



# NOAA FISHERIES

## Protected Resources

## 2013 Endangered Species Day Events

*Celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Endangered Species Act with us!*

Endangered species are plants and animals that are threatened with the risk of extinction. Endangered Species Day is a national day to learn about these species and ways to help them. Always held on the third Friday in May, Endangered Species Day is on May 17th this year. NOAA Fisheries Service's Northeast Regional Office hosts several Endangered Species Day events and has many resources you may be interested in. Through our programs, we hope to increase knowledge and understanding of protected marine species/species of concern from Maine to Virginia, as well as the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA).

### Marine Endangered Species Art Contest Award Ceremony

**When:** Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm

**Where:** NOAA Fisheries NERO, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA, Hearing Rooms

Students from all over the Cape Ann region submitted over 280 pieces of artwork that featured endangered or threatened whales, sea turtles, and fish. Students who were awarded the winner and honorable mention categories will be honored at an award ceremony held at the NOAA Fisheries' Northeast Regional Office (NERO). Following the award ceremony, guests are welcome to view the artwork gallery exhibiting some of the submitted entries and our lobby exhibits related to these species.

### Safe Boating Day

**When:** Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am - 1:30pm

**Where:** U.S. Coast Guard Station, 17 Harbor Loop, Gloucester, MA

The U.S. Coast Station in Gloucester is hosting their annual Safe Boating Day. There will be information from various organizations for recreational and commercial fishing. Watch signal flare and fire extinguisher demos! You can also drop off your expired safety flares and try out safety gear. Other events include: Safety equipment requirements; VHF Radio Use class; rescue boat, police boat and cutter tours; and health and well-being booths.

At the NOAA Fisheries' tables, you can learn how to safely enjoy watching endangered species in their natural environment while on your boat! Say hello to Rocky, our inflatable right whale calf; Lucy, our leatherback sea turtle model, and our life-sized Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon models. Have your face painted with your favorite endangered species!

## World Oceans Day

**When:** Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am - 4:00pm

**Where:** New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, Boston, MA

Join the Aquarium and other local non-profit and community groups for hands-on activities and programs to celebrate World Oceans Day.

At the NOAA Fisheries' table, we're having a birthday party, and you're invited! For 40 years, the Endangered Species Act has helped protect a variety of different marine animals. Learn about these species, and find out the very important reason why we won't have any balloons at this celebration.

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