

The 179th Wharf Birthday Party to be held on Sunday, October 13th

September 18, 2024 Monterey, CA – Happy Birthday to Old Fisherman's Wharf. The Fisherman's Wharf Association invites you to join the celebration for the 179th Birthday of Monterey's historic Old Fisherman's Wharf on **Sunday, October 13, 2024**, from **1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** This FREE, family-friendly event promises fun for all ages, with live entertainment, activities, and stunning views of Monterey Bay.

Event Highlights:

- **Live Entertainment:** Dance along with **The Money Band** from **1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**
- **Master of Ceremonies:** Radio personality **David Marzetti** will keep the energy high.
- **Free Wharf-Themed Birthday Cake:** Join us at the Wharf Tent (in front of Abalonetti Bar & Grill) at **3:30 p.m.** for a sealife-themed birthday cake.
- **Festive birthday decorations for photo ops**
- **Return of the Fun Free Candy Crawl:** The first 179 visitors can collect a free piece of candy at each of the Wharf's three candy shops—**Candy World, Wharf Chocolate Factory, and Carousel Candies**—with special treats such as homemade confections from Carousel Candies who will provide a free sampler bag. Come early and enjoy!
- **Storm Troopers:** Don't miss the chance for fun photo ops with the galaxy's favorite Storm Troopers!
- **Meet & Greet with Monterey's Heroes:** Meet members of the **Monterey Police** and **Monterey Fire Departments** from **1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**, check out a fire truck, and enjoy giveaways, safety tips, and more.
- **Wharf Birthday Bites:** Special food, merchandise, and ocean activity discounts will be available for purchase at Wharf merchants.
- **Pirate Selfies:** Celebrate Monterey's pirate past by commemorating **Argentine sailor Hippolyte Bouchard** who raided Monterey in 1818. Dress as a pirate or sailor and take selfies with the pirate statues at Pirate's Cove on the Wharf.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Sunday, October 13, 2024
- **Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf (GPS: 101 Washington Street, Monterey, CA)

This annual Wharf Birthday celebration brings the community together to honor the Wharf's rich history and offers something for everyone—whether you're a local or a visitor.

For more details, visit www.montereywharf.com or call **(831) 238-0777**.

About The Money Band

The Money Band is a high-energy band, entertaining crowds of all ages! For over fifteen years, they have earned their reputation as ambassadors of top 40 hits, performing for thousands of fans all over California and beyond. Also voted many recent years as Best Band on the Monterey Peninsula in The Carmel Pine Cone, The Monterey Herald, and The Monterey County weekly! Fronted by charismatic lead vocalist and harmonica player Zoe Alexander, The Money Band performs with a remarkable intensity and fire that garners new fans and critical acclaim.

The Money Band is accompanied with renowned and distinguished musicians, playing every style from country to funk, disco to classic rock, reggae, modern and pop, with songs from artists, including the Beatles, Rolling Stones, Elvis, Johnny Cash, Michael Jackson, Kid Rock, Bruno Mars, and Bon Jovi. "It's humbling to know that people associate our songs with some of the most meaningful moments in their lives," says Zoe Alexander. "We now have a multigenerational fan base and everyone is sure to hear their favorites." This dynamic and popular band assures to get your party started, with a crowded dance floor all night long!

David Marzetti, Master of Ceremonies

This is the 31st year that David Marzetti recently emceed and performed at Festa Italia with his close friend, Mike Marotta. David comes from a radio background that spans over 48 years. Besides his weekly M-F Afternoon Show 3-6p, David hosts the "ShagBag Show" every Saturday morning as well as "Sundays with Sinatra: Live from Old Fisherman's Wharf". All of David's shows are broadcast on KMBY 1240 AM/95.9 FM. He is highly regarded as "Monterey's Emcee" and hosts many local functions and fundraisers including Festa Italia, Santa Rosalia Queen's Coronation Ball, La Merienda/City of Monterey's Annual Birthday Celebration, The City of Monterey's 4th of July on the Lawn, Old Fisherman's Wharf's Annual Birthday Party, The Carmel Summer Live Music Series, and the Italian Heritage Society Awards Ceremony. David is the Winner of BEST TV/RADIO PERSONALITY in the Monterey Herald Readers Poll. And, a 3-time winner of the PGA Media Person of the Year Award. Congressman Jimmy Panetta calls David "The Voice of Monterey".

About Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf:

Enjoy Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf: A Must-Visit Destination Open Year-Round

Monterey's iconic **Old Fisherman's Wharf**, featured in **Season 1 of HBO's hit series *Big Little Lies***, is open 365 days a year, including holidays, making it a perfect destination for locals and visitors to experience any time of the year. Whether you live in the area or you're exploring Monterey for the first time or returning, a visit to this historic landmark should be at the top of your itinerary. With a wide range of **restaurants** offering scenic bay views, it's also an ideal spot for lunch or dinner, whale watching, fishing and sailing trips and shopping for unique gifts, too!

A Rich Maritime Heritage

Established in **1845** as a key hub for passenger and freight services, Old Fisherman's Wharf is steeped in history and charm. Often referred to as the "**Monterey Bay Whale Watching Capital of the World™**", the Wharf attracts visitors from all over the globe, offering an unforgettable coastal experience. From **award-winning dining** and unique shopping to special events, there's something for everyone. The Wharf also offers exciting **marine activities**, including **whale watching**

tours, bay cruises, and glass bottom boat rides, as well as opportunities for **fishing and sailing**. Strolling along the Wharf, you'll be treated to panoramic views of the beautiful **Monterey Bay and glimpses of marine wildlife**.

Dining and Delights

Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf is home to numerous **renowned restaurants**, where you can savor mouthwatering dishes featuring locally sourced seafood, including the region's famous **clam chowder** and **calamari**. Whether you're craving **Italian cuisine, sustainable seafood, or grass-fed steaks**, the variety of dining options will satisfy every palate. Don't forget to indulge in sweet treats from the Wharf's candy shops, offering **salt water taffy, homemade chocolates, caramel apples**, and more.

Wildlife and Whimsy

As you explore, take in the incredible sights of Monterey Bay's wildlife, including **sea otters, sea lions, harbor seals, dolphins**, and even **whales**. These amazing creatures can be seen throughout the year, making each visit unique. You can also witness local fishermen returning with their fresh catches, adding to the authentic maritime experience of the Wharf.

Historic Culinary Moments

Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf holds a special place in local culinary history as the first location in Monterey County where tender **abalone** was cooked and served in a restaurant. This legacy continues as the Wharf's restaurants serve some of the finest seafood on the West Coast.

Shopping and Strolling

No visit to the Wharf is complete without a bit of shopping. Browse through a variety of **gift shops**, offering unique souvenirs and handcrafted items to remember your visit. The Wharf is also known as the "**best place to walk and people watch**" in Monterey County, making it a great spot to relax and enjoy the vibrant atmosphere.

Convenient Location

Located near downtown Monterey, Old Fisherman's Wharf is easily accessible via the **Monterey Bay Recreation Trail**. Ample parking is available in the nearby **Waterfront Parking Lot**, ensuring a hassle-free visit.

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