



BAYLIS SAILING FIELD TRIP PACKET

June 29 – July 3, 2009

*National Marine Educators Association Conference 2009
Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove, CA*

Dear NMEA Participant,

Thank you for signing up for the *Baylis* Sailing Cruise of Monterey Bay on Friday, July 3!
Enclosed you will find information regarding where to meet and what to bring. Please review all information before attending the field trip. Transportation will be provided to and from Asilomar Conference Grounds. ***You will be asked to submit the attached Monterey Bay Aquarium/Sealife Conservation waiver at registration.*** If you have any questions, please contact NMEA staff at nmea09@mbayaq.org with the name of your field trip in the subject line. Looking forward to meeting you at the *Baylis* Sailing Cruise!

Sincerely,

Pamela Wade
Baylis Sailing Cruise Field Trip Coordinator

Email: nmea09@mbayaq.org
Fax: (831) 647-4526, Attention: NMEA Field Trips- *Baylis*

BAYLIS SAILING FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

Become a marine scientist for a day! You'll experience the wonders of Monterey Bay first-hand as you work alongside Monterey Bay Aquarium naturalists aboard the *Derek M Baylis*, a 65-foot sailboat designed for ocean research.

You'll get your hands wet gathering plankton, testing water samples and observing the fascinating bottom-dwelling creatures found in our sampling equipment. Along the way you may get to see whales, dolphins and sea otters, all common visitors to the bay. You'll learn about the history of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, and how this resource-rich environment has been utilized and studied over the years.

- Departure time:** 9:00 a.m.
Phoebe Hearst Social Hall, Asilomar Conference Grounds
Please be on time! We need to leave promptly at 9:15 a.m. to ensure we have enough time to check in with the ship before boarding.
- Return time:** By 1:45 p.m.
- Sailing:** The sail will be from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. aboard the "Derek M. Baylis."
- Waivers:** You will be asked to submit the attached Monterey Bay Aquarium/Sealife Conservation waiver at registration.
- Food:** Asilomar will provide a lunch-to-go and have water coolers at Phoebe Hearst Social Hall. We suggest bringing a filled water bottle so you have water readily accessible at all times. NMEA staff will distribute lunches to individual participants prior to departure. Please bring a bag or backpack in which to carry your lunch.
- Medication:** Bring along any necessary seasick medications. **If you have a tendency toward seasickness, please take preventive medication at least 30 minutes prior to boarding.**
- Clothing:** Weather on the bay can be unpredictable. To fully enjoy the trip, we suggest the following: warm layers, long pants, windproof jacket, hat, sunglasses, flat closed-toed shoes and sunscreen.
- Optional items:** Optional items to bring include a camera and binoculars.

MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM/SEALIFE CONSERVATION

AQUARIUM ADVENTURES SAILING PROGRAM

AGREEMENT TO WAIVE AND RELEASE ALL CLAIMS AND MODEL RELEASE

I am a participant in the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Aquarium Adventures Sailing program, an educational ecological sailing program on Monterey Bay being sponsored by the Monterey Bay Aquarium and conducted by Sealife Conservation, Inc. I make this Agreement to Waive and Release All Claims and Model Release in consideration for being permitted to participate in the program identified below (the "Program").

On behalf of myself and my heirs, executors and assigns, I waive and release any and all claims for damages for death, personal injury, or loss of or damage to property against the Monterey Bay Aquarium Foundation, Sealife Conservation, Inc., and their respective officers, directors, employees, volunteers, and representatives (collectively referred to as "the Released Parties"), which I now have or may have in the future arising out of or relating to my participation in the Program and my travel to and from the Program. Furthermore, I agree not to sue the Released Parties on account of any such claim, and I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties against any such claim. In addition, I hereby grant permission to the Monterey Bay Aquarium Foundation, without additional compensation to me, to use my name, photograph, or likeness for promotional, advertising, and/or publicity purposes in connection with my participation in the Program.

I acknowledge and agree that:

- I am aware of the risks of being on board ocean-going vessels and understand that serious accidents occasionally occur which can result in bodily injury or death;
- I am also aware that serious accidents may occur in travel to and from the Program;
- I will abide by all safety rules and instructions given by the Program leaders; and
- My participation in the Program is completely voluntary and is at my own risk.

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT I AM EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM FOUNDATION AND SEALIFE CONSERVATION, INC., AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

I further understand that a parent, guardian or representative must accompany any minor participant in the Program and execute this agreement on his or her behalf. I HEREBY MAKE THIS AGREEMENT FOR THE MINOR(S) NAMED BELOW AND STATE THAT I HAVE THE LEGAL CAPACITY AND AUTHORITY TO ACT ON HIS/HER/THEIR BEHALF. I agree that all of the terms of this Agreement to Waive and Release All Claims and Model Release shall apply to any claims relating to the participation of the minor in the Program. I ALSO CONSENT TO THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY CARE TO THE MINOR(S) AS NECESSARY TO PRESERVE THE WELL-BEING, LIFE OR LIMB OF THE MINOR(S).

Name of Participant: _____

Address: _____

Name of Minor(s), if any: _____

Relationship to Minor: _____

Program and Date: Aquarium Adventures Sailing, ____ July 3 ____, 2009

Signature of Participant, Parent or Guardian: _____

Date of Signature: _____, 2009