

OCA News Splash!

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Calling all OCA members:

The Santa Cruz Redwoods National Monument Campaign

The campaign is dedicated to gaining permanent protection for the Coast Dairies property and national recognition of the precious natural resources of the Santa Cruz Mountains. The campaign is working closely with the Santa Cruz Redwoods Citizens Campaign Committee to secure designation of the new monument by President Obama and Congress in 2015. Sign the pledge of support for a National Monument at the Santa Cruz Coast Dairies property with watersheds feeding the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary: [here](#). For more information: santacruzredwoods.org. Dan Haifley dhafley@oneillseaodyssey.org

Upcoming Training: Communicating about Climate Impacts and Engaging Stakeholders in Solutions

On April 30 & May 1, 2015, from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, join a training session at the Bay Conference Center in Tiburon, CA. Need help developing effective climate messages for your audiences? Struggling to reach and motivate stakeholders to engage in outreach events? Join climate and environmental communications expert Cara Pike of Climate Access and the San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve to help you develop effective concrete framing and public engagement strategies in support of climate action and sustainability goals. For more info, go to: [Communicating](#). Heidi Nutters heidin@sfsu.edu

“Sharkwater” Filmmakers announce “Revolution”

The film Sharkwater, which came out in 2007, helped ignite the shark conservation movement. The team has finished a second film - Revolution, designed to communicate the realities of ocean acidification to the masses. Filmed over 4 years in 15 countries, Revolution had such a successful run in Canadian theaters that it's being offered to NGOs, conservation groups, or concerned citizens in a partnership program. If any OCA members are interested in working with Revolution, please contact Rob Stewart at rob@sharkwater.com. For more information, see www.therevolutionmovie.com. Rob Stewart rob@sharkwater.com

When Filing Your Taxes, You Can Help Sea Otters Too!

OCA members, help us get the word out! For those early tax filers, remember that the CA Sea Otter Fund tax check off has been on state income tax forms since 2007. In 8 years the Fund has raised nearly \$2.4 million. The funds are used for research, education, and conservation efforts and assist in the recovery of sea otters in California. Every little contribution helps and it serves as a critical funding source for sea otter programs in California. For more information, visit: [checkoff](#). Jim Curland, Friends of the Sea Otter. Jim Curland jcurland@seaotters.org

Free SoCal Dockwalker Trainings Promote Clean Boating

In March and April, from Ventura to San Diego, free Dockwalker workshops will train volunteers to promote and educate boaters on environmentally-sound boating practices in Southern California. The workshops are provided by The Bay Foundation (TBF), the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways, and the California Coastal Commission's Boating Clean and Green Program, in partnership with the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the US Power Squadron. Since 2000, over 700 Dockwalkers throughout California have distributed more than 100,000 boater kits at local marinas, boat launch ramps, fuel docks, boat shows, and special events. To become a Dockwalker volunteer, please contact Victoria Gambale at (213) 620-2271, vgambale@santamonicabay.org, or visit www.santamonicabay.org. Locations: Ventura, Long Beach, Dana Point, San Diego. Registration is required; training is free. Julie Du Brow jdubrow@santamonicabay.org

Check the Coast at Tax Time

This tax season, Californians can help support our treasured coast and ocean while, of all things, filing their taxes! The Protect Our Coast and Oceans Fund is a "check box" under the Charitable Contributions section of the State personal income tax form. When preparing tax return, Californians can simply write the donation amount next to the fund title (or ask a tax preparer to do so). 100% of the funds donated will be distributed as Whale Tail Grants for coastal and marine-related projects. This year, the fund is required to have a minimum total contribution of \$250,000 to remain on the tax form for the next year. Although there wasn't a minimum requirement last year, we ended up in striking distance of this goal by raising \$242,000. We can get over the top this year with your help. Please help spread the word! You can learn more at www.CheckTheCoast.org. Contact Chris Parry chris.parry@coastal.ca.gov

FLOW with Amigos de Bolsa Chica

FLOW (Follow and Learn about the Ocean & Wetlands) is [Amigos de Bolsa Chica's](http://AmigosdeBolsaChica.org) 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. Meetings occur every Friday (times depend upon the tide) at the Huntington Beach State Beach Visitor Center. We are also accepting applications for anyone interested in becoming a Citizen Scientist; contact flow@amigosdebolsachica.org. Terri Bidle programs@amigosdebolsachica.org

Nautilus LIVE: Explore the ocean LIVE with Dr. Bob Ballard and the Corps of Exploration

April 22nd - May 9th engage with Science Communications Fellow Sarah Wilson, who will be speaking and answering YOUR questions daily LIVE from the *R/V Nautilus*. This expedition in the Gulf of Mexico will be studying both natural oil and gas seepage and ecosystem responses and effects from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The team will focus on deep-sea corals, animals that live on and around them, and their response to the oil spill. The researchers will take your questions throughout the expedition making this the perfect way to explore the deep sea with your friends, family, students

and with visitors to your organization. During the expedition dates we will be live streaming 24/7 so visit <http://nautiluslive.org/>. Questions please contact Sarah Wilson at sarahw-thankyouocean@hotmail.com

News for You

2015 Marine Debris Art Contest Winners Announced

Congratulations to the winners of the NOAA Marine Debris Program's 2015 Keep the Sea Free of Debris art contest! This year, more than 600 entries were submitted from kindergarten to 8th-grade students with incredible visual messages on what we need to do to be the solution to ocean pollution. Winners of the 2015 art contest will be featured in a 2016 marine debris calendar to help raise awareness on the harmful impacts marine debris has on our oceans year-round. To see all the winners, visit: [Winners](#)
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New Release! A Vision for Science to Address Ocean Acidification on the West Coast

Ocean Science Trust is excited to share with you "[Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia: Envisioning a Future Science Landscape](#)." This report assists decision-makers across the public sector in supporting science to address ocean acidification and hypoxia. Working with the West Coast Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Science Panel and other thought leaders, the California Ocean Science Trust has developed this vision for the future role of science in improving our ability to understand and manage these threats on the West Coast. Laurel Kellner Laurel.Kellner@calost.org

Sea Star Wasting in the News, Mapping Coastal Habitats in 3D, and California Hard at Work Advancing Fisheries Partnerships

This month on the [OceanSpaces blog](#): Find out what scientists know about [sea stars wasting](#) away in this radio interview and in this update from MARINE scientists. Scan the [rocky intertidal in 3D](#) with this multipart series from the North Coast. Plus, find out how the [California OPC-SAT](#) is advancing fisheries through new partnerships. [Sign up](#) for OceanSpaces to share your work via our blog. OceanSpaces is a program of the Ocean Science Trust. Laurel Kellner Laurel.Kellner@calost.org

Help Spread the word: Call for Volunteer Docents

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and California State Parks are seeking dynamic individuals to become docents at the Coastal Discovery Center in San Simeon Bay, CA. As a docent, you will learn about natural and cultural history of the area, share your passion with visitors worldwide, conduct citizen science and research, and make new friends while enriching and enhancing the experience of park visitors. Join us for an informational meeting to learn more about our volunteer program and docent benefits on Friday March 27th, 2015 6:30-7:30pm at Rabobank Cambria, CA. Nicole Uibel - NOAA Affiliate nicole.uibel@noaa.gov

Free Day at Santa Monica Pier Aquarium

Wells Fargo is sponsoring one free day a month at Heal the Bay's Santa Monica Pier

Aquarium to celebrate the environmental organization's 30 years of work for a healthy ocean. Admission will be free for all the first Wednesday of each month for the rest of 2015, beginning March 3rd. The Aquarium is located at 1600 Ocean Front Walk, beach level, just beneath the Santa Monica Pier's historic Carousel. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday: 2:00 to 5:00 pm, and weekends from 12:30 to 5:00 pm. The Aquarium features more than 100 species of marine life found in the Santa Monica Bay, including the Discovery Table, a new exhibit of some of the Bay's tiniest creatures. Visitors will have the chance to observe them on a screen with the help of a portable, hand-held microscope. Learn more about the [Aquarium](#) Randi Parent rpurent@healthebay.org

Witty Drought Video...no, Really! The Bay Foundation & LADWP Educate with a Laugh

Imagine...you're waiting for the guy bringing the valued drinking water, and who (or what) gets the water instead? Check out this fun but poignant video [Public Service Announcement](#) for ideas on using rain barrels & other clever options. This is the 2nd of three PSAs produced by The Bay Foundation, supported by a Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) Community Partnership Outreach grant. Video is directed by Ryan Maples (with one more coming in April!). After you chuckle, we hope you will please Share, Like, Tweet it, and tell your friends! Thank you! Julie Du Brow jdubrow@santamonicabay.org

Mark Your Calendar

Now- Mar 31, 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, Tuesday through Friday, 8:30am to 1pm. Fee: Varies by landing; contact Cabrillo Whalewatch or visit our website: www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org. Juliette McAllister juliette.mcallister@lacity.org

Mar 7: Free Public Tour with Amigos de Bolsa Chica

Join the [Amigos de Bolsa Chica](#) for a free tour of the wetlands on Saturday, February 7th. Led by docents, participants will learn about the birds, endangered species, history, ecology, and restoration of the wetlands. The tour runs from 9-10:30 am 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

Mar 7,8: Amazing Amphibians at Aquarium of the Bay

Amphibians are a vital part of our ecosystem, which is why we'll be celebrating Amazing Amphibians at Aquarium of the Bay! Join us on March 7-8 to learn all about what makes these cold-blooded creatures so special as we turn our PG&E Bay Lab into an

amphibian extravaganza. <http://www.aquariumofthebay.org/amazing-amphibians> Mallory Johnson mallory@bay.org

Mar 7, 14, 21, 18: Discovery Saturdays at Coastal Discovery Center in San Simeon Bay

Docents and staff will lead guided walks and hands on citizen science every Saturday morning at 11:00am the Coastal Discovery Center in San Simeon Bay. Topics include: Marine mammals, plankton, San Simeon history, or tidepools. Call (805)-927-6575 for reservations! Nicole Uibel - NOAA Affiliate nicole.uibel@noaa.gov

Mar 12: Climate-Smart Adaptation Webinar

The [NOAA National MPA Center](#), [EBM Tools Network](#), [MPA News](#), and [OpenChannels.org](#) are pleased to announce that they will host a webinar on Climate-Smart Adaptation: Vulnerability Assessment Results and the Next Steps for the North-Central California Coast and Ocean by Sara Hutto of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary. Learn how the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary MPA is planning for climate-smart adaptation and how you might be able to use the same approach. Sara Hutto will present the results of a vulnerability assessment for species, habitats and ecosystem services in the North-central California region. Application of the vulnerability assessment, scenario planning, and the formation of a working group to develop adaptive management recommendations will also be discussed. To learn more about how the assessment was conducted, please view the August 2014 webinar presentation, "A Climate-Smart Approach to Adaptive Management of North-central California Coast and Ocean Resources" The presentation will be held Thursday, March 12, at 1 pm US EDT/10 am US PDT/5 pm GMT. Webinar co-sponsored by the NOAA National Marine Protected Areas Center, the EBM Tools Network, [OpenChannels.org](#), and MPA News. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6240120277942877697>.

Mar 15: "Making Mummies Talk" at Seymour Marine Discovery Center

Using fossils to understand how seals will respond to environmental change Paul Koch, Ph.D., Dean, Physical and Biological Sciences Professor, Earth and Planetary Sciences UC Santa Cruz. Koch will discuss his [work on mummies](#) to understand the ecology of the seals that lived in the Ross Sea of Antarctica over the past 8,000 years, and how insights gained from study of mummies might be important for conversation of the species in the future. Lecture is free with admission. Recommended for ages 10 and older. 1:00 – 2:00 PM. Doors open to the lecture hall at 12:30 PM. Lecture passes are available at the admissions counter at noon. Seating is limited and first-come, first-served. No late seating. Sara Stasi sstasi@ucsc.edu

Mar 21: Run for the Beach

All One Ocean's biggest event all year is coming up in March. Our Run For The Beach is an annual 5K fundraising event benefitting promoting zero waste. It will be located at Crissy Field in San Francisco on March 21, 2015 and seeks to promote zero waste awareness to race runners and community members. Some highlights will include yoga, music, raffle prizes, speakers including Beth Terry and sponsored

education stations to participants. We have partnered with the Race to Zero Waste, during Zero Waste week to really drive home our critical issue. All proceeds will go toward All One Ocean for plastic pollution awareness and education. [Register here](#). Volunteers wanted: contact katie@alloneocean.org. Lauren Weiner lauren@alloneocean.org.

Mar 21: Sea Slug Soirée

Join us on Saturday, March 21st, 7 to 10 pm for an art and science celebration of elegant sea slugs at Randall Museum in San Francisco. An 8 pm lecture by nudibranch expert Dr. Rebecca Johnson, California Academy of Science, will feature current research and astounding biology of sea slugs. Come learn how these sneaky slugs steal, and use their food for defense. Tickets \$18, includes two complimentary beverages, art, science and lecture. Contact: Sara.heintzeman@noaa.gov or www.farallones.org/events. Carol Preston carol.a.preston@noaa.gov.

Mar 28: 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, February 28th. 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 Crest crest.angelique@gmail.com

Mar 28: Native Plant Gardening

On the 4th Saturday of each month, come join the [Amigos De Bolsa Chica](#) for cleaning, gardening and planting at the Bolsa Chica State Beach Visitor Center. Volunteer hours are from 9am -12noon. Located just north of the entrance to BC State Beach, across from BC Ecological Reserve South parking lot. Wear closed shoes. Tools and instructions are provided. Come help make a difference in your local community and wetlands! Call 714-840-1575 for more information or to RSVP. Angelique Crest crest.angelique@gmail.com

Mar 29: Complete Whale Watch with Cabrillo Marin Aquarium

Join us on a fun-filled adventure Sunday, March 29, that begins with a fun and educational slide show, presented by Larry Fukuhara, Programs Director at the Aquarium. Then board a whale watch boat in search of the migrating Pacific gray whale. We'll start at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium at 8:30 a.m. with a presentation about the fascinating life of the Pacific gray whale. After the show, our day continues aboard a San Pedro whale watching boat for a 2-hour voyage in search of whales, dolphins, sea lions and sea birds. Don't miss your opportunity to enjoy this magnificent journey. This special excursion will conclude at approximately 12 noon. Cost is just \$25 (\$20 for FRIENDS member). Reservations are required. 3720 Stephen M. White Drive in San Pedro. For reservations, further information, or to receive a calendar of events, please call (310) 548-7562 or visit our website at www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org. Juliette

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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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