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

What is Migrating this Month?
What, When, and Where
Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary is one of the most species
diverse marine sanctuaries in the world. See what is in your
sanctuary today.

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.

Learn More

Click on Seasons by the Sea Logo
See What's Migrating

Click on the Wildlife Calendar
See the Migrating Calendar

Click on Points of Interest to find out "where" to See
What's Migrating?

Did you miss a previous Recreation and Tourism Newsletter?
Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary's website now has them
available. Click here for your back issues

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SIMoN provides to the public an open source for pictures, names, species, and information about what is in your national marine sanctuary. Click on the photos section and be truly amazed. Click Here

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

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

Monterey Events
Lighted Boat Parade
Sunday, December 3, 2017

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

Santa Cruz
Lighted Boat Parade
December 2, 2017

Monterey
Lighted Boat Parade
December 3, 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

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)

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

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.

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.

More Information

UPCOMING EVENTS

Carmel Events
Holiday Tree Lighting
December 1, 2017

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

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
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.

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.

San Simeon Discovery Center

Hours:
Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10am - 5pm
(Closed Monday and Tuesday)