



## AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC 2016 HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS & OPENINGS

**New exhibits opening in May to feature new species and education programs**

***Not just an aquarium...cultural festivals, the arts, culinary adventures, adult classes, and other opportunities abound in 2016 at Southern California's largest aquarium***

**Friday evenings, January 1 through June 10 (except Feb. 12 & March 4, 11, 18, & April 15), 2016**

### **Shark Lagoon Nights**

**6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

The public is invited to get up close with the ocean's ultimate predators for free during Shark Lagoon Nights at the Aquarium of the Pacific. Guests will have the opportunity to touch bonnethead and bamboo sharks and see large sharks like the sand tiger and zebra sharks at the Shark Lagoon exhibit on select Friday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Guests can touch and learn about sharks, purchase drinks and snacks, and enjoy live music during select Shark Lagoon Nights.

**Cost:** FREE

**Location:** Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

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

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**Saturday, January 9, 2016**

### **Underwater Parks Day**

**9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

Learn more about Southern California's network of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) through films, educational booths, and activities in the Great Hall. Guests will be able to learn about the commercial and recreational activities permitted and ways to explore these special ocean places.

**Cost:** General Admission--\$29.95 adult (12+), \$26.95 senior (62+), \$17.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age three and Aquarium members

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**Saturday & Sunday, January 30-31, 2016**

### **Festival of Human Abilities**

**9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

Join the Aquarium of the Pacific for its thirteenth 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.

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### **Friday, February 12, 2016**

#### **Night Dive**

**7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**

The Aquarium of the Pacific presents Night Dive, an adults-only event featuring food and drink, live performances, and other special programming for an 18-and-over crowd. Discover the Aquarium at night, and explore our galleries in a new way, with DJs and local artists creating an eclectic ambiance. Live bands take the stage in front of the Honda Blue Cavern turning the Great Hall into Long Beach's unique music venue.

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### **Sunday, February 14, 2016**

#### **Valentine's Day Late Night**

**5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.**

Celebrate Valentine's Day with someone special or the whole family at the Aquarium of the Pacific. The Aquarium will be open until 10:00 p.m. on Valentine's Day and will feature a unique, one-stop Valentine's Day experience. Admission after 6:00 p.m. is just \$14.95. Explore the Aquarium at night with its elegant lighting and the opportunity to see the nighttime activities of the animals. All exhibits will be open for viewing, except Lorikeet Forest. The Pacific Collections gift store will feature a selection of plush baby seals, penguins, and other stuffed animals and jewelry for that perfect gift. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

**Admission:** \$14.95 after 6:00 p.m. (free for children under age three and Aquarium members)

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### **Sunday, February 21, 2016**

#### **Ocean's Orchestra**

**7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.**

A collaboration between young Los Angeles County music students, music education team WE ARE LIKE MUSIC, and the Aquarium of the Pacific, Ocean's Orchestra will feature musical performances created using the movements of fish. Ocean's Orchestra will be performed live before an audience as the inhabitants of the Aquarium's Honda Blue Cavern exhibit swim past musical bar lines placed on the three-story-tall exhibit window. A group of twenty students playing stringed instruments will translate the movements of the fish into music. Then, the audience members can visit smaller exhibits throughout the Aquarium and hear small groups of musicians interpreting other marine life.

**Admission:** \$14.95 per person; \$9.95 per Aquarium member (free for children under age three).

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### **Saturday & Sunday, February 27-28, 2016**

#### **African-American Festival**

**9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

Join the Aquarium of the Pacific as it hosts its fourteenth annual African-American Festival, celebrating the rich diversity of African-American and African cultures. The weekend will feature live entertainment, arts and crafts, and ethnic food. Festival performers include Mardi Gras second line

dancers, hip hop and break dancers, tap dancers, jazz musicians, interactive drum circles, West African dancers, and storytellers.

**Cost:** General Admission--\$29.95 adult (12+), \$26.95 senior (62+), \$17.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age three and Aquarium members

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### **Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2016**

**7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

#### **Aquatic Academy Adult Course**

The theme of the Spring Aquatic Academy course will focus on the truth about GMOs (genetically modified organisms). The UN projects that humans will need to increase food production by 70 percent by the year 2050 to feed a global population of more than nine billion people. What role will GMOs play? You can explore this pressing topic with leading experts at the Aquarium of the Pacific through this four-week course.

**Cost:** \$40 per person, \$30 per member, \$20 for students (I.D. required), and \$10 extra for CEU credit

**Location:** Premier Watershed Classroom, Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

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

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### **Saturday, March 12, 2016**

#### **Divers Day**

**9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

Learn all about recent advancements in diving at the Aquarium of the Pacific's annual Divers Day, featuring educational presentations and live dive demonstrations. The Aquarium will also host several organizations that are related to the sport and science of diving. The diving community is invited to find out about volunteer diving and other opportunities for involvement with dive-related organizations in Southern California. Divers who present valid proof of certification with their photo I.D. will receive free admission.

**Cost:** FREE for SCUBA divers with valid proof of certification and photo I.D. or general admission--\$29.95 adult (12+), \$26.95 senior (62+), \$17.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age three and Aquarium members

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### **Sunday, March 13, 2016**

#### **Autism Families Night**

**6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

Spend a special evening at the Aquarium exclusively for families with adults or children with autism. The entire Aquarium, except Lorikeet Forest, will be open until 9:00 p.m. On this evening, guests can enjoy the tranquility of the Aquarium's exhibits and meet 11,000 animals from the world's largest ocean.

**Cost:** \$7 per person, exclusively for families with adults or children with autism. Free for Aquarium members and children under age three.

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**Friday, March 18, 2016**

**Noche de Estrellas / Latin-Themed Night**

**6:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.**

**Live Latin Music, Dancing, Dinner, & More**

Party with the sea stars at the Aquarium's Latin-themed night *Noche de Estrellas*. The Aquarium will remain open until 10:30 p.m., so you can dance under the sea stars to the sounds of cumbia, rock en español, salsa, cha cha, and other Latin rhythms. *Noche de Estrellas* (Night of the Stars) will feature live bands, DJs, underwater dive shows, scavenger hunts with prizes, and ocean activities. Mexican cuisine, beers, and drinks will be available for purchase. Guests can journey through the Pacific Ocean to meet over 11,000 animals, including more than 150 sharks they can touch. Please note: The Lorikeet Forest aviary closes at 4:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$14.95 per person and free for kids under age three and Aquarium members (food and drinks sold separately).

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**Sunday, March 27, 2016**

**Easter Breakfast at the Aquarium**

**8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.**

Celebrate Easter at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach and join us for a buffet-style breakfast. \$5 gift certificate to the Pacific Collections Gift Store included with breakfast ticket purchase.

**Cost:** General Admission--\$45 adult (12+), \$25 child (3-11). Aquarium members--\$35 adults (12+), \$15 child (3-11).

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**Sunday, April 7, 2016**

**Wine Dinner**

**7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

Join us for an exquisite six course dinner menu paired with wines from Sonoma's Benziger Winery. Clayton Smith, Sommalier from Benziger will host a fun evening and explain Biodynamic and Sustainable wine growing methods.

**Cost:** \$90 per ticket

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**Saturday & Sunday, April 9-10, 2016**

**International Children's Day**

**9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

The Aquarium of the Pacific's eleventh annual International Children's Day is a special festival for kids. Celebrating the amazing talents of children of all cultures, this festival features West African, Mexican, Pacific Islander, Cambodian, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, and Persian dance performances. Enjoy performances by a children's choir and martial arts demonstrations. Kids of all ages can partake in an international percussion circle, face painting, and Native American and Pacific Islander traditional children's crafts and games. The Aquarium will also honor a local youth with its annual Young Hero Award in recognition of his or her efforts to make our planet a better place.

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### **Friday through Sunday, April 15, 16, and 17, 2016**

#### **Aquarium CLOSED due to Long Beach Grand Prix**

The Aquarium of the Pacific will be closed Friday through Sunday, April 15-17, due to the Long Beach Grand Prix street closures. The Aquarium will reopen, resuming regular hours of operation, on Monday, April 18, 2016.

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### **Saturday & Sunday, April 23-24, 2016**

#### **Earth Day Celebration**

**9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

Learn what you can do to help our ocean planet at the Aquarium of the Pacific's sixteenth annual Earth Day Celebration. Join the Aquarium for a weekend of family fun celebrating Earth Day while learning simple, everyday tips to protect our environment. Visit booths from various Earth-friendly organizations, and participate in hands-on learning demonstrations for people of all ages.

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### **Saturday and Sunday, April 30-May 1, 2016**

#### **Urban Ocean Festival**

**9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

Explore and celebrate Southern California's coast during the Aquarium's annual Urban Ocean Festival. The event will include art exhibitions, a fashion show and contest for designs using recycled materials, mural painting, poetry readings, booths, and educational activities. Urban Ocean boat cruises exploring the local coast and port complex will be available during the weekend at an additional cost.

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### **Thursday, May 26, 2016**

#### **Press Preview for New Exhibits**

**10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

**Members of the press can discover the Aquarium of the Pacific's latest additions during this press preview.** Explore the mysterious realm of dragons and horses that dwell under the sea through new exhibits at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Southern California. Featuring about a dozen species of seahorses and seadragons and their relatives, *Horses and Dragons* will showcase the wonder and diversity of these creatures from May 27, 2016, through March 31, 2017. While Pegasus is a mythical creature, did you know that winged horses really do exist in the ocean? Or that male seadragons carry eggs until they hatch, and that seahorses can change color? Visitors will be able to see and learn more about the unusual animals in the Syngnathid group, which includes the sea moth (also known as Pegasus), seahorses, seadragons, pipefish, and razorfish, through exhibit displays, a film

in the Great Hall, and education programs in the Marine Life Theater. Coinciding with this opening, the Aquarium will transform its changing exhibits gallery to focus on animal extinctions and how humans can take actions now to prevent the magnitude of extinctions on land from happening in the ocean. The Vanishing Animals exhibition will feature both aquatic and terrestrial animals as well as multimedia and interactive displays, including a new film in the Ocean Science Center as well as one in the Ocean Theater.

**Location:** Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

**Media RSVP:** [mpadilla@lbaop.org](mailto:mpadilla@lbaop.org) or 562-951-1684

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### **Friday, May 27, 2016**

#### **New exhibits open at the Aquarium of the Pacific**

**Daily: 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.**

Explore the mysterious realm of dragons and horses that dwell under the sea through new exhibits at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Southern California. Featuring about a dozen species of seahorses and seadragons and their relatives, *Horses and Dragons* will showcase the wonder and diversity of these creatures from May 27, 2016, through March 31, 2017. While Pegasus is a mythical creature, did you know that winged horses really do exist in the ocean? Or that male seadragons carry eggs until they hatch, and that seahorses can change color? Visitors will be able to see and learn more about the unusual animals in the Syngnathid group, which includes the sea moth (also known as Pegasus), seahorses, seadragons, pipefish, and razorfish, through exhibit displays, a film in the Great Hall, and education programs in the Marine Life Theater. Coinciding with this opening, the Aquarium will transform its changing exhibits gallery to focus on animal extinctions and how humans can take actions now to prevent the magnitude of extinctions on land from happening in the ocean. The Vanishing Animals exhibition will feature both aquatic and terrestrial animals as well as multimedia and interactive displays, including a new film in the Ocean Science Center as well as one in the Ocean Theater.

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### **Various dates: June, July, and August**

#### **Summer Day Camps**

The Aquarium of the Pacific offers a variety of summer day camps for various age groups. Fish Fry Camp is a three-day morning program for three- to four-year-olds to enjoy with an adult, while five- to six-year-olds can be on their own for three mornings during the Sea Squirt Camp. For seven- to nine-year-olds, the fun continues with the five-day Ocean Adventure Camp, which includes opportunities to go behind the scenes and interact with some of the Aquarium's animals. Jr. Biologist Camp offers even more chances to dive deeper into marine science for children ages ten to twelve. With programs offered all summer, the Aquarium has a variety of camps for young explorers. For dates, times, pricing, and other details, please visit the Aquarium's Day Camp webpage.

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or [http://www.aquariumofpacific.org/education/programs/category/summer\\_camps](http://www.aquariumofpacific.org/education/programs/category/summer_camps)

Photos: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/3vp1ma48iiypc4p/AADZSSCgytiHfZeNVDotgjDNa?dl=0>

### **Saturday & Sunday, June 4-5, 2016**

#### **Pacific Islander Festival**

**9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

Discover the rich and diverse cultures of the Pacific Islands through traditional craft demonstrations, ethnic cuisine, educational programs, and live entertainment, including music and dance performances. Watch hula, listen to Tahitian drumming, try out ancient Hawaiian games, enjoy island cuisine, and admire artisans as they create traditional weavings. The thirteenth annual Pacific Islander Festival will feature various cultures, including Hawaiian, Marshallese, Chamoru, Tahitian, Samoan, Tokelauan, Tongan, and Maori.

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## **Wednesday, June 8, 2016**

### **World Ocean Day Celebration**

The Aquarium of the Pacific will celebrate World Ocean Day with an array of activities. On World Ocean Day, June 8, Aquarium visitors can learn about climate change, ocean pollution, and other ocean issues by viewing films and shows and exploring exhibits. All of this is in celebration of the ocean, which covers 70 percent of Earth's surface and remains 90 percent unexplored.

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## **Friday, June 10, 2016**

**7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

### **Long Beach Chorale Summer Concert**

The Long Beach Chorale returns to the Aquarium of the Pacific for their summer concert. Enjoy the sounds of sixty voices with the Honda Blue Cavern exhibit as a backdrop and the Great Hall providing cathedral-like acoustics. Doors will open at 7:00 p.m., giving the audience a chance to explore the Aquarium's exhibits before the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Tickets will go on sale in spring 2016.

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## **Saturday, June 11, 2016**

**6:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**

### **Blue Whale Gala**

Join the Aquarium of the Pacific for a glamorous night out with the fish. This black-tie event honors the outstanding achievements of individuals and institutions that have greatly contributed to environmental conservation efforts. The gala features a special awards program, a cocktail reception, full-course gourmet dinner, live musical entertainment, after-hours coffee bar and lounge, and more. Attendees will also have the opportunity to enjoy the ambiance of the Aquarium's exhibits at night. Proceeds support the nonprofit Aquarium of the Pacific's education, ocean conservation, and animal care programs.

**Cost:** \$500 per person

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## **Sunday evenings, June 12 through September 4, 2016**

## **Aquarium of the Pacific Late Nights**

### **5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

The public is invited to enjoy the Aquarium of the Pacific after hours while taking advantage of special savings. During Sundays in the summer, the Aquarium will offer its Late Nights when admission will be just \$14.95 for adults and children after 5:00 p.m., and the Aquarium will remain open until 8:00 p.m. Visitors will have the opportunity to journey through the Pacific Ocean to meet over 11,000 animals, including more than 150 sharks they can touch. In addition, the Aquarium's short films will be shown in the Ocean Theater throughout the evening. Please note: The Lorikeet Forest aviary closes at 4:30 p.m.

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### **Friday, June 17, 2016**

#### **Night Dive**

#### **7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**

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### **Monday, July 4, 2016**

#### **July 4th Late Night**

#### **5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.**

Celebrate Independence Day with the red, white, and blue fish at the Aquarium of the Pacific.

Families will be able to enjoy the ambiance of the Aquarium at night and get a fish-eye view of the Queen Mary fireworks display.

**Cost:** \$14.95 per person and free for kids ages three and under and Aquarium members (does not include food).

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### **Friday evenings, September 9 through December 30, 2016 (excluding Oct. 28)**

#### **Shark Lagoon Nights**

#### **6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

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**Saturday, September 17, 2016**  
**California Coastal Clean-Up Day**  
**9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

Join the Aquarium of the Pacific in cleaning up Alamitos Beach in Long Beach as part of the statewide Coastal Clean-Up Day. The public is invited to help Aquarium staff clean Alamitos Beach, located at Ocean Boulevard and Shoreline Drive. Help protect our ocean and marine life by picking up trash. Gloves, bags, and a spirit of camaraderie will be provided. Please look for the Aquarium booth to check in and receive your cleaning supplies. No RSVP necessary.

**Cost:** FREE

**Location:** Alamitos Beach, off of Shoreline and Ocean below the Villa Riviera

**Info:** 562-590-3100, ext. 0; 1-800-COAST-4U (1-800-262-7848); or [www.aquariumofpacific.org](http://www.aquariumofpacific.org)

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**Saturday & Sunday, September 17-18, 2016**

**Moompetam: Native American Festival**

**9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

In celebration of the local Native American cultures, the Aquarium of the Pacific will host its twelfth annual Moompetam Festival. This weekend celebration will feature traditional cultural crafts, storytelling, educational programs, live demonstrations, music, and dance celebrating the indigenous California maritime cultures, including Tongva, Chumash, Acjachemen, Costanoan, Luiseno, and Kumeyaay.

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**Saturday & Sunday, September 24-25, 2016**

**Baja Splash Cultural Festival – 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

In celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month and Mexican Independence Day, the Aquarium of the Pacific will host its fifteenth annual Baja Splash Cultural Festival featuring live entertainment, crafts, educational programs, ethnic cuisine, and special activities. This Aquarium weekend festival celebrates the beauty and diversity of Hispanic cultures through song, dance, art, and cultural displays. Mariachi music, Mexican folkloric and Aztec dance troupes, interactive mural painting, Salvadoran dance, Guatemalan performances, and other special programs are featured. Guests can also learn more about the amazing animals of Baja, Mexico, and how to help protect them.

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**Saturday, October 1, 2016**

**Southeast Asia Day**

**9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

The Aquarium of the Pacific will celebrate its twelfth annual Southeast Asia Day. The festival's program will highlight the beauty and diversity of the cultures of Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar, Laos, and Indonesia. Guests will enjoy live performances, including music, dance, and

cultural craft demonstrations. Ethnic dishes will be available for purchase, and children will have the opportunity to partake in arts and crafts.

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## **Wednesday, October 5, 2016**

### **Senior's Day**

**8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

The Aquarium of the Pacific will open its doors for free to people ages fifty and above on this special day. Special exhibits and presentations for seniors will be featured.

**Cost:** FREE to ages 50 and over with a valid photo ID or \$29.95 adult (12+), \$17.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age three and Aquarium members

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## **Saturday, October 8, 2016**

### **Aquarium Kids Fun Run**

**9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

Up to 2,000 kids ages six to twelve can race in the Aquarium Kids Fun Run. Participants will receive a commemorative marine animal medal, a finisher certificate, and free Aquarium admission (applicable to child runners only, must be accompanied by a paying adult inside the Aquarium). As part of a major emphasis on improving youth health and fitness, as well as helping to counter the major childhood obesity epidemic, the nonprofit Aquarium of the Pacific has joined forces with RUN Racing and the Long Beach International City Bank Marathon & Half Marathon to host this one-mile Kids Fun Run.

**Cost:** FREE (Kids participating receive free Aquarium admission)

**Location:** Rainbow Harbor, adjacent to the Aquarium

**Info/Registration:** [www.runlongbeach.com](http://www.runlongbeach.com) or 562-427-4606

Photos for editorial use: <http://bit.ly/1YKTImd>

## **Sunday, October 9, 2016**

### **Photographers Night**

**5:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.**

Professional and amateur photographers are invited to capture the Aquarium's wildlife during exclusive "photographers only" hours. Meet vendors, test new equipment, attend workshops, and meet other wildlife photo enthusiasts.

**Cost:** \$29.95

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**Info/Tickets:** 562-590-3100 or <http://www.aquariumofpacific.org/photonite>

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## **Saturday & Sunday, October 15-16, 2016**

### **Scarium of the Pacific**

**9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

Discover the creatures lurking in the depths at the Aquarium of the Pacific's seventeenth annual Scarium of the Pacific—a spooktacular, educational Halloween event for the whole family. Enjoy special Halloween programs, including the annual children's costume contest, the creepy coloring

contest, face painting, magic shows, underwater pumpkin carving, spooky storytelling, and kooky crafts, and meet eerie animals in the Great Hall.

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## Saturday, October 22, 2016

**Sea Fare: Dine with the fish, and bid on exciting auction items**

**7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**

At the Aquarium of the Pacific's thirteenth annual Sea Fare celebration guests can enjoy an evening of gourmet cuisine from more than twenty-five food and beverage providers, along with open bars, music, a live and silent auction, and the popular "Go Fish" opportunity game. All proceeds will benefit the Aquarium's education, conservation, and animal care programs.

**Location:** Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

**Info/RSPV:** 562-590-3100 or [www.aquariumofpacific.org/seafare](http://www.aquariumofpacific.org/seafare)

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## Friday, October 28, 2016

**Night Dive**

**7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**

The Aquarium of the Pacific presents Night Dive, an adults-only event featuring food and drink, live performances and other special programming for an 18-and-over crowd. Discover the Aquarium at night, and explore our galleries in a new way, with DJs and local artists creating an eclectic ambiance. Live bands take the stage in front of the Honda Blue Cavern turning the Great Hall into Long Beach's unique music venue.

**Cost:** \$14.95, open to ages 18+ only and free for Aquarium members

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## Saturday & Sunday, November 5-6, 2016

**Autumn Festival**

**9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

Delve into the arts, cuisines, cultures, and marine environments of Asia during the Aquarium of the Pacific's fifteenth annual Autumn Festival. The Autumn Festival highlights the traditions and cultures of Japan, China, Korea, and the Philippines through a weekend of learning opportunities and family entertainment celebrating the rich diversity of Asian and Asian-American cultures.

**Cost:** General Admission--\$29.95 adult (12+), \$26.95 senior (62+), \$17.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age three and Aquarium members

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## Friday, November 11, 2016

**Veterans Day**

**9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.**

In celebration of Veterans Day, the Aquarium of the Pacific honors veterans and military personnel. These men and women are invited to enjoy the Aquarium with free admission on Veterans Day.

**Cost:** FREE for veterans and military personnel service I.D. General admission--\$29.95 adult (12+), \$26.95 senior (62+), \$17.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age three and Aquarium members.

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### **Saturday, November 12, 2016**

#### **NOAA and Our Planet Day**

**9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

Find out what the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) does for you, our nation, and our world at this annual event. The event will feature interactive booths where you can learn more about a variety of NOAA programs, the ocean, and weather. Learn how NOAA, a government agency, works to understand and predict changes in Earth's environment to help protect people and property and to conserve and manage coastal and marine resources.

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### **Sunday, November 13, 2016**

#### **Autism Families Night**

**6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

Spend a special evening at the Aquarium exclusively for families with adults or children with autism. The entire Aquarium, except Lorikeet Forest, will be open until 9:00 p.m. On this evening, guests can enjoy the tranquility of the Aquarium's exhibits and meet 11,000 animals from the world's largest ocean.

**Cost:** \$7 per person, exclusively for families with adults or children with autism. Free for Aquarium members and children under age three.

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### **Saturday & Sunday, December 3-4, 2016**

#### **Holiday Treats for the Animals**

**9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

In celebration of the holiday season, Santa Diver will be delivering an ocean of gifts to the Aquarium of the Pacific for its animals, including penguins, sea otters, seals, sea lions, lorikeets, and fish. Guests can see Santa Diver with sharks and watch the Aquarium's animals receive their special treats and enrichment gifts during the Holiday Treats for the Animals weekend.

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

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The Aquarium of the Pacific will be closed on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, 2016, and will resume normal operating hours the following day.

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