

## Moby-Dick Marathon 2018 Schedule of Events



Join us for the 22nd annual read-a-thon of America's most iconic novel, *Moby-Dick*. An experience you don't want to miss, you'll relive the famous, action-packed narrative and be transported back in time on the search for the elusive white whale. In addition to the main event, the Whaling Museum hosts two mini-marathons on January 6: a Portuguese-language reading of Tiago Patricio's abridged *Moby-Dick*; and a children's version by Classic Starts.

# Friday, January 5

5:30 pm – 9 pm Pre-marathon Dinner, Movie, and Discussion

Tickets: Members \$40 | Non-members \$50

Call: 508-997-0046 x100

Online: <u>Tickets for Pre-marathon events</u>



Enjoy a meal well-suited for hungry sailors followed by David Shaerf's documentary film *Call Us Ishmael*, an intimate look at the world's obsession with *Moby-Dick* and its cultural legacy. <u>The Melville Society Cultural Project</u> will conclude the night with a lively discussion of the film. *LEARN* 

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### Saturday, January 6

# The Marathon Experience: From 10 am Saturday to 1 pm Sunday FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

#### 10 am Stump the Scholars

Test your knowledge of *Moby-Dick* and try to Stump the Scholars with questions for Melville Society Cultural Project members.

#### 10 am Children's Mini-Marathon

Children of all ages can read a section of an abridged version of *Moby-Dick* by Classic Starts.

#### 11:30 am Extracts read by the Melville Society Cultural Project members

#### 12 pm The Main Attraction

The 22nd Annual Moby-Dick Marathon reading begins with celebrity readers nestled among the world's largest model whaleship – the *Lagoda*. Next, head to the Seamen's Bethel to hear Father Mapple's rousing sermon (if your name is drawn in the seat raffle. Otherwise, watch a live-stream of the sermon in the Museum's theater.) Readings continue while overlooking the New Bedford Harbor, with the exception of Chapter 40, "Forecastle-Midnight" in the Museum's theater with <a href="Culture\*Park">Culture\*Park</a>. Listen to excerpts read in multiple languages, bringing to life Melville's experience of a culturally diverse whaling crew.

#### 2:30 pm Chat with Melville scholars Project & Book Signing

Have your book signed by contributors to the new third edition of Norton's Moby-Dick from the Melville Society Cultural Project (Robert K. Wallace, Timothy Marr, Wyn Kelley, Mary K. Bercaw Edwards)

#### 3 pm Portuguese Mini-Marathon

Join us for the third annual reading of Tiago Patricio's abridged version of *Moby-Dick* in Portuguese. Read Melville in the Azorean Whaleman Gallery with forty-eight other intrepid souls.

Junte-nos para a terceira leitura anual de versão abreviada de Tiago Patricio de Moby-Dick em Português. Leia Melville na Galeria do Baleeiro Açoreano com quarenta e oito outras almas intrépidas.

Special thanks to the Azorean Maritime Historical Society and the Portuguese Consulate of New Bedford.

Um agradecimento especial ao Azorean Maritime Historical Society e ao Consulado de Portugal em New Bedford.

#### 3 pm - 5 pm "Above It All" Artist Demonstration

New Bedford Whaling National Park, 33 William Street (across the street from Museum)

See art in action as artist Peter Michael Martin pulls a large-scale woodblock print especially designed for the Moby-Dick Marathon. Peter's collection of large-scale pieces called *Martin & Moby*, inspired by *Moby-Dick*, were exhibited at the Whaling Museum January–June 2014. Currently, a piece by Peter entitled *Trust* (4 ft x 8 ft) is currently on exhibit in *Enlightened Encounters: The Two Nations of Manjiro Nakahama* at the Whaling Museum.

4 pm – 5 pm Artist Jacob Mark signs copies of the poster he designed for the marathon

#### 5 pm - 9 pm Cousin Hosea's Chowder House and the Decanter Taproom

Re-charge and warm up with New Bedford's finest chowders and soups from local restaurants – Destination Soups, Freestone's City Grill, Tia Maria's European Cafe, and Quahog Republic Whaler's Tavern. Moby-Dick Brewing Co. will be serving up local brews in the Decanter Taproom.

7 pm - 7:30 pm Culture\*Park's performance of *Midnight*, *Forecastle* (chapter 40)

## Sunday, January 7

#### 8 am The 20th-hour Feast

Enjoy malassadas, provided by Inner Bay Café, and all the trimmings to fuel you up for the home stretch!

#### 9:30 am Chat with Melville scholars

#### **Around 1 pm Epilogue**

A few souls will be richly rewarded for impressively staying up all night.

**Livestream Broadcast:** The entire marathon will be broadcast via livestream in a couple of venues within the Museum, as well as online, so enthusiasts around the globe can follow along.

**Marathon Questions?** For information about the 22nd Annual Moby-Dick Marathon call 508-717-6851 or email <a href="mailto:mdmarathon@whalingmuseum.org">mdmarathon@whalingmuseum.org</a>.

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