

Monterey's Fisherman's Wharf Association Continues "Wharf Walks - Walking Tours at Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf"

"Whale Tales of the Monterey Bay"

The Monterey Fisherman's Wharf Association continues to team up with noted Monterey Bay Fisheries Historian and author, Tim Thomas, who offers fascinating monthly "Wharf Walks - Walking Tours at Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf" (www.montereywharf.com) now on the first Sunday of every month from 10:00 AM - Noon.

The next Wharf Walk will be held on Sunday, January 3, 2021 and the topic will be: "Whale Tales of the Monterey Bay"

This whale-themed Wharf Walk is also in advance of the 11th Whalefest Monterey which will be held mostly virtually from January 26-29, 2021 (More details to come!)

Tim Thomas' Wharf Walks' 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 or via email timandinez@yahoo.com. Due to COVID, it will be a very small group with social distance. Tim Thomas will be able to schedule alternate small group tour dates as well.

The tour is five ages 10-adult only and the cost is \$20 for adults and kids are \$15 (10-15 years).

About Wharf Walks

For thousands of years people have made their living fishing the Monterey Bay, beginning with the Ramonien 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 Sicilian fishing seafarers in the "dark of the moon." This orientating 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 Ramonien Ohlone People—Monterey's first fishermen, the abalone industry, whaling on 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 sardine and squid (calamari) industry, too. (Note: There is a brief history on this page too: <http://www.montereywharf.com/history.html>)

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 Duclier," "The Japanese on the Monterey Peninsula" and co-author of "Monterey's Waterfront."

For more information, email info@montereywharf.com or call (831) 238-0777.

Monterey Bay Whale Watch

Monterey Bay Whale Watch (<http://www.monterey-whalewatch.com>) on Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf will offer a \$3.00 off coupon for all Wharf Walks participants of the Wharf Walk.



Illustrations, clockwise beginning above:
Tail of the Whale (provided by Fisherman's Wharf Association)

Monterey Whalers on Monterey Bay. Illustration by Charles Scammon, circa 1874

Monterey Whaler Mike Noon on the Monterey Wharf, circa 1900

Japanese Whale Meat

Flensing a Whale

