

This will be a fun "Cephalopod" outing for a small group of locals and visitors that will take place on Sunday, April 4th or a tour can be scheduled separately with historian Tim Thomas at an additional time.

First, the fascinating 2 hour walking tour with historian Tim Thomas...and then perhaps sitting down and enjoying some different delicious calamari dishes at lunch or dinner available at all of the Wharf restaurants! The Wharf is also wonderful place in Monterey to have lunch or dinner - al fresco or indoors - with a beautiful view of the Monterey Bay.

Calamari (a type of squid) is prepared many different ways at restaurants from the Wharf and here's a few examples: Monterey Bay calamari strips and tentacles (Old Fisherman's Grotto), Panko-breaded fried calamari (Big Fish Grill), lightly seasoned flour and deep fried to golden brown (Crabby Jim's), breaded calamari steak sauteed and finished with buerre blanc sauce (Crab House), Calamari Napolitana (rings and tentacles simmered in marinara sauce over linguine (Abalonetti's Seafood and Grill), lightly breaded and grilled calamari steak (Cafe Fina), calamari and chips served with french fries (Crab Louie's Bistro), calamari steak sandwich (Domenico's on the Wharf), Calamari lightly coated, fried golden brown and served with tartar sauce and lemon (Crab House) Tender Monterey calamari dusted in seasoned flour and deep fried (Scales Seafood & Steaks).

The huge amount of calamari that has been sold and consumed in Monterey restaurants over the years is astronomical! How did it all begin? Tim will tell!

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## **Monterey's Fisherman's Wharf Association Hosts Next "Wharf Walks - Walking Tours at Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf" on Sunday, April 4th, 2021 with "Squid Stories of the Monterey Bay"**

Monterey, CA. March 24, 2021. Monterey's Fisherman's Wharf Association continues the monthly Wharf Walks with noted Monterey Bay Fisheries Historian and author, Tim Thomas. On Sunday, April 4th, the monthly "Wharf Walks - Walking Tours at Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf" ([www.montereywharf.com](http://www.montereywharf.com)), that are held on the first Sunday of every month from 10:00 AM – Noon, continues each month.

Tim will be wearing a mask and limiting the group size who will also be required to wear masks. He is also available on other days to conduct small tours.

The topic for the Wharf Walks on Sunday, April 4th will be: "Squid Stories of the Monterey Bay" including all of the various seafood that has been pursued and processed in the Monterey Bay. 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](mailto: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.

### **Monterey Bay Whale Watch**

Monterey Bay Whale Watch (<http://www.montereybaywhalewatch.com>) on Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf will offer a \$3.00 off coupon for all Wharf Walks participants of the April 7th Wharf Walk.

### **About Wharf Walks**

For thousands of years people have made their living fishing the Monterey Bay, beginning with the Rumsien 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 Sicilians fishing sardines in the "dark of the moon." This entertaining 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 Rumsien/Ohlone People--Monterey's first fishermen, the abalone industry, whaling 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 industry, too.

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

### **About Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf:**

Recently shown in the HBO hit TV series, *Big Easy Lies*, Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf is open 365 days a year including during the holidays. Visitors to Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf will want to plan their visit to include lunch or dinner al fresco or To Go/Curbside at one of the many Wharf restaurants.

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 "Monterey Bay 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, whale watching, bay cruises, a glass bottom boat, 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, harbor seals, 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. Anyone with Monterey County ID (939) can receive 2 hours of free parking in the Fisherman's Wharf parking lot Monday through

Thursday by requesting a validation from a Wharf merchant to be used in the newly automated Waterfront Lot adjacent to the Wharf.

For more information about Old Fisherman's Wharf, go to [www.montereywharf.com](http://www.montereywharf.com) or call [\(831\) 238-0777](tel:8312380777).