

# Long Marine Lab plans to celebrate 25 years

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Marine Laboratory, known throughout the world for its research on marine mammals, marine ecology and issues relating to ocean health, celebrates its 25th anniversary in October with a variety of public programs, tours and lectures, along with special exhibits and commemorative activities at the lab's Seymour Marine Discovery Center.

Founded in 1978, the Joseph M. Long Marine Laboratory is a research facility of the Institute of Marine Sciences at UC Santa

Cruz.

The Seymour Marine Discovery Center, which runs the lab's public education and visitor programs, brings marine research to life for tens of thousands of schoolchildren and other visitors every year.

This year's fall lecture series, "Long Marine Lab: 25 Years of Marine Science," features seven speakers on three Thursday evenings in October

Prominent speakers include former U.S. Rep. and White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta, director of the Leon and Sylvia Panetta Institute for Public Policy at Cal State Monterey Bay, Julie

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Packard, executive director of the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and Kathryn Sullivan, president and CEO of the Center of Science and Industry

On weekends throughout October, Seymour Center docents will lead tours nearly every hour.

Two "See More" presentations will be offered daily, one on the discovery of "marine snow" by UCSC scientist Mary Silver and another on the story of "Ms Blue," the blue whale whose 87 foot skeleton has become the Long Marine Lab mascot.

Program and event information is available at <http://seymourcenter.ucsc.edu>, or at 459-3800.