REC AND PARKS

Catalina, Above and Below

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium hosts popular, scientific boat trip to Catalina.

Photos by Gary Florin, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

You're invited to take a great and fun boat trip to Catalina... and learn a lot about the creatures that live in the ocean along the way.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (CMA) will sponsor a scientific observation and collecting expedition to Catalina Island June 11. The 93-foot fishing vessel, *First String*, will depart Los Angeles Harbor Sportsfishing Landing in Ports O' Call Village in San Pedro at 6 a.m., and return at approximately 6 p.m.

"Catalina Above And Below" is one of the Aquarium's most popular boat trips. Not only will you have a first-hand experience to see many of the methods used by our staff to capture our marine specimens, but also to learn about these wonderful and fascinating creatures.

During the crossing and throughout the trip, staff will be on the lookout for marine birds, dolphins, whales, sea lions, seals and a wide variety of other marine animals commonly found in the San Pedro Channel.

Prior to arrival to the island, everyone will assist in pulling up special traps in effort to capture the rarely seen hagfish for close-up inspection. After reaching the island, fish traps will be retrieved and the aquarium divers will hand collect an assortment of reef specimen which all will be displayed, interpreted and discussed.

Later all participants will go ashore at the Isthmus to explore that part of the island, seldom visited by tourists.

After the island visit there will be a controlled shark baiting to lure these majestic and misunderstood animals to the surface for close-up observation.

Throughout the trip, Cabrillo Marine

Aquarium marine biologists, aquarists, naturalists and other staff will be on board giving talks and assisting with identification of all sea life collected or observed.

Space is limited. Cost for the trip is \$95 per person (\$85 Friends member). The *First String* has a fully equipped galley, where food and beverages may be purchased. Passengers are advised to bring warm clothing and non-skid shoes.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. in San Pedro. For reservations, further information, or to receive a calendar of events, call (310) 548-7562 or go to www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org.







On a previous "Catalina Above and Below" excursion.

















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