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## **SHOW YOUR LOVE OF THE OCEAN, AND LEARN ABOUT OCEAN EXPLORATION ON WORLD OCEAN DAY AT THE AQUARIUM**

**The three-day celebration includes “selfie” photo opps with the Aquarium’s animals, discounts for public transit riders, a Pacific Islander Festival, and a panel discussion with Planetary Radio host Mat Kaplan**

**WHAT:** Show your love for the ocean, learn more about the ways we rely on the ocean and how human activity impacts ocean life, and investigate the current state of ocean exploration on World Ocean Day. The Aquarium of the Pacific will encourage visitors to share their love of the ocean and learn what they can do in their communities to protect it. The celebration will begin during the Aquarium’s annual Pacific Islander Festival in the weekend leading up to World Ocean Day, June 6 and 7. During the festival visitors will learn how plastic pollution in the ocean and sea level rise are adversely affecting Pacific Islands while also enjoying live music and dance performances, art, and island cuisine.

On June 8 special “selfie stations” will be set up around the Aquarium for guests to show their love of the ocean using the hashtag #worldoceansday. Pose with our animals and divers to share your love of the ocean with friends on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. View shows in the Ocean Science Center highlighting sea level rise, ocean aquaculture, and ocean health. At 7:00 p.m., the Aquarium will present a panel discussion with Mat Kaplan of Planetary Radio, Aquarium President and CEO Jerry Schubel, and Bill Patzert and Steve Vance, scientists from NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory, to discuss how ocean exploration relates to space exploration. Visitors who take public transit (Los Angeles Metro, Orange County Transportation Authority, and Long Beach Transit) to the Aquarium June 6 through 8 will receive \$10 off regular adult admission by presenting proof at the ticket windows.

**WHEN:** **World Ocean Day Celebration, June 6-8, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**  
World Ocean Day Lecture, June 8, 2015, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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

**COST:** Free to Aquarium members and included with general admission for the public.  
General admission: \$28.95 adult (12+) or \$18.95 with proof of taking public transportation with MTA or OCTA to the Aquarium, \$25.95 senior (62+), and \$14.95 child (3-11)

**LECTURE COST:** \$5 per seat per person; FREE for Aquarium members, seniors age 62 and up, teachers, and students with valid ID and advanced reservations. You can also tune in live online for free.

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

**AQUARIUM:** The Aquarium of the Pacific, a nonprofit institution, is dedicated to conserving nature and its resources by building interactions among people. Home to over 11,000 animals, the Aquarium features its interactive Shark Lagoon, the Ocean Science Center, June Keyes Penguin Habitat, and new Jellies exhibits. The Aquarium is open daily, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (except Dec. 25 and three days in April). The Aquarium is a community gathering place where diverse cultures and the arts are celebrated and where important topics facing our planet and our ocean are explored by scientists, policymakers, and stakeholders in the search for sustainable solutions.



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