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## **9th Annual Whalefest Monterey to be held on January 26 & 27, 2019 at Old Fisherman's Wharf, Monterey, California**

*The Whale Watching Capital of the World™*

November 19, 2018. Monterey, CA. Save the Date! Monterey Old Fisherman's Wharf Association presents the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Whalefest Monterey™ to be held at and around Old Fisherman's Wharf, Monterey, California, The Whale Watching Capital of the World™ on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

This free, fun and educational interactive family event for all ages celebrates the migration of the gray whales 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.

**Fun edu-taining interactive exhibits at the upcoming 9th Annual Whalefest Monterey include over two dozen interactive marine related exhibits by numerous local organizations. Click here for details: [Whalefest Monterey Exhibitors](#)**

**Speakers at the 2-day Symposium during Whalefest Monterey represent The Monterey National Marine Sanctuary/NOAA, MBARI, Hopkins Marine Station, the Whale Entanglement Team and more. Click here for details: [Whalefest Monterey Symposium Presenters](#)**

In addition, Whalefest brings the return of Dee, the 43-foot inflatable whale model people can go inside of and see its internal organs; Gyutaku, the Japanese art of stenciling fish; scrimshaw-making using soap; and photo ops with costumed creatures roaming the area.

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

Special discount Hotel Rates: Stay for the weekend!

Special Whalefest Monterey discount room rates are available at some local Monterey Hotels, including the Portola Inn and Spa. Subject to availability, guests can reserve rooms for a discounted rate of \$149 plus taxes per room per night January 25, 26 or 27, 2019 at this website:

<https://be.synxis.com/?Chain=18268&hotel=65712&arrive=1/25/2019&depart=1/28/2019&adult=2&child=0&promo=WHALEFEST>

Also, there will be discount room rates at the Comfort Inn on both North Fremont and on Munras. Please call the hotel directly to arrange the discounted rate. Comfort Inn Monterey By the Sea, 1252 Munras Avenue: 831 372-2908. [www.stayatmonterey.com](http://www.stayatmonterey.com) and Comfort Inn Monterey Bay, 2050 North Fremont Street 831-373-3081 [www.montereygetaway.com](http://www.montereygetaway.com).

To receive an application to participate in the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Whalefest Monterey with an interactive marine-themed exhibit or for more information, email Antoinette Saylor at [kasaylor@ix.netcom.com](mailto:kasaylor@ix.netcom.com) or call (831) 649-6524.

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

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).

**More details about additional exhibitors and speakers to come!**