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MONTEREY BAY



Sanctuary Exploration Center Grand Opening and Daily Operations

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Grand Opening Ceremony



Grand Opening Speakers

- **Don Lane** - Mayor, City of Santa Cruz
- **Bonnie Lipscomb** - Director, Economic Development, City of Santa Cruz
- **Paul Michel** - Superintendent, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
- **Honorable Sam Farr** - US Congressman, 17th District
- **Dr. Eric Schwaab** - NOAA Acting Assistant Secretary for Conservation and Management
- **John Laird** - California Secretary of Natural Resources
- **Fred Keeley** - Chair, Sanctuary Exploration Center Leadership Team; Treasurer, Santa Cruz County; Trustee National Marine Sanctuary Foundation

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Collaborative Oceans Fair



Kelp Cutting

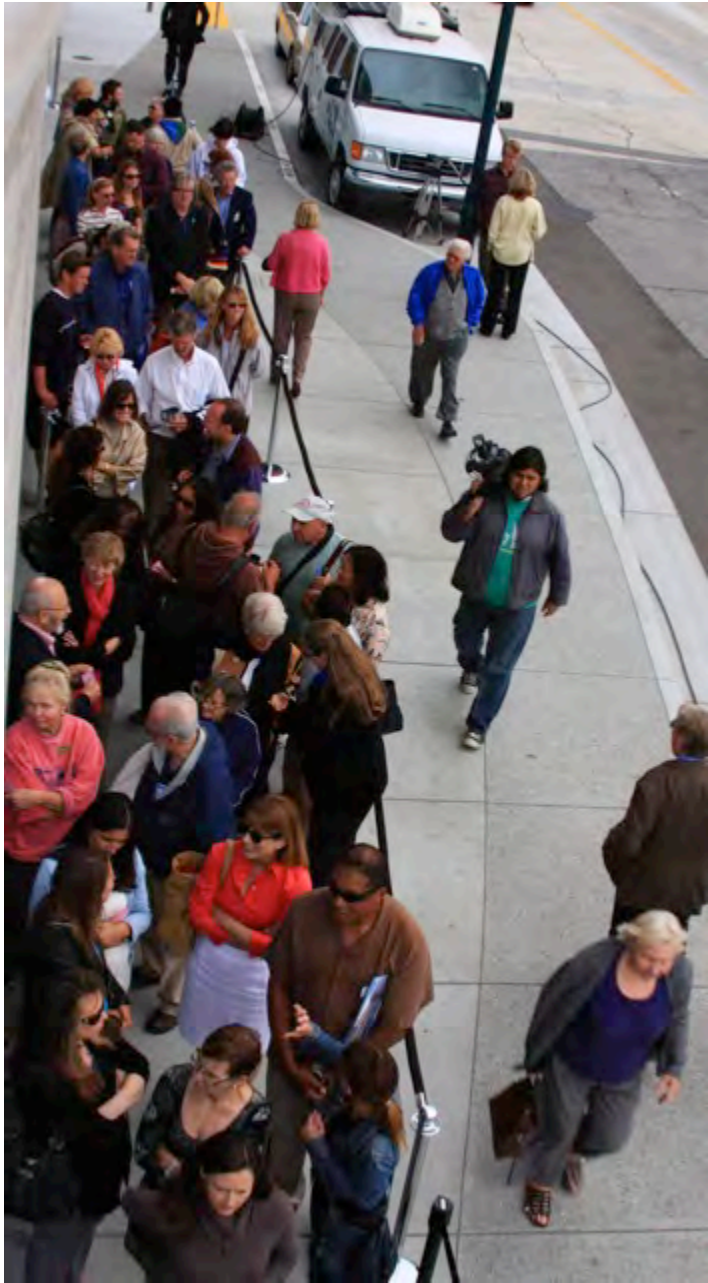


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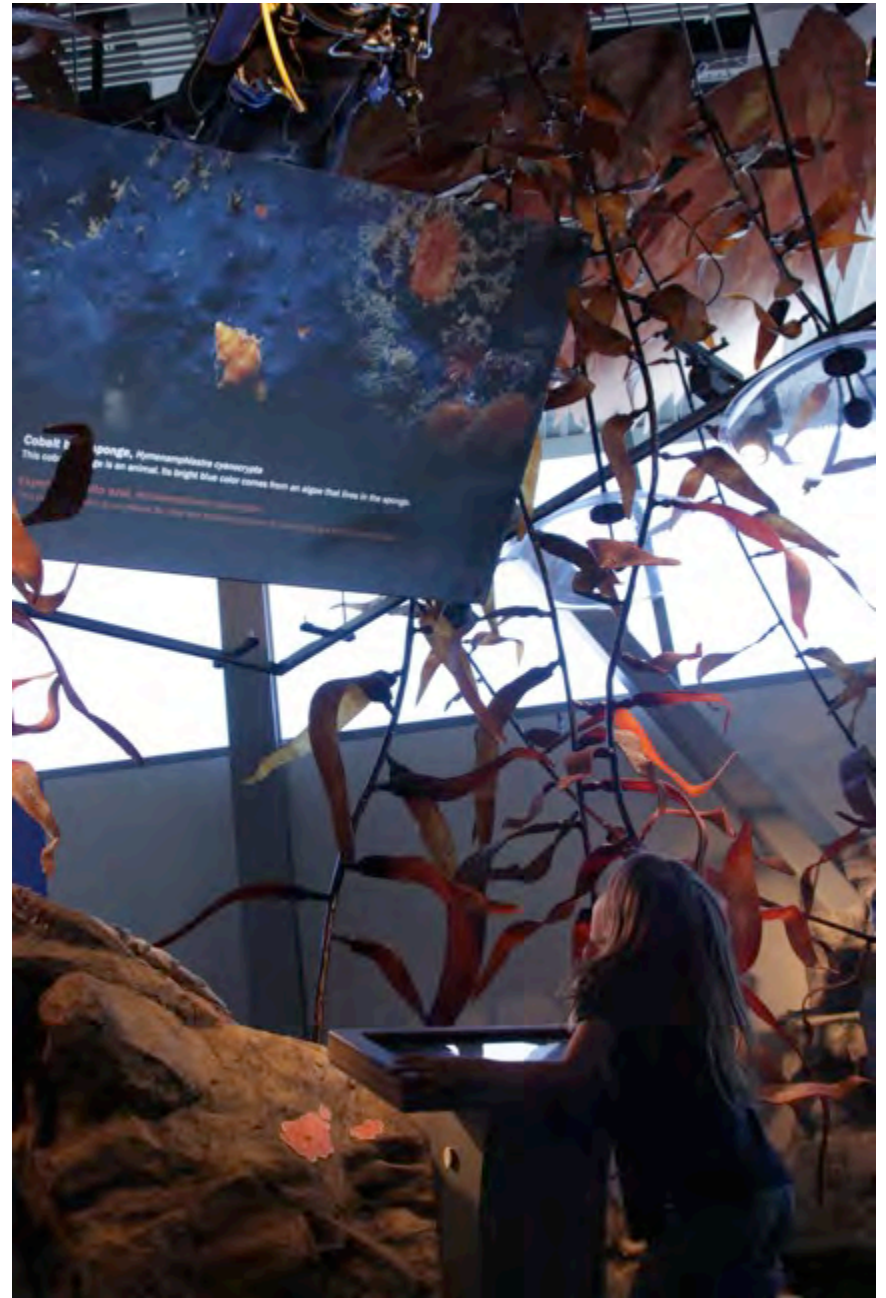
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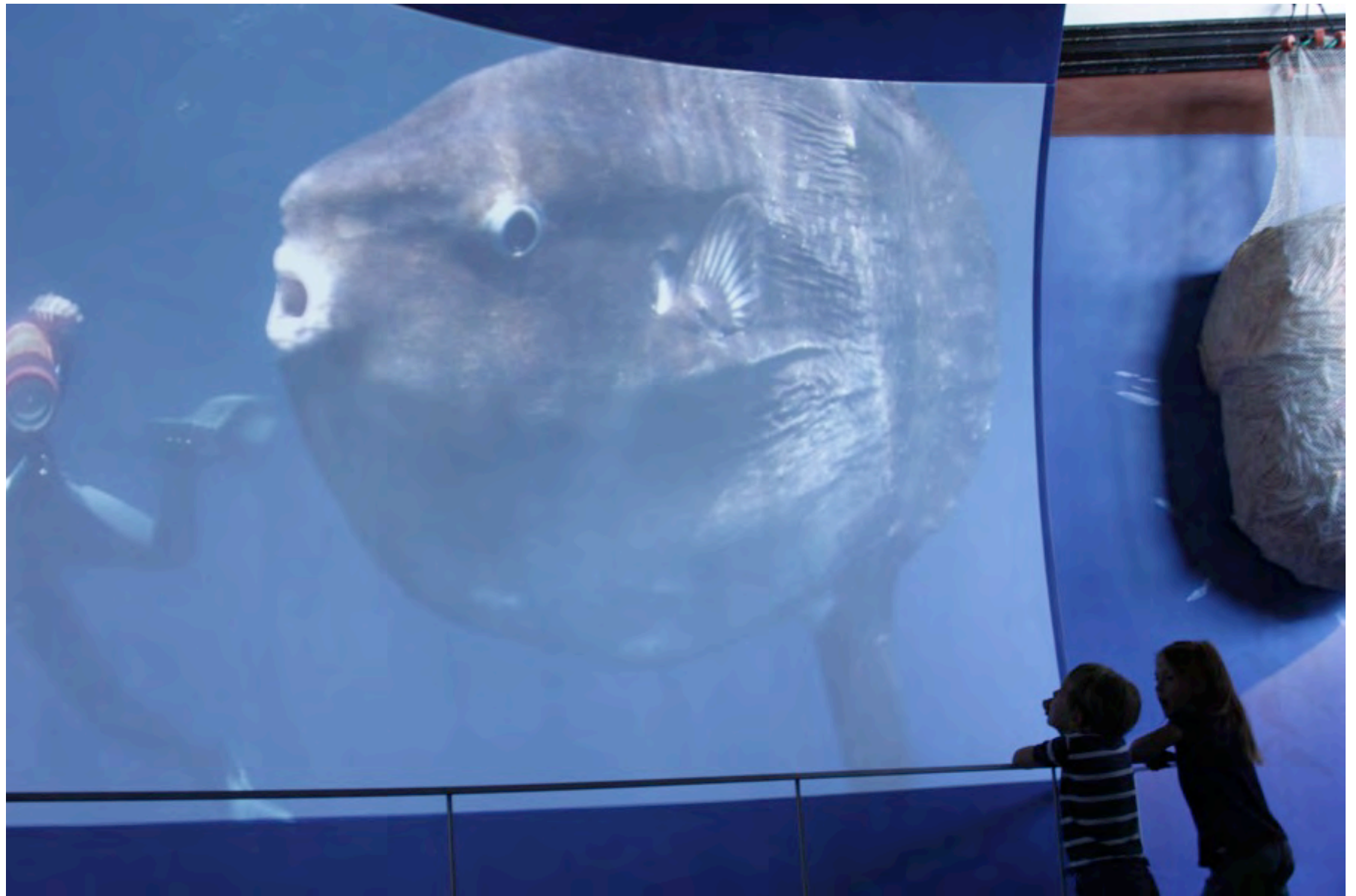




Opening Week

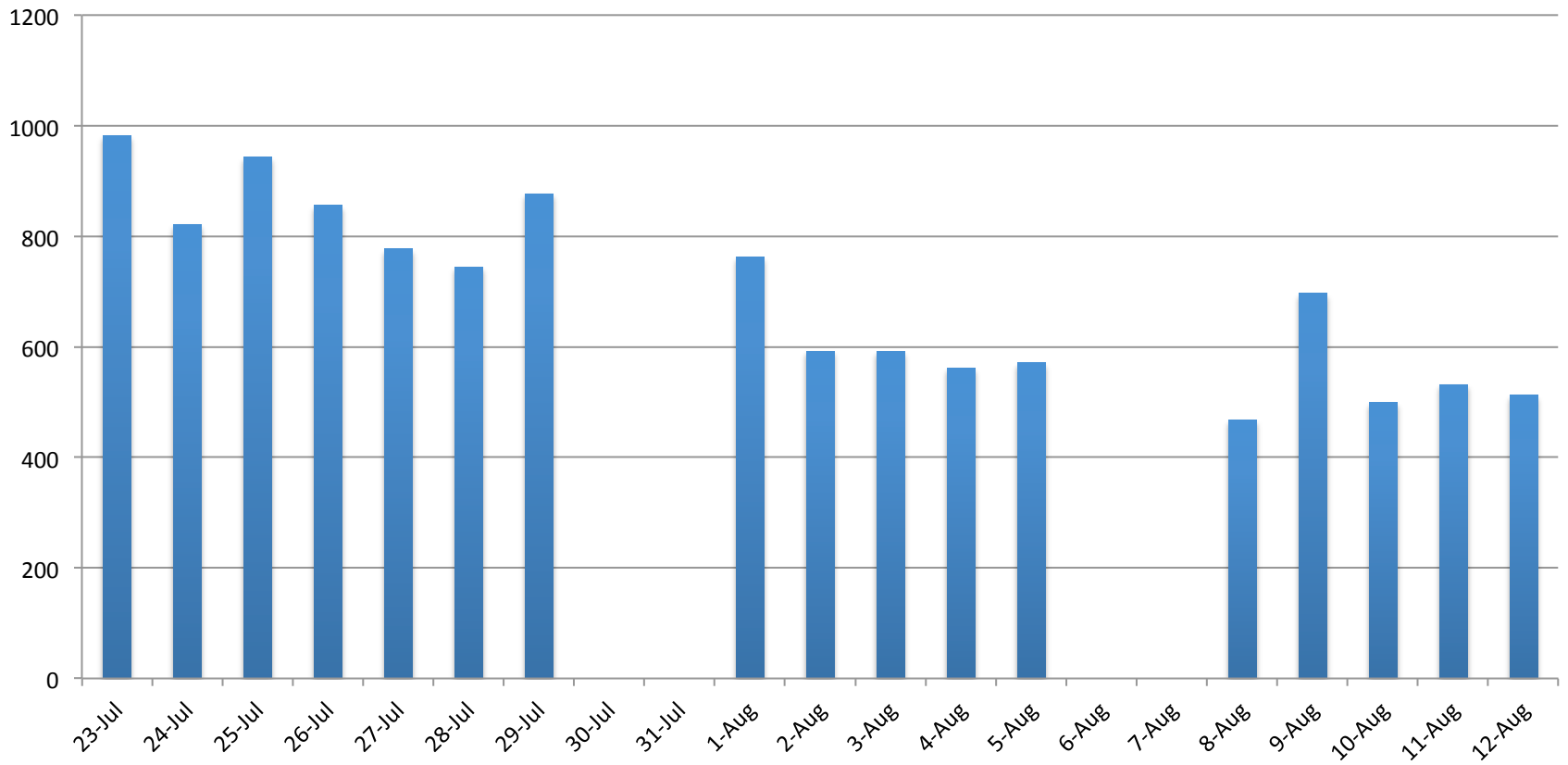






Daily Visitation Since Grand Opening

Total Number of Visitors



Public Education



Statistics

Public Visitation: 12,234 to date

Additional Events: 560 visitors.

Self guided tours by reservation:

- County of Santa Cruz
- City of Santa Cruz
- Seymour Center Docents
- UCSC outreach program “Cosmos
- Gateway School

41 active docents:

- 917 hours of operational hours
- 1,298 hours of training

Future

- Meetings
- Events
- Guided Tours
- Educational Programming
- Collaborative Education Programs
- 137,766 more public visitors this year.

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