



# Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Recreation and Tourism Newsletter November 2017



**Location:** Steinbeck Plaza on Cannery Row, Cannery Row, Monterey, CA  
**Time:** 5pm-9pm  
**Price:** Free  
**Description:**

Kick off the holiday season with the Holiday Tree Lighting on legendary Cannery Row. The festivities begin at Steinbeck Plaza overlooking Monterey Bay at 5pm and include Christmas Carolers, Santa's Reindeer and a visit from Santa Claus himself. At 6pm Santa will flip the switch on a towering 25-foot holiday tree. Children (and adults too) can visit and take pictures with Santa from 6pm - 9pm.

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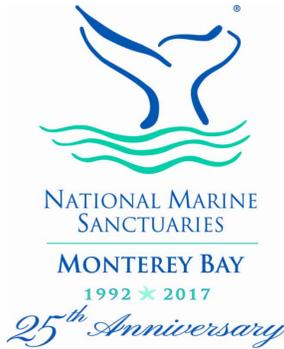
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Thinking about purchasing some local fish to celebrate the season? [Click here for information on how find local seafood](#) straight from the fishermen who catch it, and ideas for seafood recipes.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Pillar Point - Half Moon Bay  
Pillar Point Harbor Lighted  
Boat Festival



Half Moon Bay  
Pillar Point Harbor Lighted  
Boat Festival  
December 9, 2017

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
The Pillar Point Harbor Lighted Boat Festival is a holiday highlight in this small coastal town, located about 35 minutes south of San Francisco. Stroll along Pillar Point Harbor to view boats festively adorned with holiday lights and other trimmings throughout the month of December. The

Santa Cruz Events  
Santa Cruz Lighted Boat Parade  
Saturday, December 2, 2017



Santa Cruz  
Lighted Boat Parade  
December 2, 2017

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
Features decorated boats parading throughout Santa Cruz Harbor, rain or shine. This festival is family friendly and perfect for all ages!

DIVISIONS:  
1. POWER BOATS (less than 31 feet)

Monterey Events  
Lighted Boat Parade  
Sunday, December 3, 2017



Monterey  
Lighted Boat Parade  
December 3, 2017

5:30 PM to 8:00 PM  
Monterey Bay Coastline  
Monterey, CA 93940

Watch the decorated boats cruise along Monterey Bay's coastline from 5:30 pm-8 pm. Monterey Yacht Club's lighted boat parade, "Brighten the Harbor" is not to be missed!

Annual Boat Decorating Contest will be held on Saturday, December 9, where the best decorated boat will be chosen.

Pillar Point Harbor  
Johnson Pier  
Half Moon Bay, CA

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- 2. POWER BOATS (31 feet and over)
- 3. SAILBOATS (less than 31 feet)
- 4. SAILBOATS (31 feet and over)
- 5. PEOPLE POWERED (rowboats, kayaks, inflatables, etc.)
- 6. STATIONARY VESSELS (in slip or in SCYC Dry Dock)

Judging in the categories of Theme, Lights, and Music. Prizes will be awarded and handed out at the SCYC clubhouse after the parade based on participation in the divisions.

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The annual Brighten the Harbor Lighted Boat Parade.

Vessels decked out with multiple strands of Christmas lights and leave the harbor after 5 p.m. and head to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, where they will turn around a headed back.

They paraded before judges at the Coast Guard pier, to the delight of children and adults, who cheered and sang Christmas carols with those aboard the boats. Santa Claus waved to the vessels from a nearby pier.

Sponsored by the Monterey Yacht Club, the boat parade is open to all boats. "We are the only lighted boat parade that leaves protected waters," Admiral Joe Headley. The prizes are not extravagant. Boat owners will spend hours decorating their crafts for a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate. But the event is prestigious in other ways.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Carmel Events  
Holiday Tree Lighting  
December 1, 2017



Carmel Events  
Holiday Tree Lighting

Annual holiday celebration, tree lighting and entertainment held on Ocean Avenue and in Devendorf Park. Tree will be lit between 5:30 and 5:45. For more information call Carmel Community Activities at 831-624-1366 or

Big Sur Events  
Relaxing Big Sur  
Winter Events



Big Sur Events  
December Events

Lighthouse Tours  
Saturday & Sunday; 10:00 AM  
Wednesday; 1:00 PM

Take a break from the holiday bustle. Off season rates make early December an economical way to experience the quiet beauty of Big Sur. The clear December skies make the night time star gazing

Cambria Events  
Cambria Christmas Market  
Nov 23 - Dec 23, 2017



Cambria Events  
Cambria Christmas Lights

Shop with artisan vendors, walk through the light displays with over two-million lights, take photos with Santa, enjoy live entertainment, taste traditional German foods, drink Gluhwein in the Biergarten and

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spectacular and the day time sight seeing down the coast is equally amazing. Big Sur is known to astronomers as the best place in the country for viewing the heavens because there is so little "light pollution." During the daytime hours one can while away the time watching the spectacular sights of the Gray Whalemigration as they make their way to the lagoons of Mexico to have their babies.

more at this charming outdoor festival.

Tickets are on sale for the 2017 Cambria Christmas Market!

Please visit our calendar page for this years dates and prices. Follow us on Facebook for more information. November 24-December 23, 2017 The Market is closed November 27 & 28, December 4 & 5 and December 11.

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