The Whaling Museum's Summer

Fun Programs for Kids, Teens & Adults

We explore stories above & below the waves through the lens of culture, science, history, and art.

Pre-K & K

Baby Shark Did you know a shark can lose 10,000 teeth in a lifetime? That's a lot of work for the tooth fairy! Discover the world of sharks and learn all about their teeth. See a real shark jaw and design a tooth fairy box for your own choppers!

Turtle Tales What's the difference between a turtle and a tortoise? Discover fun facts about these cool shelled creatures. Hear a turtle story, see a turtle shell and create a colorful turtle sun catcher to hang up for summer.

A Sea of Starfish Are starfish fish? Do they have eyes? How do they eat? Discover how starfish are incredibly unique, and learn about their special features. Listen to a starfish story and create your very own starfish diorama.

Wonderful Whales Get ready to discover amazing facts about how whales live, eat, and grow! Touch artifacts from our collection and create your own whale puppet.

Grades 1-5

Sailing the Seven Seas
Welcome aboard! See nautical tools from our museum collection that helped Long Island whalers sail the world. Discover how sailors told their stories in scrimshaw, a folk art carved from whale teeth. Try your hand at carving scrimshaw art as you sketch, carve, & ink a scrimshaw-style keepsake box.

Oceans Aglow Discover the incredible phenomenon of bioluminescence - a fancy way of saying creatures that glow in the dark! Find out why some sea creatures create bursts of light underwater. See a tooth from a deep-diving sperm whale and a nautilus shell. Design a deep-sea inspired glow-in-the-dark lantern.

Theme: Oceans of Possibilities

Each program is available three ways:
- In-person
- Live virtual with craft kit
- Pre-recorded with craft kit
**TALES OF WOMEN AT SEA**
Explore the fascinating yet little-known lives, stories, and experiences of pioneering 19th-Century American whaling wives.

**INSIDE THE MIND OF THE WHALE**
Find out what researchers have uncovered about whales’ thinking and their amazing behaviors in the wild which set them apart, including sophisticated memory skills, societal structures, and unique dialects.

**SHARKS OF NY & LONG ISLAND**
Did you know sharks have existed longer than trees? Discover the range of magnificent and diverse shark species we share our local shores and waters with. Find out about shark myths and the histories of shark attacks in New York.

**PIRATOLOGY**
Sail the Seven Seas and explore pirate tales of yore. Discover the origins of pirate myths like peg legs and walking the plank. Decorate a treasure chest to stash away special items!

**SHARK WORKSHOP**
Find out how nature has built one of the top predators in the ocean: The shark! Discover amazing shark senses, see a real shark jaw, and excavate a real shark tooth fossil to wear on a necklace.

**OCEAN SCIENTISTS**
Roll up your sleeves and have fun with hands-on experiments about ocean water! Design & decorate your own boat model using recycled materials.

**TWEENS & TEENS**

**WHALE TAIL NECKLACE WORKSHOP**
Be inspired by teens from around the world who are working to protect our oceans from garbage, pollution, and climate change. Create your own recycled paper beads and use them to decorate a unique necklace featuring a whale fluke charm.

**OCEAN CHIMES**
Do you know the difference between a bivalve and a gastropod? Become a ‘conchologist’ and investigate an array of shells from our shores. Design your own beachy seashell windchime to hang in the summer breeze.

**LEGENDS OF THE SEA**
Explore legends of mythical sea monsters, from the Kraken to Charybdis and uncover the truth behind these tales. Create a ship-in-a-bottle style craft showing a ship vs. sea monster.

**ADULTS**
All programs are visually rich and showcase artifacts from the museum’s collection.

**WHALING ON LONG ISLAND**
Travel back through time and explore our Island’s long & complex history of whaling, and the way the industry shaped our communities.

**SCRIMSHAW ART WORKSHOP**
Discover an art form popularized during the age of whaling. Discover how whalers carved teeth, bone, and baleen into beautiful works of art with hidden meanings, and create scrimshaw art on a keepsake box.

**SEASHELL MOSAIC**
Try your hand creating a miniature Sailor’s Valentine, a mariner’s historic souvenir created from small colorful shells & given to a loved one.

**MUSEUM VISIT & WALKING TOUR**
Patrons meet at the museum, enjoy a visit of the museum’s exhibitions, and take a walking tour of our waterside village.

**MERMAIDS ‘N MANATEES**
Learn about these incredible marine mammals and discover how they inspired the legend of the mermaid! Explore mermaid myths from around the world and design a colorful seashell necklace or keychain to keep.

**THE WONDER OF WHALES**
What’s the largest animal ever to have lived? The Blue Whale, of course! Discover incredible facts about these mega mammals and see real whale bones and baleen from our collections. Create a set of felt whale finger puppets to take home.

**COST**

**IN PERSON**
$300. Mileage applies if 15+ miles away.
- Lectures are 1 hr.
- Workshops are 45 min.
- Materials for 25 participants included.

**ONLINE**

**LIVE VIRTUAL** $200
**PRE-RECORDED** $125
**CRAFT KITS** $5 each (min. of 10). Kits either picked up from Museum or shipped to library for $30 flat fee.

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