

# Seaquest Southwest Programme

Cornwall Wildlife Trust

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2020

# 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 meet other likeminded people while enjoying a cliff-top tea and cake!

<u>Please note</u> – 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 19st January St Agnes NCI Sunday 16th February Towan Head, Newquay Sunday 15th March Pendennis Point, Falmouth Sunday 19th April Rame Head Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May Widemouth, Bude Sunday 21st June Dodman point, St Austell Sunday 19<sup>st</sup> July Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August Lizard NT Watchpoint The Rumps, Polzeath Sunday 20th September Porthgwarra, Lands End Sunday 18st October Polruan NCI Station Sunday 15th November The Rockpool Café, Mousehole Sunday 20th 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.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April Time: 9.3 Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October Location:

Time: 9.30am – 4.00pm Location: CWT Offices

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

> 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020 TBC 6.00pm – 9.30pm Doors open at 5.30pm

#### **Seaquest Lectures**

18<sup>th</sup> February Cornish Tuna by Tom Horton

Spring 2020 Marine plastics by Sarah Nehlms 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: £5

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

#### Pop Up Lectures!

In the second half of the year, Seaquest will be operating pop up lectures when relevant researchers can be grabbed! We will advertise them via our Facebook page and newsletters. Follow us on.... <a href="https://www.facebook.com/CWTSeaquestSouthwest">www.facebook.com/CWTSeaquestSouthwest</a> or sign up to our monthly newsletter <a href="http://eepurl.com/dx0YZD">http://eepurl.com/dx0YZD</a>

#### **National Whale and Dolphin Watch 2020**

25th July - 2nd 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 25<sup>th</sup> July Mon 27<sup>th</sup> July Wed 29<sup>th</sup> July Sat I<sup>st</sup> August Mayon Cliff, Sennen St Agnes NCI Cape Cornwall NCI Boscastle NCI

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

For more information please contact seaquest@cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk www.seawatchfoundation.org.uk/nwdw

#### **Associated Local Marine Groups**

Seaquest Southwest collaborates with our marine and coastal wildlife groups around the county to set up local sea watching sites supported by the local community. This enables us to gather more information about the marine wildlife that resides around Cornwall. These groups are part of the **Your Shore Network** and they 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 rain, fog, mist or any winds above force 4. Check the weather and local group Facebook pages before you leave the house.

#### Mounts Bay Marine Group

The waters around Mounts Bay are home to an amazing spread of life. It is such a special environment that Mounts Bay was designated a Marine Conservation Zone in January 2016. The Mounts Bay Marine Group aims to protect and conserve our marine environment and to promote the fantastic marine wildlife found here.

If you would like to get more involved with any of our projects or would like to find out more about joining our meetings then please contact mountsbaymarine@gmail.com

#### 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

# 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-agnesymca.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.o rg.uk or Facebook page @FalMarineConservation

#### 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 **Dodman Point**, near St Austell and are aiming to venture to other beautiful headlands of the Roseland to spot wonderful marine megafauna.

For more information, visit Three Bays Wildlife Group Facebook Page @ThreeBaysWildlife

#### National Trust watch points Mayon Cliff Lookout

With views from Cape Cornwall to Land's End, this viewpoint is ideal for wildlife watching. During the summer there are National Trust Rangers at the lookout to give information on wildlife in the area.

#### Lizard Wildlife Watch Point

At Britain's Most Southerly Point, the National Trust's Wildlife Watchpoint is a fantastic place to get closer to nature. Volunteers are on hand every day, between April and September, to point out and share more about marine wildlife. For more information contact lizardrangers@nationaltrust.org.uk

or call 01326 291174