

OCA News Splash

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Your Thank You Ocean Campaign

Help Promote “Snap the Shore, See the Future!”

Please join and help promote the continuing California King Tides Project to capture this year’s highest tides, or king tides, on January 19-21, and February 17-19. These extreme tides provide a glimpse of what the state can expect as sea levels rise.

Participating is easy: simply grab your camera or smart phone and head to the coast or bay during the high tides, and then post your photos on the California King Tides Project’s Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/californiakingtides>) and Flickr (<https://www.flickr.com/groups/cakingtides>) pages with the time, date, and location of the image. For more information, visit: <http://california.kingtides.net/>. Don’t forget to watch and share the newest Thank You Ocean Report for additional information! Miho Umezawa miho@thankyouocean.org

Calling All OCA Members

OCA Members for Cooperative Pilot Fungi Projects

[OceanBlueProject](#) presents "Nye Creek Coastal Fungi Project". This project will use mycofiltration to lower pollution that flows into our ocean! Our goal is to use fungi species and plants to remove toxins and pathogens from non-point sources. The majority of pollutants going into the ocean come from activities on land. Nutrients like nitrogen, phosphorus, and animal waste not only affect ecosystems, they can also have harmful effects on the economy. Fungi eat nitrogen, phosphorus, and E. Coli from

animal waste. We would like to spread the fungi projects in cooperation with other OCA members interested in mycofiltration pilot projects throughout California and beyond. Join our event on 03/14/2015 in Newport, Oregon! [News story.](#)
oceanblueproject1@gmail.com

The Seal Conservancy of San Diego Recruiting Docents

The Seal Conservancy of San Diego is recruiting new volunteer docents to help us through the seasonal pupping season at Casa Beach. Docents speak with visitors about the harbor seals and monitor seal counts to submit to the California Coastal Commission. A two session training course is provided. If you know any possible interested persons living in proximity of San Diego, and over the age of 18, please refer them to Ellen Shively (ellenshively@sbcglobal.net) or check on our website: SealConservancy.org.

Student Ocean Film Competition - San Francisco International Ocean Film Festival

Spread the word to middle school and high schools students! A five-minute or less film will enter a chance to win cash and prizes. The top finalists will have their film shown on the big screen in a dedicated program for the Student Film Competition. Submission deadline is January 12, 2015! Visit www.oceanfilmfest.org/education Contact: Jeanene Taylor jeanene@oceanfilmfest.org Hayley Carter hayley@oceanfilmfest.org

Share Your Ocean Story with OceanSpaces

You're That Girl Who Counts Fish: A Salty Conversation and more on OceanSpaces. Check out the latest blogs from Reef Check, Shark Watch, and your local MPA Collaborative. [Dive in with a citizen scientist](#) as Reef Check, CA talks fish with a

fisherman in Fort Bragg, [find out about sharks](#) in San Francisco Bay, and learn more about your local [MPA Collaborative](#). See what you missed in 2014 and stay informed! Sign up for OceanSpaces and share your story on [our blog](#). OceanSpaces is a program of the Ocean Science Trust.
Contact: Jim Wicker jim.wicker@calost.org

New Curriculum: Sea Level Rise and King Tides

Attention educators! USC Sea Grant is pleased to share a new lesson plan “Sea Level Rise and King Tides” in time for this winter’s storm season. The lesson includes hands-on activities and opportunities for students to participate in community citizen science efforts. Download a [PDF here](#). Holly Rindge rindge@usc.edu

Urban Tides Photo & Video Contest

USC Sea Grant announces the Urban Tides Photo & Video Contest. Grab your camera! Partnering with the California King Tides Project, this is an opportunity for those in Los Angeles and Orange Counties to participate in community based science. Images of king tides and winter storms will help local planners, elected officials and community members envision future flooding from coastal storms, high tides and sea level rise. [View the flyer](#) and look for more details when the contest launches on January 12: <http://bit.ly/1EDhLMe> Contest Partners: USC Sea Grant, Heal the Bay, Aquarium of the Pacific, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, Los Angeles Waterkeeper, The Bay Foundation. Holly Rindge rindge@usc.edu

Participate! The Bay Foundation & LADWP Launch Energy & Conservation Survey

The Bay Foundation’s mission is to enhance the Santa Monica Bay watershed, improve water quality, and rehabilitate natural

resources. As part of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (LADWP) Community Partnership Grant, we deepen this commitment by promoting energy efficiency and water conservation strategies through various outreach efforts. To help us understand what the community is already doing and determine some of the barriers to conservation, we created a brief, 10-question survey and would love your participation if you are in the LADWP area. The survey asks people about one's views on energy and water savings to help assess awareness and bring about positive behavior change. Please take two minutes to fill it out electronically, here: [Survey](#). Julie Du Brow jdubrow@santamonicabay.org

[Statewide MPA Education and Outreach Resources Guide](#)

The [California Marine Sanctuary Foundation](#) is working to promote awareness and stewardship of California's network of MPAs. In an attempt to provide an overview of the existing MPA products and programs that have been developed across the state, we have created an [Outreach and Education Guide](#). Included you will find images, short descriptions and links to resources such as pamphlets, communication documents, curriculum, programs, kids activities and much more. This guide is certainly not comprehensive and we are seeking your help to make it better! As our valued partners, it is our hope that you can provide additional links to content that can be shared with others implementing MPA outreach and education programs throughout the state. Please contact Katelyn Sprofera, katelyn@californiamsf.org. Danielle Brown danielle@californiamsf.org

News for You

Wallace “J” Nichols Keynote at Colorado Water Congress

Wallace “J” Nichols will be the keynote speaker at the [2015 Colorado Water Congress](#), January 28-30 in Denver. In other news, New York Times bestselling author Nichols joined Tim Beatley and the rest of the [Biophilic Cities team](#) at UVA to talk about the power of water and his new book, *Blue Mind: The Surprising Science That Shows How Being Near, In, On, or Under Water Can Make You Happier, Healthier, More Connected and Better at What You Do*. The article, “[Blue Mind: Solving the Crisis of Solitude](#)” appeared in *Spirituality & Health Magazine*. Wallace J. Nichols wallacejnichols@me.com

Local Catch Monterey Nearing 3rd Year Anniversary

This coming year Local Catch is expanding their Bay to Tray program that utilizes bycatch, or fish caught unintentionally, to school lunches via the popular fish taco. [Story here](#). We are expanding to several new pick-up locations throughout the Monterey and San Francisco Bay area. Alan Lovewell, Founder of Local Catch Monterey Bay, was awarded “[Entrepreneur of the Year](#)” by Union Bank and KSBW-TV. As well, he was written up in [National Geographic Ocean News](#) as a seafood entrepreneur. Upcoming events and festivals we are participating in include the Sausalito Herring Festival on January 25th and at the Twisted Tasting event at the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary Exploration Center in Santa Cruz, CA on February 14th. Maria Finn mariafinn@mac.com

FLOW with Amigos de Bolsa Chica

FLOW (Follow and Learn about the Ocean & Wetlands) is Amigos de Bolsa Chica’s Citizen Science Program. Participate in the collection of scientific data, learn more about coastal ecology, and

get involved in environmental quality monitoring efforts. We're accepting applications for school groups to visit the wetlands; free transportation is available for a limited number of applicants. Meetings occur every Friday (times depend upon the tide) at the Huntington Beach State Beach Visitor Center. Anyone interested in becoming a Citizen Scientist with FLOW is encouraged to contact flow@amigosdebolsachica.org. Terri Bidle programs@amigosdebolsachica.org

2015 Docent Training Classes with Amigos de Bolsa Chica

Amigos de Bolsa Chica is offering our annual Docent Training Class. Becoming a docent means YOU make a difference in your community. Learn how to share your knowledge and passion for conservation of our beautiful coastal wetlands. Program includes 2 field trips to the wetlands, docent binders, and 6 training classes on Wednesdays at 7pm from January 7th – February 11th. The cost of the class is an Amigos membership and \$50 materials fee. Training is held at the Bolsa Chica State Beach Visitor Center. Hurry and register today because space is limited! Jennifer Robins info@amigosdebolsachica.org.

All One Ocean Installing Beach Clean Up Stations

All One Ocean, a project of Earth Island Institute, provides a simple, inexpensive, community-based solution to Ocean trash. AOO educates and inspires people to help clean up the Ocean by installing Beach Clean Up Stations (BCUS), permanent on-site boxes with educational signage, kids' art and repurposed bags so any and everyone can pick up marine debris while they enjoy the beach. Since 2011, fifteen Stations have gone up in California and Hawaii with more going up soon. Our goal is to educate people about the destructive impacts of human trash, particularly plastic, and provide a simple way for beach-goers to make every day beach clean up day. In February you can find us

at five events in the SF Bay Area: Environmental Youth Forum, Sequoia Audubon, Saint Ignatius Beach Cleanup, Blue Drinks, and the San Francisco International Ocean Film Festival. March will bring our 2nd Annual Run For The Beach, a zero waste event! For more information on all that and more, please visit our website at <http://alloneocean.org/events/>. Lauren Weiner lauren@alloneocean.org

O'Neill Sea Odyssey Using iPad System for Data

O'Neill Sea Odyssey (OSO), an ocean-going science and environmental program for elementary schools, will launch a project to replace its paper-clipboard data collection system on its boat with an iPad based system that will allow students to enter oceanographic and marine life data into OSO's website, and to facilitate the creation of a new set of apps OSO will participate in University of California Santa Cruz' 2015 "Hackathon" with over 300 coders and teach professionals:

<http://www.santacruztechbeat.com/2014/12/18/sponsors-bring-tech-hackucsc/> Dan Haifley dhaifley@oneillseaodyssey.org

Think Beyond Plastic to Host Innovation Showcase on Capitol Hill

Think Beyond Plastic™ is committed to disruptive innovation that addresses the problem of ocean plastics -- the direct result of plastic pollution. Towards that goal, and with the support of members of the Congressional Ocean taskforce, Think Beyond Plastic is hosting an Innovation Showcase on Capitol Hill on February 27, 2015 at [Rayburn House Office Building](#). The theme is "Addressing Ocean Plastic through Innovation and Entrepreneurship." The event will feature innovations and solutions that address plastic pollution with special focus on ocean plastics. For more information, please contact Daniella Russo drusso@thinkbeyondplastic.com

California Aquaculture Association Proudly Announces Approval of Additional Aquaculture Specialist Position at UC, Davis

The California Aquaculture Association (CAA) would like to thank all of its members and industry members who provided input in support of the proposed Aquaculture Specialist position at UC, Davis. As a result of this support, as well as the efforts of CAA Director, Tony Vaught, CAA Executive Director, Michael Lee, and UC Davis Aquaculture Specialist, Fred Conte, PhD, this position has been fully approved. This is a milestone accomplishment for the California Aquaculture Association and the industry as a whole. This new Aquaculture Specialist position will assist in fulfilling the need for California's aquaculture industry to grow and thrive and will help to further establish and develop a more sustainable and environmentally conscious aquaculture industry. The new Aquaculture Specialist will help grow the aquaculture industry by developing additional support programs in the University of California and serving as a conduit between growers, researchers, and regulators. [Story here](#). Michael Lee execdir@caaquaculture.org

Mark Your Calendar

Jan- Mar, 2015: Whale Watch with Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

DAILY! Go to sea any day of the week through the end of March in search of migrating Pacific gray whales and a host of other marine life, such as dolphins, seals and sea lions. Whalewatch naturalists, trained by CMA and the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Cetacean Society, lead two-to-three-hour boat trips from various landings. Join the fun by calling Cabrillo Whalewatch at [310-548-7770](tel:310-548-7770), Tuesday through Friday, 8:30am to 1pm. Fee: Varies by landing; contact Cabrillo Whalewatch or visit our website: www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org. Juliette McAllister

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Jan 8: Webinar: Keeping the Promise of Sydney

The [NOAA National MPA Center](#), [EBM Tools Network](#), [MPA News](#), and [OpenChannels.org](#) are pleased to announce that they will host a webinar on Keeping the Promise of Sydney- Next Steps for the Marine Agenda from the World Parks Congress by Lauren Wenzel of the NOAA National MPA Center and Dan Laffoley of IUCN. The presentation will be held Thursday, January 8, at 1 pm US EST/10 am US PST/6 pm GMT. [Register now!](#)
joanne.flanders@noaa.gov

Jan 8: Lecture: Mark Botton, “The Horseshoe Crab: National and International Perspectives” at Aquarium of the Pacific

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. For the past two decades Mark Botton has been actively involved in the international efforts to protect and conserve horseshoe crabs. He is the co-chairman of the International Union for Conservation of Nature’s Horseshoe Crab Specialist Group and a professor of biology in the Department of Natural Sciences at Fordham University in New York City. Cost: \$5 for the public, and free for members, teachers, seniors (62+), and students with valid ID and advance reservations. Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802 Info: [562-590-3100](tel:562-590-3100) or aquariumofpacific.org Adrian Samora
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Jan 10: Underwater Parks Day at Aquarium of the Pacific

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., learn more about Southern California's network of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). Guests will be able to learn about the commercial and recreational activities permitted. MPA stories will be told using film, lectures, and interactive exhibits. The event will also feature educational booths and activities in the Great Hall.

Cost: General Admission--\$28.95 adult (12+), \$25.95 senior (62+), \$14.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age three and Aquarium members. Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802. Info/Tickets: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org Adrian Samora ASamora@LBAOP.ORG

Jan 10-24: Pacifica Beach Coalition Beach Cleanups

The [Pacifica Beach Coalition beach cleanups](#) are every Saturday from 9am to 11am, somewhere along the San Mateo Coastline. Jan. 10: Sharp Park, Jan. 17: Linda Mar State Beach, Jan. 24: Mussel Rock, Daly City and Pillar Point, Half Moon Bay; and every Saturday morning, meeting at Mazzetti's Bakery, to clean that shopping district. Additionally, from 4-6p, Esplanade Beach will be cleaned on Jan 8. Helen Nicely PhD helennicely@hotmail.com

Jan 11: Salt Marsh Open House with Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

2 - 4pm, visit Cabrillo Beach's own wetland habitat, Salinas de San Pedro, and discover the plants and animals that call it home! Using binoculars, magnifying glasses and other tools, CMA Educators and volunteers will help you observe and explore this habitat.

Fee: Free and open to all ages. Juliette McAllister juliette.mcallister@lacity.org

Jan 13: Lecture: Ray Ban: "The United States Weather and Climate Enterprise" at Aquarium of the Pacific

Ray Ban, formerly the executive vice president of programming, operations, and meteorology at The Weather Channel Inc., will discuss the unique relationship between the government and academic and private sectors that allows our nation to receive

weather and climate forecasts. This is known in meteorology as the weather and climate enterprise. Cost: \$5 for the public, and free for members, teachers, seniors (62+), and students with valid ID and advance reservations. Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802 Info: [562-590-3100](tel:562-590-3100) or aquariumofpacific.org Adrian Samora ASamora@LBAOP.ORG

Jan 14: Volunteer Training for Sea Lion Bowl at Romberg Tiburon Center

Northern California Sea Lion Bowl competition Volunteer Training at Romberg Tiburon Center. Wednesday, Jan 14 from 6-8pm. The Sea Lion Bowl is a Jeopardy-style ocean science competition for high school students, part of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl. Sign up for this or other training sessions at www.sealionbowl.org. Erin Blackwood erin70@sfsu.edu

Jan 17: Underwater Parks Day with Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

11am - 3pm, join Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in learning about the newly designated Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in Southern California. These areas, like parks on land, will protect underwater marine resources for future generations to enjoy. Similar activities are being held the same day at partner marine science centers: Aquarium of the Pacific, Long Beach; Ocean Institute, Dana Point; Birch Aquarium/Museum at Scripps, La Jolla; Sealife Aquarium, Carlsbad; Santa Monica Pier Aquarium; Ty-Warner Sea Center in Santa Barbara; and Centers for Ocean Science Education Excellence - West. Fee: FREE Juliette McAllister juliette.mcallister@lacity.org

Jan 19: 2015 MLK Day of Service Beach Cleanup & Planting/Habitat Restoration with Pacifica Beach Coalition

Linda Mar State Beach, Pacifica, California. RAIN CANCELS, please join us between 9-10am for the beach cleanup and

between 10-Noon for the planting and restoration. Help us be sustainable: bring your own bucket, lightweight gardening gloves and favorite planting tool. Don't worry though; we will have plenty to go around if you need them. Dress for warm or cool, wear sturdy shoes, and bring a reusable water bottle. Meet us at the north end of the parking lot at the seawall just north of Taco Bell for the cleanup or on the LM beach bike path across Hwy 1 from the Pacifica Community Center on Crespi Drive for the Planting/Habitat Restoration. You can park in the Center's parking lot and walk north on the beach's bike path. Go to www.pacificabeachcoalition.org for more information. Lynn Adams Lynn4promos@aol.com

Jan 20: Special Screening of Eco-Thriller Film "Sand Wars"

6:00PM. The world is running out of sand. SAND WARS is an investigative documentary about the most consumed natural resource on the planet. San Francisco International Ocean Film Festival is hosting a [special screening](#) of this award winning film at the Cowell Theater at Fort Mason, San Francisco. Presented in partnership with Green Film Productions. Tickets available at: <http://uv.rs/13yT2s9> Hayley Carter hayley@oceanfilmfest.org

Jan 21: Sylvia Earle at Commonwealth Club

Join us at the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco on January 21st for an intergenerational presentation by Mission Blue founder, Dr. Sylvia Earle and fellow National Geographic explorer and environmentalist, David De Rothschild. <http://bit.ly/1wDTiRY> Stay tuned next month for more on Mission Blue's spring adventures! Contact: Deb Castellana, dcastellana@mission-blue.org

Jan 22: ‘Sand Wars’ Screening and Filmmaker Discussion at Romberg Tiburon Center

Film Screening and Filmmaker Q&A-enjoy a unique opportunity to view the award-winning documentary “Sand Wars” and discuss it with the filmmaker, Denis Delestrac. Presented at Romberg Tiburon Center courtesy of Mr. Delestrac, in partnership with the San Francisco Ocean Film Festival. Students and **OCA members have priority**, but seating is limited. RSVP

at <https://eventbrite.com/event/15117325327/>. Erin Blackwood erin70@sfsu.edu

Jan 22: Lecture: Emily Yam, “Ocean Exploration” at Aquarium of the Pacific

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. The Aquarium’s Science Interpretation Supervisor Emily Yam spent several weeks aboard the *Research Vessel Thomas G. Thompson* supporting the ship’s science mission during an expedition in the Northeast Pacific Ocean. The expedition was part of a five-year project to install the cabled ocean observatory. She will discuss her experiences on the ship, the importance of ocean exploration, and the potential for discovery. Cost: \$5 for the public, and free for members, teachers, seniors (62+), and students with valid ID and advance reservations. Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802 Info: [562-590-3100](tel:562-590-3100) or aquariumofpacific.org
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Jan 23: Vanishing of the Bees Video with Pacifica Beach

Coalition Free video, “Vanishing of the Bees”, Jan. 23 at 7pm, at Sharp Park Library on Hilton at Palmetto, Pacifica, to kick off our Earth Day Hero, the bee. The movie examines the issue of Colony Collapse Disorder, which has caused startling numbers of honeybees to disappear in recent years. Did you know honeybees are essential for the production of a third or more of the food we eat? In 2006, US beekeepers began reporting that astounding

numbers of their honeybees had gone missing. The film asks the question of what is the cause of the Disorder. Following the movie will be a talk by Loret Farris, a bee expert, from the Beekeeper's Guild of San Mateo County. [Calendar](#) Helen Nicely PhD helennicely@hotmail.com

Jan 24-25: Festival of Human Abilities at Aquarium of the Pacific

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., join the Aquarium of the Pacific for its twelfth annual Festival of Human Abilities, a celebration highlighting the creative talents and abilities of people with disabilities. This event will feature wheelchair dance, live music, signing choirs, art demonstrations, accessible SCUBA diving demonstrations, interactive workshops, and other creative performances by people who have disabilities. Sign language interpreters will be present at all major shows, and an audio tour is available for those who are blind.

Cost: General Admission--\$28.95 adult (12+), \$25.95 senior (62+), \$14.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age three and Aquarium members. Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info: [562-590-3100](tel:562-590-3100) or aquariumofpacific.org. Adrian Samora ASamora@LBAOP.ORG

Jan 25: Whale Fiesta with Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

10am - 3pm, join us for tons of fun as we celebrate the migration of the Pacific gray whale and the beginning of the whalewatching season! It's a family day filled with activities and exhibits for all — games, arts and crafts, puppet shows, food and gift vendors, marine awareness organizations, guest lecturers and music. Festivities include the building of a life-sized sand sculpture of a Pacific gray whale and its calf. For those with a competitive edge, enter the Duct Tape Whale Sculpture Contest. For information,

call Larry Fukuhara at [310-548-7562](tel:310-548-7562) x 223. Fee: FREE Juliette McAllister juliette.mcallister@lacity.org

Jan 27: American Cetacean Society Monthly Speaker Series with Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

January 27, 7:30pm, the American Cetacean Society/Los Angeles Chapter offers a free monthly presentation on whale research and conservation in the John M. Olguin Auditorium. For information and scheduled speakers, visit: www.acs-la.org

Fee: FREE Juliette McAllister juliette.mcallister@lacity.org

Jan 31, Feb 28: LiMPETS Introduction to Rocky Intertidal Monitoring Workshops

Learn to participate in this in-depth science education program for students (grades 6 - college). Participants receive in-depth curriculum, learn to correctly identify algae and invertebrates, and practice the monitoring methods used in the field. San Francisco Bay Area: Saturday, January 31, 2015 (9:30am – 5:00pm) at Cypress Meadows and Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, San Mateo County. Monterey Bay Area: Saturday, February 28, 2015 (9:30am – 5:00pm) at the Sanctuary Exploration Center, Santa Cruz. Information. Abby Nickels anickels@farallones.org

Jan 31: Free Bird Talk & Nature Walk with Amigos de Bolsa Chica

Join the Amigos de Bolsa Chica for a free Bird Talk & Nature Walk on Saturday, January 31st. Considered one of the prime birding sites of Southern California, the Bolsa Chica wetlands is home to over 200 species of birds. The walk takes place from 9-11am and departs from the South Parking Lot of the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve (across the street from the State Beach entrance). Visitors are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and bring binoculars. Angelique

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Looking Ahead:

Feb 7: Free Public Tour with Amigos de Bolsa Chica

Join the [Amigos de Bolsa Chica](#) for a free tour of the wetlands on Saturday, Feb 7th. Led by docents, participants will learn about the birds, endangered species, history, ecology, and restoration of the wetlands. The tour runs from 9-10:30am and departs every 15 minutes from the footbridge in the South Parking Lot of the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve (across the street from the State Beach entrance). Angelique Crest crest.angelique@gmail.com

Feb 14,15: “Whale of a Weekend” with Heal the Bay

Celebrate the annual migration of the Pacific gray whale at Heal the Bay’s Santa Monica Pier Aquarium during “Whale of a Weekend,” February 14th & 15th. Whale-themed activities will be ongoing both days from 12:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the marine science center, 1600 Ocean Front Walk, located beach level at the Pier. The Pacific gray whale completes one of the longest migrations of any species, traveling as many as 14,000 miles round trip between the arctic seas and the warm lagoons of Baja California, Mexico. This migration takes the whales past the Santa Monica Pier -- sometimes within viewing distance from the west end observation deck. Aquarium visitors can feel the heft of a whale rib, check out bristly baleen and try on a layer of (simulated) whale blubber for warmth. Learn more interesting facts about these gentle giants through story time, film screenings and presentations about the gray whale’s migration habits. The Aquarium will staff a wildlife observation station at the west end of the Santa Monica Pier. Those who stop by are welcome to spy for whales through binoculars and field guides will be available to identify local birds and other marine life. More information is available at <http://www.healthebay.org/event/whale->

[weekend-day-one](#) or call [310-393-6149](tel:310-393-6149). Randi Parent rparent@healthebay.org

Feb 14: Sequoia Creek Cleanup with OceanBlueProject

OceanBlueProject invites you to participate in the Sequoia Creek Cleanup in conjunction with American Rivers' National River Cleanup™. Join us on February 14, 2015 1pm to 3pm for a fun day of removing tons of trash from our Urban Stream, before it gets washed into the Willamette River.

Visit www.AmericanRivers.org/cleanup to sign up For more information contact OceanBlueProject, or view our cleanup information at www.OceanBlueProject.org Richard Arterbury oceanblueproject1@gmail.com

Ocean Communicators Alliance: "Creating a Strong Voice for the Ocean in California"

The California Ocean Communicators Alliance is a group of more than 300 professionals in ocean-related organizations, agencies and businesses who, in the course of their work, reach millions of Californians with ocean messages. NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, the California Natural Resources Agency and aquarium partners organized and support the California Ocean Communicators Alliance. OCA members collaborate on common ocean messages and promote the Thank You Ocean public awareness campaign.

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