SHARKTOBER SANCTUARY EXPEDITIONS

Departure
Please join us on the HYPERFISH by 0730 to begin boarding for an 0800 departure. Location is 11 on the map, and nearby parking. Street parking is free (as marked) on Sundays in neighboring streets.

Directions
These trips depart from San Francisco Fisherman’s Wharf.

Covid Policy

**We have a new vessel and COVID safety policy for the 2021 season. We require proof of vaccination or a covid negative test emailed to us within 72 hours of boarding. Lack of this proof**
will require refusal without refund. All passengers will be required to sign a safety agreement in advance or will be turned away.

We will also require masks to be worn when not eating or drinking.

We are sanitizing before and after each trip and require masks the cabin. Please help us keep these trips fun and safe for everyone's benefit, including the captain and crew.**

**Sea Sickness**
The Gulf of the Farallones can have rough waters. Seasick remedies are highly recommended, and they must be consumed prior to boarding to be effective. If you have not used these in the past please check with your doctor first, and read the directions on the label. A full night’s rest the night before is important. Avoid drinking alcoholic beverages the night prior to your trip and eat a healthy meal before boarding. Please avoid colognes and perfumes or other scents or food that may make you or other passengers queasy. Remedies like dried ginger have results for many. Other remedies include over-the-counter drugs, like Dramamine and Bonine, and prescription products like scopolamine patches. A new FDA-approved device, called the ReliefBand, sends a small electrical current through the same spot and has had positive reviews.

We do not endorse any specific remedies, but no alcohol and rest the night before, a good breakfast (low grease or fat,) hydration and healthy snacks are all recommended. Here is a good survey article on motion seasickness.

**What to bring:**

- Bring layers of clothing. Sweaters and sweatshirts covered by a waterproof jacket or rain slicker work best. Long pants, hats and gloves are helpful. Wind on the water can cool the temperatures significantly.
- Please no sandals or open toed shoes. Soft soled deck shoes, sneakers or sea boots are desirable.
- Cameras and binoculars. Covers, towels or plastic bags can protect your equipment from spray.
- Field guides. We will have a one page handout and some references and displays aboard but you may want your own.
- Hats and sunscreen. You can still get a sunburn even in the fog.
- Food, Water and Drink. Guests are responsible for their own snacks and lunch. There is some tap water aboard but please bring plenty of food, snacks and liquids. Water bottles- please keep it green and bring reusable bottles. Food is not available on board. Pretzels, crackers and carbonated beverages during the trip can be helpful to settle your stomach. Alcohol is discouraged. Smoking is Prohibited onboard.

**Departure and Rescheduling**
Although this is the best time of year to cross the Gulf, weather can be a problem outside of the San Francisco Bay. Light rain or fog generally do not result in cancellations. Sometimes, the wind will kick up in the afternoon, forcing an earlier return. Be prepared for windy and wet conditions. If the trip is advance canceled due to weather, we will book another opportunity or a $15 processing fee will be deducted from your refund.

An email will be sent out the evening before and a recorded message on 415 350-3790 will be left with updated trip instructions if there is a condition requiring rescheduling. For passenger safety and comfort, once the vessel has left the Golden Gate routes up or down coast will be determined by the Captain. If conditions deteriorate this may be a coastal trip and the Gulf will be crossed at the
Captain’s discretion. There is still plenty of wildlife viewing up to Drakes Bay in more sheltered waters. No refunds can be given once the boat has departed the Bay.

**Conditions and Cancellation**
The captain and operator will make the determination to depart, generally the evening before based on the current forecast. Trips may be canceled in advance due to undersubscription, hazardous weather conditions, Acts of God or emergency. If the trip is canceled for any of these reasons, you will receive a credit on another trip or a refund, less a $15 processing fee, within 30 days of cancellation.

In no event shall our liability exceed the obligation to refund more than the amount you paid to us. If you should miss your trip due to airline changes, cancellations, terrorist acts, acts of war, or related incidents, your fee will not be refundable. There are no exceptions to this policy.

An advance refund is allowed after booking if received within 7 days of the departure date. You must have confirmation for the return to be valid minus a $15 processing fee for each canceled reservation. We will do everything possible to accommodate date changes but reservations cannot be changed within 7 days due to scheduling demands.

**Safety**
Boarding requires climbing up and down a six foot ladder. The vessel cannot safely accommodate wheelchairs or persons with mobility problems without advance preparation. Special accommodations may be made at the Captain/Owner’s discretion. The vessel is equipped with all required US Coast Guard life safety equipment including communications, fire extinguishers, first aid and man overboard equipment.

**Children**
For safety no young children or babies are allowed aboard. Youth between 8 and 16 accompanied by parents are encouraged. Please consult with us for making a reservation for anyone under the age of 12 years.

**Other**
Smoking is not permitted on the boat. To be present to this adventure we request that you please turn off cell phones and pagers while on the boat. Drinking of alcoholic beverages is discouraged. No ice chests please.
We cannot be liable for loss or damage to your personal property while onboard the vessel.

Acknowledgement and Liability
Receipt of this contract via ticket purchase and attendance acknowledges your acceptance of the above conditions. The trip leaders and Shark Stewards assume no responsibility for personal injury or loss. A waiver acknowledging these conditions must be signed by all guests before boarding.

* Note- this is a wildlife experience. Although it is highly likely we will see many amazing species of wildlife, there is no guarantee of seeing sharks, whales or other specific wildlife. This is Nature. This is not a Shark Viewing trip, but a shark conservation experience.

Questions? Call David at 415 350-3790