

Club Deals

Sizzling Summer
Club Deals on
Water Parks:
\$15.25 - \$24.45

Cleopatra Exhibition,
Cal. Science Center:
Adults \$15

LA County Fair:
August 31-Sept 30
\$6.25 - \$10.25

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for Tickets

Alive!



Mike Schaadt, Director of the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and Club Member, guides (from left) Aden and Angel Gomez Jr. through the Crawl-Under Tank.

REC & PARKS

Be Alive at Cabrillo This Summer!

Angel's
Be Alive!



Come along as the Club's Angel Gomez takes his family to visit the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. Take your family for a visit, too - what are you waiting for? Let's go!

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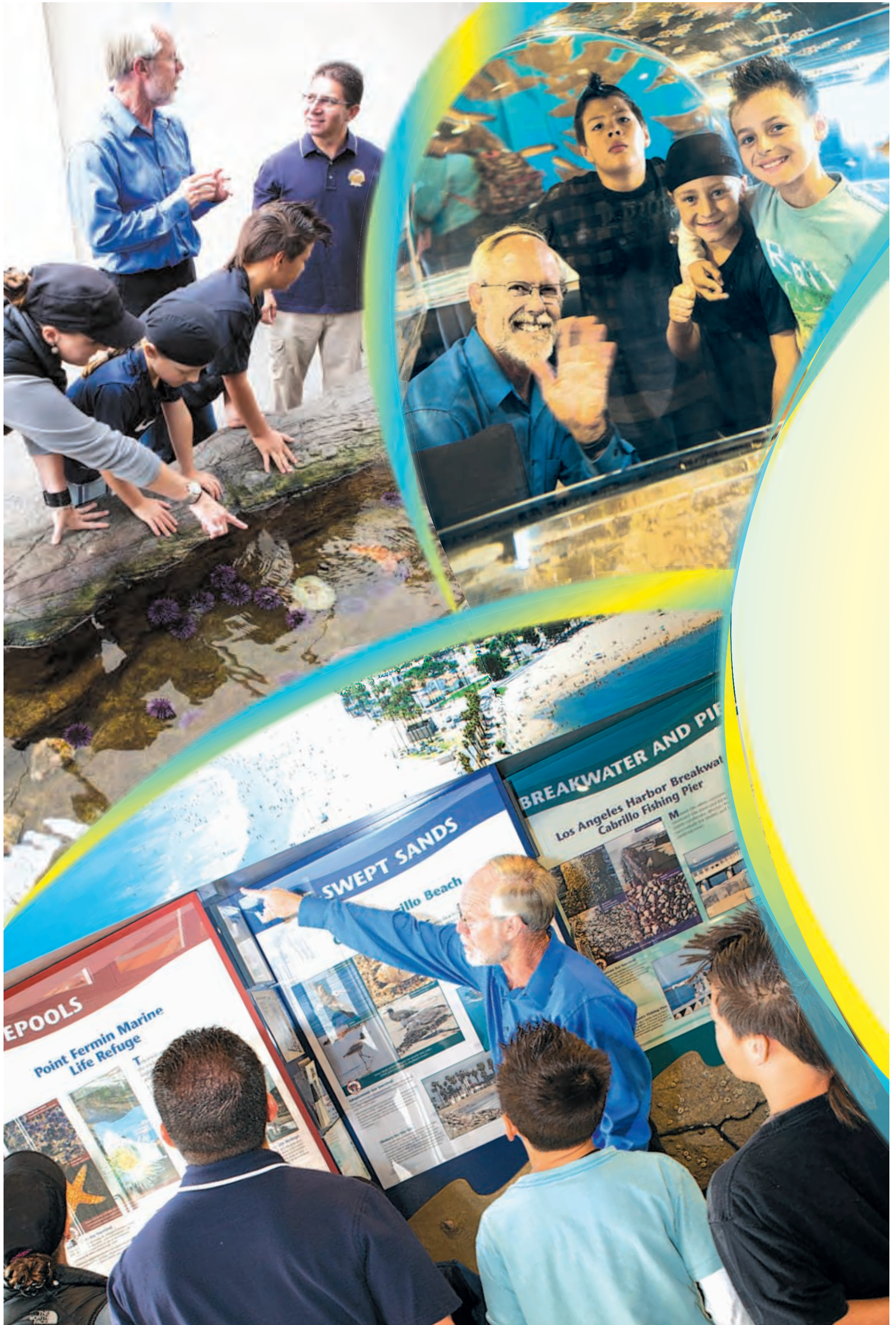


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REC & PARKS

A Visit to Cabrillo

Club staffer Angel Gomez takes his family to Cabrillo Marine Aquarium to celebrate summer in the City. Take your family, too!



Mike Schaadt, Director of the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and Club Member, welcomes all fellow Club Members to the great Rec and Parks facility in San Pedro.

Go under the sea this August!

As it's the summer, you might be spending time with your family. What to do? Have you considered checking out the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium? You should! It's engaging, fascinating.... and very affordable.

Cabrillo Director Mike Schaadt volunteered to host Angel's visit and to give a guided tour to his family. Come along!

About the Aquarium

With its spectacular natural setting adjacent to Cabrillo Beach Coastal Park and the Port of Los Angeles, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is uniquely suited to its leadership role in marine science education, aquaculture research and community recreation. The historic Frank Gehry-designed aquarium displays the largest collection of Southern California marine life in the world.

In the early 1930s, Los Angeles City Lifeguards organized a collection of local sea life collected by beach-goers on a table at Venice Beach. The collection was moved temporarily to a Rec and Parks building and then moved permanently to the Cabrillo Beach Bathhouse in 1935. Cabrillo Marine Aquarium originated as a museum.

Cabrillo Marine Museum continued to accumulate collections of local and foreign marine and non-marine objects. From the 1940s through the early 1970s, maritime exhibits and active educational programs for schools and the public developed.

In the early 1970s, the facility became overcrowded with exhibits and the building structure was aging. A new facility was designed by renowned architect Frank Gehry to expand upon the success of the original museum. The new facility opened to the public in 1981.

In the late 1990s, in an effort to expand its ability to provide the community and visitors with even more up-close-and-personal hands-on learning experiences, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium embarked on an ambitious expansion plan and capital campaign. The expansion, which nearly doubled the size of the facility, opened to the public in October 2004.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium has more than 500 active volunteers. Despite its relatively small size and staff, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium serves more than 300,000 people a year.


The new Aquatic Nursery allows Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's staff and volunteer scientists to expand their work in the area of aquaculture. Visitors can watch the successful culturing techniques that have reproduced grunion, black jellyfish, moon jellyfish and bright orange garibaldi, the designated California state marine fish.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium has more than 160 different species of Southern California marine life on display, the largest collection in the world. ■

The Gomez family, front, from left: sons Aden and Angel Jr., with their cousin, Julian Ruiz. Back: Kathy and Angel Gomez, the Club's Sales Director.



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Cabrillo Marine Aquarium
 3720 Stephen M. White Dr.
 San Pedro, CA 90731
 (310) 548-7562
www.cabrillosmarineaquarium.org

Admission:
 Admission: Free.
 Suggested donation:
 \$5 adults; \$1 seniors/children

Hours:
 Tuesday – Friday: noon - 5 p.m.
 Saturday – Sunday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Mondays: Closed.

Support the Aquarium
 Join FRIENDS of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and receive the quarterly calendar and newsletter, gift shop and program fee discounts, limited free parking, special members-only events and more.
 Call (310) 548-7593.

And Off We Go!

Susanne Lawrenz-Miller Exhibit Hall

SHARKS!



Three major environments are showcased: rocky shores, sand and mud, and open ocean. Interpretive and live exhibits show the many types of Southern California ocean animals and plants that live in each habitat, from seaweeds to worms to whales, and explain how they are adapted to protect themselves, obtain food and reproduce.

Exhibits include:

- Rocky Shores
- Mudflats
- Open Ocean
- Sandy Beaches

The Jelly Lab: Be sure to stop by the Sea Jelly Lab and see what's growing in this open husbandry lab. Students, volunteers and staff are often seen working on a variety of projects here. You might even be shown baby jellies on the microscope monitor.

For the tour on this day, Mike Schaadt and his staff set up a special experiment just for *Alive!* – hatch your own grunion.



WHALES!



Hatching grunions in the Jelly Lab! The Gomez family enjoys baby grunions in jars and watches them hatch.



Mike Schaadt explains elements of the rocky seashore.

Whale skeletons hang from the ceiling.

A baby whale drinks this much milk every day!



Sharks!



The Tidepool Touch Tank, where you can touch – using only one finger – actual sea life.



A Visit to **Cabrillo**

Angel's
Be Alive!

Angel Gomez, Club Director of Sales



SCIENCE!

Clear plastic tubes filled with living cultures bubble away here. These cultures provide important live food used in husbandry projects in the Aquatic Nursery.



Aquatic Nursery

The Aquatic Nursery is a working laboratory where visitors have access to active scientific research, and to the scientists-in-training who are conducting projects under the guidance of CMA's professional staff. Exhibits explain complex, scientific principles and processes for visitors of all ages. Look carefully, exhibits and projects change often and there is always something new to see.

Visit the interpretive exhibits in the Aquatic Nursery as topics focus on growing and caring for young animals. The laboratory is composed of open research benches displaying more than 40 marine species, which focus on four major aquaculture themes:

- Aquaculture Kitchen
- ▢ Growing for Human Food
- Aquaculture for Species Survival
- Research for Teaching, Sharing and Science
- Volunteer Projects



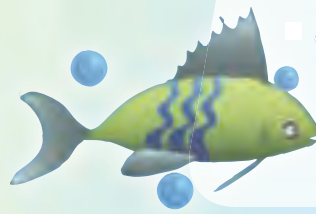
Other aquatic life is grown here, also for research.



This tank grows baby shrimp.



Research is conducted here, where aquatic animals are raised for human food.



Exploration Center

Engage all five senses and use scientists' tools as you learn to explore the habitats of the Cabrillo Coastal Park. Examine your role in the watershed, get a worm's eye view of the mud, use microscopes and more. Friendly staff and volunteers are on hand to answer questions and guide you to areas of our coastal park

Exhibits include:

- Coastal Habitats
- Watersheds
- The "Crawl-In" Aquarium
- Mud Walkthrough
- Naturalists Corner
- Discovery Center



Mike Schaadt explains the Cabrillo Coastal Park's beach and local tide pool habitats.



Mike Schaadt points to his favorite picture - an aerial view of Cabrillo Beach and all its marine habitats.

FISH!



Mike Schaadt and the intrepid Gomez family are inside the "Crawl-In" Aquarium.

Thanks, Mike Schaadt, for the awesome tour!

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

Special thanks:

Alive! thanks Mike Schaadt, Director of the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and Club Member, for the incredible generosity of his time. We won't forget our special tour!

