



TALL SHIP CRUISE 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 Tall Ship 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 Call of the Sea 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 Tall Ship Cruise!

Sincerely,

Pamela Wade
Tall Ship Cruise Coordinator

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

TALL SHIP FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

Join the crew of "Call of the Sea" aboard a traditional 82-foot sailing vessel. You will gain a whole new perspective as you learn about California coastal history, practice navigation and seamanship, and explore the unique environment of the Monterey Bay. Aboard the large steel staysail schooner you will have an exciting hands-on experience. You will learn what it takes to get the vessel underway, raise the sails, set the course, and assist with sailing and steering the ship. You will also spend time observing wildlife and take water quality samples.

- 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 "Call of the Sea." The ship will depart from the public dock at Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey.
- Waivers:** You will be asked to submit the attached Call of the Sea 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.

CALL OF THE SEA

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE

This Assumption of Risk and Release applies to my (name: _____) participation in Call of the Sea's Programs.

I recognize that being a participant in Call of the Sea's programs has inherent risks. Those risks include a broad range of things that can happen while boating, visiting waterfront areas, docks, ramps, gangways and traveling on rivers, the Delta, bays or the ocean. Some of those risks include, but are not limited to, tripping, falling, slipping, losing one's balance, line handling accidents, anything that can happen when helping to handle and maneuver the boat, becoming seasick or experiencing a collision or the boat sinking. I recognize that all of those risks also include the possibility of all sorts of personal injuries and even death. I wish to participate in this program in spite of those risks.

I therefore agree, without any reservation whatsoever, to voluntarily assume all risk, known and unknown, of any harm, damages, injury, illness or death, however caused, even if caused in whole or in part by the action, inaction, or negligence of Call of the Sea, its owners, employees, officers, directors, agents, managers, assigns and vessels (collectively referred to as "*Call of the Sea*") to the fullest extent allowed by law. I will not hold "*Call of the Sea*" liable for any and all risks I encounter. I agree that this Assumption of the Risk and Release shall be binding upon me personally as well as upon my heirs, executors and administrators, and all members of my family.

I have carefully read this agreement and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is an assumption of risk and release of liability and a contract between me, on the one hand, and "*Call of the Sea*" and sign it of my own free will and in its entirety. I have read and considered it carefully, I have not been rushed or pressured in any way into agreeing to these terms. I fully recognize that I have the option of simply not participating in a Call of the Sea Program if I am not completely comfortable with these terms.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____