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Call for Marine-Oriented Participants for the 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™

June 2018. Monterey, CA. Save the Date! Monterey Old Fisherman's Wharf Association presents the 9th 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 26th and Sunday, January 27th, 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.

Marine-themed exhibitors are now being sought for the upcoming 9th Annual Whalefest Monterey™. Any agency, institution, business, or organization who has a marine-themed interactive, educational display or activity that affect the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary can apply to participate in this very special event, including students of all ages. Please note that no merchandise sales are allowed although fundraising is permitted at an approved non-profit booth.

To receive an application to participate in the 9th Annual Whalefest Monterey or for more information, please email Antoinette Saylor at kasaylor@ix.netcom.com or call (831) 649-6524.

About Whalefest Monterey

Each year, Whalefest Monterey celebrates the migration of the gray whales, and benefits the many local and national marine organizations that build awareness about the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary which educate, inspire, and empower the public to protect it.

Among the highlights will be a Symposium with lectures and documentaries related to ocean and marine life conservation, musical performances, and many educational displays by participating organizations. Thousands of attendees are expected again this year that range from local families and school children who want to learn more about our maritime environment to visitors from near and far who want to explore the annual whale migration.

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).

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.

For more information, go to www.montereywharf.com.