



Brianna Laferla with her three children Charlie, Jeffrey and Natalia.

Aquarium marks Veterans Day

The Oregon Coast Aquarium will honor veterans and active duty military personnel with free admission this Veterans Day, Monday, Nov. 11.

As always, family members who accompany veterans to the aquarium are eligible for a 10 percent discount. Families of active duty military personnel are also eligible for the discount, even if the person serving is not present.

To receive free admission, visitors must show military or veteran organization identification, discharge papers or other official military identification; families of deployed military personnel must show active duty identification.

The aquarium is providing free admission as an offer of thanks. Many of the aquarium's leadership, staff and volunteers are active duty personnel and veterans themselves. Aquarium Development and Membership Assistant Brianna Laferla has served in the US Navy Reserves, since 2015, after serving as active duty for five years.

"Never forget the sacrifice of our brothers and sisters," said Laferla. "My son Charlie was actually born on Veteran's day, 11/11/2016."

The Oregon Coast Aquarium is located at 2820 SE Ferry Slip Road in Newport. For more information, go to www.aquarium.org or call 541-867-3474.

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A speaker worth his salt

Admiring the ocean at Cape Perpetua



OSU professor to headline Cape Perpetua Land-Sea Symposium

Organizers of the Cape Perpetua Land-Sea Symposium have announced that acclaimed marine biologist Bruce Menge will deliver the keynote address when the conference celebrates its seventh year on Thursday, Nov. 21, in Yachats.

Menge is the Gladys Valley Endowed Professor of Marine Biology in the Department of Integrative Biology at Oregon State University. He is a lead and founding PI for PISCO and OMEGAS, the Ocean Margin Ecosystem Group for Acidification Studies, a similar consortium of scientists studying the impacts of ocean acidification.



Bruce Menge

Established in 1999, PISCO is a long-term scientific program led by scientists from four core campuses: Oregon State University; Stanford University's Hopkins Marine Station; University of California, Santa Cruz; and University of California, Santa Barbara.

During his presentation, Menge will share what PISCO has learned about how intertidal and subtidal ecological communities have responded to climate and anthropogenic changes, their role in communicating relevant knowledge to policymakers and managers, and PISCO's work in training new generations of students at the interface between science and management. Menge will touch on sea star wasting

and recovery, and the importance of long-term research for marine reserve design.

The Land-Sea Symposium is a community event aimed at promoting local stewardship efforts and raising awareness about current research being conducted within the Cape Perpetua nearshore and adjacent watersheds. The event is sponsored by the Cape Perpetua Collaborative. CoastWatch, along with many other organizations engaged in monitoring and protecting the environment of the cape, its offshore marine reserve, and its surrounding forests and watersheds, participates each year.

Additional presentations include "Demographics in Oregon State Parks," "Rocky Shores Update" and lightning rounds on Oregon's Black Oystercatcher Project, marbled murrelet, sea otters and Gray whales.

Refreshments will be served and guests will have an opportunity to visit themed tables and explore volunteer opportunities in research, recreation, citizen science, education and outreach in the Cape Perpetua marine reserve.

The Cape Perpetua Land-Sea Symposium, which is free and open to all, will run from 5 to 8:30 pm at the Yachats Commons, 441 Hwy. 101 N.