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### Celebrate World Oceans Day, June 8, at Aquarium of the Bay on PIER 39

- **Free admission for children 12 and under on June 8, World Oceans Day**
- **Special educational programs and information on preventing marine litter**
- **Beach clean-up event on June 9, at Aquatic Park, San Francisco**

Aquarium of the Bay joins the United Nations and conservation organizations around the globe on World Oceans Day to celebrate the wealth and beauty of the oceans, and to encourage solutions to the dangerous problems caused by plastic pollution. Visit the Aquarium and the Sea Lion Center at PIER 39 on June 8, 9, and 10 to enjoy special educational programming, free admission for children 12 and under (June 8 only) and to help clean up the beach at Aquatic Park (June 9 only). Educational programming during this special weekend will focus on raising awareness of the importance of the oceans and will encourage visitors to find solutions to preventing marine litter. "This special weekend is a great time to take family and friends to the Aquarium at PIER 39 to celebrate the incredible marine life in San Francisco Bay," says George Jacob, President and CEO of Bay Ecotarium/bay.org.

World Oceans Day is celebrated internationally on June 8. It's been unofficially celebrated every June 8 since its original proposal in 1992 by Canada. At the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2008, this day was officially recognized by the United Nations. Now, the annual event is coordinated by The Ocean Project and the World Ocean Network.

World Oceans Day focuses on preventing plastic pollution and encouraging solutions for a healthy ocean. It promotes personal and community action to protect marine life and preserve ocean water quality.

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**About Aquarium of the Bay:** A branch of Bay Ecotarium, Aquarium of the Bay's mission is to protect, restore, and inspire conservation of San Francisco Bay and its watershed, from the **Sierra to the Sea™**.





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It is the only Smithsonian Affiliated Aquarium in California, accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and certified as a Green Business by the city of San Francisco.



Aquarium of the Bay, San Francisco - Father-Daughter Lesson



Aquarium of the Bay, San Francisco - Touchpool - Sea Stars

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