

# 2019

### Picnic with a Porpoise Public Seaquest Watches

Join the Seaquesters at different cliff top locations around the Cornish coast to look for some amazing marine wildlife, learn about these animals and about Seaquest and meeting other like-minded people while enjoying a cliff-top tea and cake!

Please note – some sea watches are located close to an NCI station, and all will be clearly marked with flag or logo-ed volunteers. Please bring appropriate clothing, water, flasks of warm drinks and some snacks to share.

**Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month  
All from 11.00am to 1.00pm**

Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Lizard NT Watchpoint
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Towan Head, Newquay
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Agnes Head NCI
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	The Rumps, Polzeath
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Widemouth, Bude
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Trevose Head, Padstow
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Cape Cornwall NCI
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	Gwennap Head NCI
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Black Head, St Austell Bay
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Barras Nose, Tintagel
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Pendennis Point, Falmouth
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	St Ives NCI

### Seaquest Survey Training

Day course on how to conduct effort based surveys and to improve marine wildlife ID skills. Places restricted per course, and booking is essential.

<b>2019 Dates</b>	Time: 9.30am – 4.00pm
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Location: TBC
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Cost: £10

*There may be other opportunities to train, please sign up for the newsletter to keep up to date with news and events*

### Seaquest Lectures

<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	The Story of Septimus White <i>by Rob Wells and Sue Sayer</i>
<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	Sharks; the perception and the reality <i>by Jacqui Keenan and Haley Dalton</i>
<b>Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	The blue shark in Cornwall <i>by Charles Hood</i>

### Seaquest Sundays Seaquest Trained Volunteer Watches

Effort based survey day for our trained volunteers to record our marine wildlife from their favourite sea watching point.

**You must be a trained volunteer to conduct these surveys**

Trained Local Marine Groups support these events and hold surveys that all can attend and join in with, please turn over for more information on the reverse side.

**From 11.00am to 1.00pm**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January  
 Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February  
 Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
 Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April  
 Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May  
 Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
 Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July  
 Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August  
 Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September  
 Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October  
 Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
 Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December

### Marine Recorders Evening

A chance to gather our marine recorders within the Living Seas Projects in Cornwall, join fellow sea watchers and volunteers for an evening of talks to summarise the year's wildlife sightings.

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

**The Rockpool, Gwithian**

**6.00pm – 9.30pm**

Doors open at 5.30pm

Tickets are £8, which includes finger food prepared by award winning chef

Each year we run a series of talks and specialist training for our volunteers, supporters and members of the public.

**All start at 7.00pm, doors from 6:30pm.**

**Location:** Venue varies

**Cost:** £3 per talk to pay on the door

**Booking** is essential via EventBrite for all lectures

# National Whale and Dolphin Watch 2019

27<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August

Seaquest Southwest will be taking part in the Sea Watch Foundation's NWDW by putting on public sea watches.

Join dedicated recorders and other Seaquest volunteers at these sea watches, happening county wide, throughout this national event for the Sea Watch Foundation. The aim of this event is to give a general "snapshot" of what is in UK coastal waters over a short period of time. As well as gaining valuable research data, we hope this will draw attention to the conservation of our marine environment.

## Seaquest NWDW Locations

11.00am – 1.00pm

Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> July	National Trust Lizard Wildlife Watch point
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Mayon Cliff, Sennen
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> July	The Rumps, Polzeath
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Boscastle NCI

Trained Seaquest volunteers and local groups will also be running surveys at their local spots, follow us or subscribe to the newsletter to keep up to date.

**For more information please contact**

[seaquest@cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:seaquest@cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk)  
[www.seawatchfoundation.org.uk/nwdw](http://www.seawatchfoundation.org.uk/nwdw)

## Associated Local Marine Groups

Seaquest Southwest is linking with our marine and coastal wildlife groups around the county to set up local sea watching sites supported by the local community to gather more information about the marine wildlife that resides around Cornwall; the **Your Shore Network**.

These groups run surveys at their local sites during Seaquest Sundays, when volunteers are available and the conditions are suitable, why not join them on the cliffs for a more social sea watch!

### PLEASE NOTE:

- These groups are run by volunteers who might not be available during the Seaquest Sunday dates, or might run addition events. Please check with the group for details and updates.
- These local surveys may be cancelled in fog, mist or any winds above force 4. Check the weather and local group Facebook pages before you leave the house!

### National Trust Lizard Wildlife Watch Point

Sighted at Britain's Most Southerly Point, against sea sculptured cliffs, the **National Trust's Wildlife Watchpoint** is a fantastic place to get closer to nature and see all sorts of wildlife including wild Cornish choughs, Atlantic grey seals, basking sharks, dolphins, porpoise and thousands of seabirds passing by. Volunteers are on hand every day, from 10am – 4pm between April and mid-September, to point out and share more about marine wildlife. **For more information contact** [lizardrangers@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:lizardrangers@nationaltrust.org.uk) or call 01326 291174

### Newquay Marine Group

Newquay Marine Group are a group of local residents working together to create a marine community for the town and surrounding areas - from Crantock to Watergate Bay. The Group will be supporting Seaquest Sundays by running sea watches from **Towan Headland** throughout the year and would be delighted to welcome people to join local volunteers to survey marine wildlife from this fantastic look out point.

**For more information contact** [newquaymarinegroup@gmail.com](mailto:newquaymarinegroup@gmail.com)

### St Agnes Marine Conservation Group

The St Agnes Marine Conservation Group is entirely run by volunteers to promote the St Agnes Voluntary Marine Conservation Area (VMCA) and help everyone to enjoy and appreciate the fantastic wildlife and wild places St Agnes has to offer. The Group will be supporting Seaquest Sundays and running a sea watch and survey from the coast path below the **St Agnes Head NCI** station.

**For more information contact** [contact@st-agnesvmca.org.uk](mailto:contact@st-agnesvmca.org.uk)

### Falmouth Marine Conservation Group

A collaboration between the local and student community in Falmouth dedicated to protecting our marine environment will be hosting public sea watches on Seaquest Sundays at the beautiful **Pendennis Point**. Support this new group by joining locals at this brilliant location looking over the harbour to spot wildlife.

**For more information, visit** [www.falmouthmarineconservation.org.uk](http://www.falmouthmarineconservation.org.uk) or Facebook page

### Three Bays Wildlife Group

The Three Bays Wildlife Group is a voluntary community lead local wildlife group constituted since April 2018 and are affiliated to CWT. The group has been running Seaquest Surveys for several years from **Black Head**, near St Austell and are aiming to venture to other beautiful headlands of the Roseland to spot wonderful marine mega-fauna.

**For more information, visit** [Three Bays Wildlife Group Facebook Page](#)

## Contact Seaquest

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