



Whalefest back for ninth year

THIS WEEKEND, Jan. 26-27, Monterey's Fisherman's

Wharf will once again be the site of the annual Whalefest. The

free festival will feature 44 exhibits related not just to whales,

but all sorts of marine life. Representatives from the Coast

Guard, Monterey Abalone Company, CSUMB, California

State Parks, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and many more will be there to demonstrate what they

do and answer questions.

Historian Tim Thomas will give free 90-minute tours of

the wharf and surrounding areas, telling the tales of the salmon and sardine industries. Tours are scheduled at 11 a.m. and

2 p.m. each day. Other activities include scrimshaw carving

using soap, cooking demonstrations, and Save the Whales so that people can go inside and see its internal organs.

The accompanying symposium will include talks on the

Natural History of Natural Light in Monterey Bay."

Of course, the restaurants on the wharf will be open, as will

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be accepting canned food donations for furloughed Coast Guard members at its Whalefest

Monterey booth.