

Whalefest Monterey this weekend

Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf Association presents the 10th Annual Whalefest Monterey™ to be held at and around Old Fisherman's Wharf, Custom House Plaza — Monterey State Historic Park and inside the Monterey Conference Center on Saturday, January 25th and Sunday, January 26th, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

This free, fun and educational interactive family event for all ages celebrates the biodiversity of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and much more! The event, which features a 2-day Symposium with

world-renowned marine experts and dozens of exhibit booths, benefits many local and national marine organizations that educate, inspire, and empower the public to protect the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS).

Enlightening and edutaining interactive exhibits at the upcoming 10th Annual Whalefest Monterey will be located along the Wharf, Causeway, Custom House Plaza — Monterey State Historic Park and the Monterey Conference Center. There will be dozens of marine related exhibits by numerous local organizations: American Cetacean Society, California Coastal Commission, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California Marine Sanctuary Foundation, California State Parks,

Camp SEA Lab, City of Monterey Sustainability Office, Code Ninjas Monterey, Communities for Sustainable Monterey County, Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, Friends of the Monterey Public Library, Greenfield Community Science Workshop, Hess Design, Hopkins Marine Station at Stanford University, Marine Life Studies, Monterey Academy Oceanographic Scientists (MAOS), Monterey Bay Aquarium Underwater Explorers, Moss Landing Marine Lab Animal Training and Research Intl./ SLEWTHS, Monterey Bay Community Power, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS), Monterey Fire Department, Monterey Regional Waste Management District, Oceans 360, Peter Fettis, Save the Whales, Save

Our Shores, Sea Otter Savvy, Sea Shepherd Conservation Society — Nor Cal Chapter, Seafloor Science ROV, Squid 4 Kids- Hopkins Marine Lab at Stanford University, Student Oceanography Club/ Girl Scouts, Surfrider Foundation, The Marine Mammal Center, U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Ventana Wildlife Society, Yacht Club of the Monterey Peninsula and more.

The 10th Annual Whalefest Monterey Symposium, held both days at the Monterey Conference Center, will include these outstanding presentations by renowned marine science researchers. (Subject to change)

• Julie Packard, Founder and Executive Director, Monterey Bay Aquarium, with Erika

Mahoney, KAZU. "If we're talking about saving the planet, we're talking about saving the ocean: A conversation with Julie Packard "

• Wallace J. Nichols, Middlebury Institute of International Studies, Author Blue Mind, "Whales are Medicine"

• Paul Michel, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, Superintendent, "An update on the latest developments concerning the Sanctuary"

• Sarah Conner, Documentary Producer/ Director, BBC, Netflix. "The Positive Impacts from Science and Natural History Documentaries" A behind the scenes look at how landmark science and natural history documentary series are made, including the efforts teams make to support science and raise awareness of important issues



- Chad King, "Octopus Garden and a Whale Fall: Recent Discoveries in Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary"
- Rear Admiral (ret.) Jon White, Consortium for Ocean Leadership. "Ocean Security: Breaching Challenges Through The Power Of Partnerships"
- Peggy Stap, Director Marine Life Studies & Whale Entanglement Team (WET)® "Whale Disentanglement by the General Public: Good Intentions, Bad Decisions and Updates of The Whale Entanglement Team"

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