable whale model people can go inside and see its internal organs, this year located inside the Monterey Conference

Center, and photo ops with costumed creatures roaming the area.

There will be four boats at the California Dock at Monterey’s Old Fisherman’s Wharf including the Current’Sea (Marine Life Studies research and WET® vessel), the Coast Guard’s 43’ foot boat, the Sheila B. research vessel from Moss Landing Marine Lab and The Pearl (Monterey Fire Boat).

Monterey Abalone Company will host Abalone Races in front of Big Fish Grill and Moss Landing Marine Labs will be the non-profit recipient. Monterey Bay Whale Watching will host scrimshaw-making using soap. ACF Chef Tene Shake will conduct cooking demos in front of Abalonetti Bar and Grill. Discovery Whale Watching/J & M Fishing will host Gyotaku, the Japanese art of stenciling fish. Both Princess Monterey Whale

Watching and Monterey Bay Whale Watch will have informative booths about whales and whale watching on the Wharf.

On the Causeway and on Custom House Plaza will be Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club boats, US Coast Guard 29’ foot boat, US Coast Guard Auxiliary exhibit, COASTIE, the Safety Boat, sailboats from the Monterey Yacht Club and the Science Seafloor ROV.

Maritime Historian Tim Thomas will conduct two 90-minute free Wharf Walks at 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm on Saturday and Sunday. (Meet outside of Harbor House at the head of the Wharf).

There will also be a variety of live musical entertainment at the head of the Wharf, including the Orchestra in the Schools String Quartet, Stevenson School Bands, Del Monte Brass, Klevr Band, Monterey High Jazz Bands, Kuumbwa Jazz Honor Band and

Jonah & the Whale Watchers.

Inside the Monterey Conference Center this year, there will be more musicians, including Richard Carr, Louis Colaianna, Michael Martinez, Mads Tolling, Derrol Keith, Mark Richardson, Stu Heydon and Nicholas Fettis & His “Orca”stra.

On Sunday, there will be a Marine Mammal Center Release at 9:00 a.m. at Monterey State Beach (subject to change) and also a Street and Beach Clean Up at 11:00 a.m. (Meet at Marine Life Studies table on the Causeway.)

Information and merchandise booths will be on site at the head of the Wharf and inside the Monterey Conference Center, with Whalefest Monterey T-shirts and aprons available for donations.

Weather permitting, whale watching tours,

fishing, sailing and glass bottom boats will be operating from the Wharf (many at discounted rates). Wharf restaurants will be serving lunch and dinner. Wharf shops will also be featuring marine-themed merchandise.

Whale watchers come from around the world to view hundreds of whales, orcas, dolphins and pelicans who continue to feast on a “krill and anchovy buffet” in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Throughout the year, this

Whale Watching Capital of the World offers sightings of 15 species of whales, 10 species of dolphins, 2 species of porpoise, 6 species of pinnipeds and 1 species of Fissiped (sea otter).

Volunteers are also welcome and they will receive a large chowder bowl and souvenir T-shirt. Students under age 15 should be accompanied by their parent.

For more information visit www.montereywharf.com or call (831) 238-0777.

