

OCA News Splash!

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Calling all OCA members

Sanctuary Boundary Expansion Celebration June 28!

Cordell Bank and Gulf of the Farallones national marine sanctuaries off northern California have doubled in size following a final rule released by NOAA. The expansion will help to protect the region's marine and coastal habitats, biological resources and special ecological features. (Watch the Thank You Ocean Report [here.](#)) Save the date of June 28 for the daylong celebration at Gualala Arts Center. Help us celebrate the expansion of Cordell Bank and Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuaries! Activities will be available for families, including bird walk and coastal geology walk, food and drinks, meeting Sanctuary Sam, dignitaries and elected officials in person, and more. For more info: http://farallones.noaa.gov/manage/expansion_cbgf_celebration.html

Accepting Citizen Scientist Applications for FLOW

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. Meetings are on Fridays (times depend upon the tide) at the Huntington Beach State Beach Visitor Center. We are also accepting Citizen Scientist applications for anyone interested –training is FREE; contact flow@amigosdebolsachica.org. Terri Bidle programs@amigosdebolsachica.org

OCA Members: Take Part in Coastal Symposium 15!

The issues of sea level rise (SLR) and climate change have emerged so quickly that the practice of how to respond to them can cause confusion about what is required, what solutions will work, and how to fund or implement studies and new practices. That's why the California Coastal Coalition (CalCoast), the League of California Cities Coastal Issues Group (CCIG), USC Sea Grant, the Natural Resources Agency, California Coastal Commission, State Coastal Conservancy, State Lands Commission, the Water Boards, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Connected Issue, a number of state and federal agencies, local government and the private sector have been organizing a symposium to be held in San Diego (May 26-28, Bahia Hotel, Mission Bay, San Diego). The symposium is designed to hear from the experts and then work with attendees in real time to inform the next phase of response. To do this, we are bringing coastal communities, practitioners, consultants, scientists, and modelers, to discuss the overall process and discuss the opportunities, funding, constraints and best strategies for dealing with SLR and climate change. Register now at www.coastalsymposium.org. Steve Aceti. steveaceti@calcoast.org

Do you PRETEND with Water?

Watch this clever (haha!) Public Service Announcement video about how we all PRETEND when it comes to water! From The Bay Foundation, supported by a Los Angeles Department of

Water and Power (LADWP) Community Partnership Outreach grant: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kLVz5HtvG-Cs&feature=youtu.be> Directed by Ryan Maples. We hope you'll Share, Like or Tweet it! Julie Du Brow jdubrow@santamonicabay.org

News for You

Boating Season has launched! Check out The Bay Foundation's Pollution Prevention Services!

As the 2015 boating season gets underway, The Bay Foundation has opened four new Absorbent Pad Exchanges for recreational boaters in Los Angeles and San Diego counties. According to the US EPA, the oil from a single oil change (1 gallon) can ruin one million gallons of drinking water, the supply for 50 people in one year. The Exchanges feature FREE recycling of fuel and oil-soaked absorbent pads, and distribution of free absorbent pads. Funding for these free Exchanges is provided by a grant from the state's Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, or CalRecycle. Exchange locations in Los Angeles county and San Diego county: For more info, please contact Victoria Gambale at [\(213\) 620-2271](tel:2136202271), vgambale@santamonicabay.org, or visit www.santamonicabay.org. Julie Du Brow jdubrow@santamonicabay.org

Mission Blue's Take Part Campaign

This month [Mission Blue](#) is all about our Take Part campaign to save the sharks of our Cocos Island Hope Spot. We're working with our partners at PRETOMA to take meaningful action against poachers, and to influence the government of Costa Rica to enforce protection laws. Join us! Deb Castellana dcastellana@mission-blue.org

Colorado Ocean Coalition at Blue Vision Summit

Ancestral Colorado may have been home to an ancient sea 300 million years ago, but it's now the home-base of an international inland ocean movement. On May 11th, the [Colorado Ocean Coalition](#) (COCO) will lead their delegation to Washington D.C. for the 2015 [Blue Vision Summit](#) where a growing constituency will lend their voice in support of real action to improve the health of our oceans. Among thought-leaders, conservationists, scientists, and organizations, the successful non-profit will be bringing several Ocean Ambassadors, inaugural graduates of a newly designed certification program aimed at empowering individuals to advocate for ocean health at the community level. In addition, several founders of newly formed COCO chapters from around the country and even internationally, will be joining the surge on Capitol Hill. Together these two groups, the Ocean Ambassadors and a growing number of inland chapter founders from around the world, will be helping to lead the tides of change for the longevity of this ocean planet. To find out more, please go to ColoradoOcean.org or contact COCO's founder, Vicki Goldstein, at Coloradoocean@gmail.com.

Keep Earth a Living Planet

Friends of the Sea Otter's new education program, K.E.L.P. (Keep Earth a Living Planet), aims to help sustain the protection of our coastal nearshore ecosystem for generations to come. The K.E.L.P. program is committed to helping educate youth about the interconnectivity of these underwater ecosystems, and the sea otter's role in it, while capturing their point of views

through photography and sharing their images to the world. The future of nearshore ecosystems depend on the health of the sea otter. The health of the sea otter is dependent upon our youth's passion to conserve their oceans. Instilling an awareness of "big picture thinking" is critical to building momentum for healthy oceans and a healthy planet. K.E.L.P. can do just that! Help us inspire our future generations to respect their oceans. <http://www.gofundme.com/kelpeducation> Jim Curland jcurland@seaotters.org

Mark Your Calendar

May 9, 14, 16, 23, 30: Beach Cleanups with Pacifica Beach Coalition

In May the Pacifica Beach Coalition holds regular cleanups that can be seen on our newly revamped Website at www.pacificabeachcoalition.org.

May 9 Sat. 9am to 11am Sharp Park Beach, May 14 Sat 4pm Esplade Beach, May 16 Sat 9am to 11am Linda Mar State Beach, May 23 Sat 9am to 11am Mussel Rock and May 30 Sat 9am to 11am Pillar Point. Every Sat, 9am to 10am Green Team meet at Mazzeti's Bakery at Manor and Oceana. Helen Nicely helennicely@hotmail.com

May 9: Safe Boating Expo with Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary

Join Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary at the May 9, [2015 Safe Boating Expo](#). This exciting, family-friendly event is free to the public and will offer a broad range of activities at the U.S. Coast Guard Station at Channel Islands Harbor in Oxnard, California. Safe Boating Expo events include dockside vessel-tours, available on an 87' U.S. Coast Guard Coastal Cutter and other boats; offshore Air, Sea, & Fire Rescue demonstrations; safety demonstrations; agency booths and displays; vendor demonstrations of the latest in safety products and free 2015 vessel safety checks!

For more information contact Shauna.Bingham@noaa.gov.

May 10: Mother's Day Brunch at Aquarium of the Pacific

10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. This Mother's Day, join the Aquarium of the Pacific for its annual brunch celebrating moms. Attendees can delight in a decadent brunch and explore the wonders of the Pacific Ocean as they visit the Aquarium. Cost: \$59.00 adult (12+), \$25.00 child (3-11).

Aquarium members: \$49.00 adult (12+), \$15.00 child (3-11) Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802 Info/Tickets: [562-590-3100](tel:562-590-3100) or www.aquariumofpacific.org

May 11-14: Blue Vision Summit, Washington, DC

Blue Vision Summits bring ocean conservation leaders together every two years to network, build the blue movement and meet with the Administration and Congress to restore the blue in our red, white and blue. This spring some 500 people from local, regional and national groups, scientists, explorers and others will attend the Summit that will include a Healthy Ocean citizen lobby on Capitol Hill which will be immediately followed by the 8th annual Peter Benchley Ocean Awards (PBOA). Called 'The Academy Awards of the Sea, the Benchleys recognize leaders from many walks of life finding solutions to the threats facing our blue world. Register now! http://www.bluefront.org/blue_vision_blog/2015-summit/registration/

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May 12: Documentary Film “The Breach” with The Bay Institute

Join The Bay Institute for the San Francisco debut of the award-winning film, *The Breach*, a documentary that follows fishing guide and filmmaker Mark Titus as he embarks on a journey to discover where the native populations of Pacific Northwest salmon have gone, and what might bring them back. This insightful film is highly relevant to the current challenges we are facing maintaining salmon populations in California. Find out more, and purchase tickets here: <http://www.thebayinstitute.org/programs/coast-and-ocean/film-and-lecture-series>. Mallory Johnson mallory@bay.org

May 14: WEBINAR: IUCN Green List and Marine Protected Areas

10 am PDT/1 pm EDT, Title: IUCN Green List and Marine Protected Areas. Speaker: James Hardcastle, IUCN Programme Development Manager and Sue Wells, World Commission on Protected Areas-Marine. 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/4452467204356488962>

May 15,16: Southern California Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting

Loyola Marymount University, sponsored by the LMY/LA Center for Urban Resilience. Symposia include “Coastal Resilience”, “Marine Mammals” and “Nature as a Classroom”, among others. Online registration through May 9. In-person after that date. Information [here](#).

May 19: “Meet the Grunion” at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium will be offering a “Meet the Grunion” program Tuesday May 19, 2015. The program will be offered again June 4 and 18 and July 17. The Aquarium will open at 8 p.m. and a film on grunion begins at 9 p.m. in the John M. Olguin Auditorium. Prior to the predicted run, everyone will gather on the beach to await the grunion. The program costs \$5 for adults and \$1 for seniors, students, and children. Warm clothing is recommended. www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org. Juliette McAllister juliette.mcallister@lacity.org

May 22: Jellies opens at the Aquarium of the Pacific

Daily: 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. They have no heart, brain, or eyes, but have been on the planet since the time of dinosaurs. Some species of sea jellies can indicate if ocean water is clean while others indicate if it is polluted. They’re made up of 95 percent water and are delicate, but some jellies wield a potent sting. Learn more about sea jellies as you explore new exhibits, a film, art, and education programs at the Aquarium of the Pacific. 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. Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802. Info/Tickets: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

May 23: Native Plant Gardening

On the 4th Saturday of each month, come join the [Amigos DeBolsa 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](tel:714-840-1575) for more information or to RSVP.

May 28: Ocean Acidification Resources for Communicators and Educators WEBINAR

2 pm PDT (3 pm EDT) Sharing Ocean Acidification Resources for Communicators and Educators (SOARCE) Webinar. "Simple Ocean Acidification Demos You Can Do (almost) Anywhere With (almost) No Budget" is presented by Meg Chadsey with Washington Sea Grant. The SOARCE webinar series is co-hosted by NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries and Ocean Acidification Program. To find out more about the SOARCE webinar series and to register for this webinar, click [here](#). For more information, contact laura.francis@noaa.gov or jennifer.mintz@noaa.gov

May 30: 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, May 30th. 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

Looking Ahead:

Jun 2: WEBINAR: Lessons Learned about Sustainable Coastal and Ocean Tourism

10 am PDT/1 pm EDT WEBINAR: Lessons Learned about Sustainable Coastal and Ocean Tourism. Speaker: Martha Honey, Executive Director of the Center for Responsible Travel. 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/6674164588959491842>

June 6: Free Public Tour with Amigos de Bolsa Chica

Join the [Amigos de Bolsa Chica](#) for a free tour of the wetlands on Saturday, June 6th. 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

June 13- Sept 5: Urban Ocean Cruises with Aquarium of the Pacific

4:00 p.m. on June 13, July 11, August 8, and September 5: Urban Ocean Cruises. Embark on a journey aboard a double-decker yacht to visit one of the most distinctive sections of the local coastline and experience the wonders of Southern California's urban ocean. During this 2 to 2.5 hour voyage you can explore the urban ocean around the shores of Long Beach and San Pedro. Gaining access to sail through local ports, passengers can see wildlife that dwells above and at the ocean's surface surrounding this complex. Cost: The combo prices for Aquarium admission and Urban Ocean Cruises aboard Harbor Breeze Cruises are: \$39.95 adult (12+) and \$15 child. Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info/Tickets: [562-590-3100](tel:562-590-3100) or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Jun 14: MARE Open House

Marine Applied Research & Exploration (MARE) opens its doors to the public, Sunday June 14th from 1-4:00 pm. Dive into deep-sea exploration. Learn how a Beagle (the robot, not the canine) keeps watch over our marine sanctuaries. Meet the engineers that design and pilot the ROV, and enjoy a hands-on demo. Join us at MARE's open house at Brickyard Cove Marine, Point Richmond, California. For more information, [visit www.maregroup.org](http://www.maregroup.org). Diane Richards diane@maregroup.org

Jul 18: Ocean Blue Project Presents the Annual Willamette River, coastal runoff Awareness float & clean up event in Corvallis, Oregon.

We will have discussions the importance to reduce litter, all with the understanding this river supports Fish & Habitat, which flows downhill into our World Ocean. Let's Meet with floats, or boats at Crystal Lake Boat Landing. Please sign up here under our contact page: <http://www.oceanblueproject.org/contact.html> or visit our web site www.OceanBlueProject.org Event

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/853571138034000/> 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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