

Save Our Shores Celebrates its 30th Anniversary



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SANTA CRUZ — Four Hundred Seventy Five members of the community showed their support for ocean health Saturday, August 9 at the Save Our Shores 30th anniversary celebration at the Cocoanut Grove.

Attendees included Senator Joe Simitian, Superintendent of Santa Cruz Schools, Michael Watkins, Supervisors Mark Stone and Neal Coonerty, Mayor Ryan Coonerty, Vice Mayor Cynthia Mathews, several environmental organizations such as the Monterey Bay Aquarium, The Ocean Conservancy, Oceana, Ecology

Action, the Elkhorn Slough Foundation, Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks were there among others to show their support.

Assembly member John Laird was awarded with the first-ever Packard-Panetta Ocean Protection Award. Mr. Laird expressed his gratitude for being given this award, which is named in honor of two people who have accomplished amazing work to protect our ocean. Jennifer Graham, Chair of the Save Our Shores Board of Directors presented the award, "We are honored to give you this award for all you have done in

our community to protect our oceans."

Robert James "Wingnut" Weaver made a special appearance to be the auctioneer for the live auction where he auctioned off Pebble Beach golf tournament tickets, a trip to Hawaii, and two Wingnut style Paddleboards with a free lesson by the star paddle boarder himself!

The Save Our Shores program discussed the history of ocean protection in our community over the past 30 years and highlighted the 3 areas of focus for the organization

now: Marine Debris, Clean Boating, and Ocean Awareness.

The organization retired its 30-year-old logo and unveiled a new logo that demonstrates the land-to-sea connection that this local group will be focused on for the next 30 years.

The Staff and Board of Directors at Save Our Shores would like to extend a heart-felt thank-you to everyone in our Monterey Bay community that made this event not only possible, but a great success. ■