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28TH Annual Kachemak Bay SHOREBIRD FESTIVAL

May 7-10,
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Wednesday 12–5pm
Thursday 8am–7pm
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Sunday 8am–4pm

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Wednesday 12–5pm
Thursday 8am–6pm
Friday/Saturday 8am–6pm
Sunday 8am–2pm

*Building and bathrooms will be open for tours
and programs scheduled outside building hours.*

Thank you for joining us for the 28th annual celebration of spring and community during the Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival. This year's Festival coincides with a full moon, some impressive tides, and World Migratory Bird Day—themed "Birds Connect Our World." We welcome birds and Festival participants, who come from near and far to enjoy this beautiful bay and wondrous habitat.

For a unique perspective on our connection to shorebirds, join us Thursday and Sunday for a film viewing and discussion with a Yup'ik culture bearer and Dr. Lili Nave (ADFG). The short film "Voices of the Pacific Flyway" will be featured as part of our Film Series: *Shorebirds on Dynamic Boundaries*. We will also highlight a brand new film, *St. Matthew Island—The Wildest Isle*, set in the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, on Thursday and Friday for a "Movie Lunch Break."

Enjoy Saturday night's Keynote Addresses from **Catherine Hamilton**, who will speak on her Amur Falcon Expedition, and **Eli Knapp**, who will draw from his recent book, *The Delightful Horror of Family Birding*. You can also catch the Keynote Speakers on Sunday for their talks at Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center, or join one of our **VIP Hot Spot Tours** to bird alongside a local expert and a Keynote Speaker!

During the 2020 Festival, I invite you to take a moment to appreciate your connection to shorebirds and the natural bounty of the preserved lands and waters of Kachemak Bay.

Of course the Festival would not be possible without the bountiful support we receive from our local business sponsors who have made this home-grown Festival possible for 28 years and counting! A special thanks to all of the volunteers whose commitment and enthusiasm is responsible for the longevity of our Festival.

Mallory Primm, Festival Coordinator

Greetings BIRDERS!

What's New?

- **VIP Hot Spot Tours** with Keynote Speakers and local experts
- **Teen Birder Events** including "Bird Photography for Teens," "Teen Adventure Day: Grewingk Glacier Hike," and "Bird Pottery/Painting" workshop
- **Birding by Ear** workshop with Keynote Eli Knapp and field events with local experts.
- **Art Openings** check out the 6x6 Bird Art & Auction at Festival Headquarters and other openings in the More To Do in Homer section
- **Film & Invited Speakers** Thursday and Sunday's film series will highlight shorebird traditions in the Hooper Bay community with discussion to follow

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Planning Committee

The Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival takes more than nine months to plan, organize, and coordinate. Meet the team of dedicated and passionate volunteers and staff who make up the Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival Planning Committee and who work so hard to bring this Festival to you!



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Catherine Hamilton

Birding and sketching at age seven, today Catherine Hamilton melds birding and art into a career leading birding and field sketching tours and speaking at bird festivals around the globe. Catherine holds a BFA and an MFA, teaching painting and drawing at various institutions throughout the 27 years she has been a professional artist. Catherine's fine art is included in collections in the US and abroad. Her work is featured in *The Warbler Guide*, *Nature*, and *Living Bird* and the 2012 HBO documentary *Birders: the Central Park Effect*, among other places. As ZEISS Sports Optics' Ambassador for Birding, in 2018 Catherine worked with Birdlife International to promote conservation awareness through birding and art.

Welcome Reception

Friday, May 8, 4–6pm

Homer Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center

VIP Hot Spot Tour

Friday, May 8, 11:30am–3pm

Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center

Keynote Workshop:
Shorebird Drawing

Friday & Saturday, 8:30–10:30am

Pratt Museum

Keynote Address:

Amur Falcon Expedition

Saturday, May 9, 5:30pm

Mariner Theatre, Homer High School

Keynote Talk:

The Role of Color in Birding

Sunday, May 10, 9:30–10:30am

Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center – Auditorium

FESTIVAL Event Descriptions



Field Events



Workshops & Presentations



Junior Birder



Boat Tour



Entertainment



Included with Registration

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH and THURSDAY, MAY 7TH



WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

High tide: 2:50pm 19.85' (2:12am 20.94')

Kachemak Bay Birding,
Wildlife & Natural History Tour

Wednesday, 8:30am–3pm | Harbor Ramp 6, Slip EE-21, M/V Pinbone
(AVAILABLE W/Th/F)

Experience Kachemak Bay at its best! This full-day birding and wildlife tour, led by Seaman's Ecotour Adventures, explores the waters off the Homer Spit, Yukon Island, Sadie Cove and Eldridge Passage, Gull Island, Halibut Cove and Glacier Spit. See a wide variety of birds, several species of marine mammals, mountain goats, and learn the fascinating geology and natural history of Kachemak Bay. This roomy, stable boat has a heated pilot house, water, toilet, and a large rear deck that provides a great viewing platform for birders and photographers. Bring a lunch. Snacks and beverages provided. **Limit 6. \$175 ea.**

Discovery Lab: Looney Loons

Wednesday, 3–5pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Lab Classroom
(AVAILABLE W/F)

Hands-on exploration of Loons! Learn about the loons in the Homer area. Discover their awesome adaptations, how they fly, what they eat, where to see them and more! The Yellow-billed loon is the feature bird of our Shorebird Festival 2020. Program is led by the Kachemak Bay Environmental Education Alliance. *This event fulfills one of the Jr. Birder requirements.* Open to all ages!

Family Birding Walk

Wednesday, 6–7pm | KBNERR Office

Meet at the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Office at 2181 Kachemak Drive for a fun family walk along Mud Bay with KBNERR Educator Dana Nelson. Bring warm outdoor gear as we will be outside most of the hour observing the shorebirds and investigating what they eat. 20 pairs of binoculars will be available to borrow and share! *This event fulfills one of the Jr. Birder requirements.* **Limit 20.**



THURSDAY, MAY 7

High tide: 3:38pm 20.3' (2:52am 21.9')

Morning at the Marsh

Thursday, 6:30–8:30am | Beluga Lake Lower Platform
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su with various guides)

The birds of Beluga Lake and the surrounding boreal forest are attracted to this unique spot because of the fresh water source, good habitat, and restful, protected setting. Beluga Lake has a wide variety of wildlife including moose, raptors, waterfowl, shorebirds and more. Join our skilled guides Aaron Lang, Dale Chorman, and Carla Stanley to see what shows up or flies out. Scopes, local knowledge, and identification books will be available. Bring your binos and dress for the weather.

Cranes & Croissants

Thursday, 7–10am | Seaside Farm
(AVAILABLE Th/F)

View the large flocks of migrating Sandhill Cranes that feed and rest on the Seaside Farm hayfields each spring. Birder Mossy Kilcher shares her knowledge of cranes, as well as other local birds' songs, calls, and habits during a bird identification walk. Coffee and continental breakfast included. This event is not accessible to individuals who are handicapped, physically-challenged or use a stroller. Road conditions are dependent on weather. **Limit 30. \$20 ea./\$15 kids 12 & under.**

Lake Clark National Park Bear & Bird Viewing

Thursday, 7:30am–2:30pm | Anchor River State Rec. Area, Beach Tractor Launch
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

Travel by boat to Lake Clark National Park on Cook Inlet's remote west coast to view coastal brown bears and migrating sea birds. Join bear guide Captain Mel Erickson, along with avid birder Debra Hess, who will be on board the "Gamefisher" to point out and identify dozens of different species of birds. You'll also see giant brown bears digging clams, walking the beach, or grazing on the sedge grasses in the salt marsh. The Beach Tractor Launch is at the end of Anchor Point Rd. This event is weather dependent. **Limit 6. \$300 ea.**



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THURSDAY, MAY 7TH**Beaks & Bills Boat Tour** **Thursday, 8–11am | Harbor Ramp 3, M/V Seabird**
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su - 8am & 1pm)

Join us on an expedition to spot the many shorebirds of Kachemak Bay. We'll take you over to Gull Island, home to 12,000 nesting birds, with an opportunity to get up close and personal to the 12 different species. From there we will be on the lookout for Kingfishers, Black Oystercatchers, and many unique birds along the coast. Our journey continues as we follow the rising tide of the bio-diverse bay seeking out nesting eagles, sea otter rafts and the many marine mammals and species that thrive in the rich waters of Kachemak Bay. Bring warm layers, binoculars, and snacks. **Limit 14. \$75 ea./\$50 kids 12 & under.**

Feathers & Fins Boat Tour **Thursday, 8–10am | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office**
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

Head to Gull Island, home of 12,000 nesting birds and 12 different species of birds: puffins- Horned and Tufted, gulls- Kittiwake and Glaucous-winged, Common murre, Pigeon guillemots, and cormorants- Pelagic, Double-crested and Red-faced. From there cruise to different areas where unique birds have been spotted recently, including harlequin ducks, goldeneye ducks, scoters—surf, black and white winged, loons—Yellow billed, Common and Red throated, Rednecked phalaropes, Red necked grebes, kingfishers, and jaegers. Bring your life list, a snack, warm clothes and a camera. Hot drinks provided. **Limit 12. \$70 ea.**

The Wise & Wonderful Journey **Thursday, 8–10am | Harbor Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk**
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

Join experienced guide and local bird expert Willy Dunne on a journey of discovery. Visit Gull Island, opportunities for up-close viewing of Horned and Tufted puffins, Pigeon guillemots, cormorants, kittiwake's and murre. The journey cruises to Willy's special birding places where we may encounter Aleutian terns, Rednecked phalaropes and murrelets. The rich biodiversity of Kachemak Bay supports marine mammals, nesting eagles, loons, sea ducks and many other species that are common sightings. For more info see Alan's ad on page 32. **Limit 12. \$75 ea.**

Birding Hot Spots: Homer #1 **Thursday, 8:30–11:45am | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - meet in parking lot**
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa with various guides)

Hop on the bus with **Poppy Benson** and **Sam Wilson** to discover the hottest birding spots around Homer: on the Spit, Kachemak Drive, Beluga Slough, Beluga Lake, and more. Learn about migration and bird lore

while you are transported to each location by bus. Dress for the weather. Wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots to walk in sand and bring water. A limited number of scopes will be available. **Limit 22. \$30 ea.**

Cold Duck Time **Thursday, 8:30–11am | Harbor, top of Ramp 2, Boat House Pavilion**
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa)

As the shorebirds arrive in Kachemak Bay, sea ducks prepare to head north to their happy nesting grounds. Tour Kachemak Bay's southern shore in search of the Mergini tribe. Goldeneye, Harlequin and Long-tailed Ducks are just a few of the fine feathered friends that inhabit our bays and coves. Dress warmly. Enclosed boat with open back access; no facilities. **Limit 12. \$60 ea.**

Kachemak Bay Birding, Wildlife & Natural History Tour **Thursday, 8:30am–3pm | Harbor Ramp 6, Slip EE-21, M/V Pinbone**
(AVAILABLE W/Th/F)

See Wednesday, 8:30am listing for event description. **Limit 6. \$175 ea.**

Tidepooling & Birding in Seldovia **Friday, 8:30am–3pm | Harbor Ramp 3, M/V Beowulf**
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa)

Join Cindy Mom, owner of Seldovia Nature Tours, in celebrating the lowest tides of the year! We'll spend about an hour exploring Kachemak Bay's rich tidepools, then hike through the rainforest on the Otterbahn Trail. Local avian residents include Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Steller's Jay, and Belted Kingfisher. Two-mile hike, with stairs. Bring a lunch, snacks, and water and dress for the weather. Wear rubber boots you can hike in, or plan to get wet feet. We'll ride in Red Mountain Marine's classic 34-foot wooden boat Beowulf (1 hour). Enclosed boat with open back access; no facilities while aboard. **Limit 12. \$195 ea.**

Flow with the Birds: 1/2 Day Kayak Tour **Thursday, 9am–1:30pm | Harbor Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk**
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su at 9am and 1:30pm)

Let the tide carry you through the calm waters of China Poot Bay as you glimpse stunning scenery and wildlife from a kayak. Listen for Black oystercatchers, watch for Bald eagles pursuing the next meal, and keep a look out for Harlequin ducks foraging along the shore. Abundant biodiversity with up-close viewing opportunity for puffins, guillemots, cormorants, kittiwakes and Marbled murrelets. Explore the bay's unique rose-colored rock formations that illustrate ancient tectonic forces. Morning and afternoon tours. For more info see St Augustine's ad on page 32. **Limit 12. \$90 ea.**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Eli J. Knapp

Eli J. Knapp loves to be where the wild things are. His observations and adventures often morph into narratives and have been published in *New York State Conservationist*, *Pennsylvania Magazine*, *Birdwatcher's Digest*, and recent book, *The Delightful Horror of Family Birding: Sharing Nature with the Next Generation*. When not bushwhacking through thickets and writing about it, Eli teaches courses in the Biology and Intercultural Studies departments at Houghton College, including ornithology. His wide range of research interests emerged from three years living in Serengeti National Park, studying the coexistence of people and wildlife around protected areas. Each spring semester he takes students to East Africa, seeking special places for his students to become active participants in learning.

Welcome Reception**Friday, May 8, 4–6pm***Homer Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center***Keynote Workshop: Birding by Ear****Friday, May 8, 12:30–1:30pm***Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center***VIP Hot Spot Tour****Saturday, May 9, 11:30am–3pm***Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center***Keynote Address: The Delightful Horror of Beautiful Birds****Saturday, May 9, 7–8:30pm***Mariner Theatre, Homer High School***Keynote Talk: What's in a Name?****Sunday, May 10, 11am–12pm***Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Auditorium*

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FEATURED ARTIST



Abbey Ulen

Abbey Ulen is a lifelong lover of art. She started painting as a young girl and looks to nature for inspiration. Though self taught, Abbey was awarded in 2018 at the Kenai Peninsula emerging artist show and has been involved in local community murals. Her current work can be viewed in several businesses in Soldotna, Alaska. As a professional artist Abbey paints every day and finds joy in the creative process. Gathering influences from the natural world around her, she uses texture and bold paint strokes in a variety of media such as acrylic, ink, and paper.

First Friday Art Opening

Friday, May 1, 5–7pm
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Welcome Reception

Friday, May 8, 4–6pm
Homer Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center

Festival Artist Workshop:
Shorebird Drawing

Saturday, May 9, 1–3pm
Bishop's Beach Pavilion

Festival Artist Show

May 2020, including Festival weekend
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THURSDAY, MAY 7THPhotography from Boats

Thursday, 9am–12:30pm | Harbor, top of Ramp 2, Boat House Pavilion
(AVAILABLE Th/Sa)

Shooting from a moving platform raises all kinds of issues for photographers. Standard equipment like tripods are unusable, which makes holding and shooting with long lenses a challenge. Join photographer and guide David Shaw on this field course to learn skills like hand-holding, focus strategies, and maximizing shutter speed for sharpness. On the water, we'll put new skills to work and apply some compositional strategies to creating powerful images of the landscape and wildlife while aboard. Dress for the weather and bring your camera, snacks and water. **Limit 12. \$130 ea.**

Seabird Sidetrip

Thursday, 9am–12pm | Harbor, bottom Ramp 3, turn right, M/V Torega
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

Join local bird expert Karl Stoltzfus of Bay Excursions as he shares his favorite birding places during a 3-hour cruise of Kachemak Bay. Look for kittlitz's and marbled murrelets, eiders, loons, shorebirds, and many other species, with excellent close-up viewing opportunities for all passengers. Enclosed boat with open back access; no facilities. **Limit 12. \$75 ea./\$45 kids 12 & under.**

Baby Birders: Let's Explore

Thursday, 10–11am | Sprout Family Services

Sprout invites Baby Birders ages 0–5 yrs. and their families to explore the natural materials in a birds world, practice their bird calls and listen to some great bird tales. This is an outdoor event so please make sure all birders, young and old, are dressed appropriately. Sprout is located at 3691 Ben Walters Lane. Join us in the Courtyard!

Gulls & Glaciers

Thursday, 10am–4pm | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

With your naturalist guide, cruise to Gull Island via water taxi to check out 12,000 nesting birds including puffins. From there we'll head to Glacier Spit Trailhead to hike up to Glacier Lake learning about the fascinating glaciology of Kachemak Bay. There will be a geological mystery to solve as well as snacks and hot drinks. Bring lunch, water, and layers. Meet at the True North Kayak Office at 9:45am **Limit 6. \$125 ea.**

Kayaking with Birds & Wildlife

Thursday, 10am–2pm | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

Enjoy a scenic water taxi ride to Yukon Island, disembark and paddle around the Island, watching for sea ducks, shorebirds, eagles and sea otters. Wear

warm, layered clothes and rain gear. Bring water and lunch. Light snacks and hot drinks provided. All experience levels welcome. Enclosed boat with open back access; no facilities. **Limit 15. \$95 ea./\$85 kids 12 & under.**

Pre-K Puffins: Special Session

Thursday, 10–11:30am | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Seminar Room

Join Alaska Maritime NWR educator Kendra Bush for this special session of Pre-K Puffins to learn all about loons, the 2020 Shorebird Festival featured bird! This educational program is designed for children ages 2–5 and will include early learning-centered activities, a craft, story time and a shorebird-themed snack. *Event fulfills one of the Junior Birder requirements.*

Guided Wildlife Tour & Hike
to Grewingk Glacier Lake

Thursday, 10:30am–4pm | Harbor Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

Captain Willy Dunne, experienced guide and local bird expert, will cruise to Gull Island with opportunities for up-close viewing of horned and tufted puffins, pigeon guillemots, cormorants, kittiwakes and murrelets. Then following the coast viewing sea ducks, otters and wildlife. The hike begins on Glacier Spit. Your hiking guide will lead you on an easy trail up the glacial moraine to the open beaches of Grewingk Glacier Lake, icebergs and mountain peaks. Returning on the Saddle trail with views of Halibut Cove. For more info see Alan's ad on page 32. **Limit 6. \$85 ea.**

eBird for Beginners

Thursday, 11–11:50am | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Auditorium

Join Kara Zwickay with Alaska Maritime NWR to discover how eBird will advance your interest in bird watching and citizen science. Discover tips and tricks for maintaining your list using the eBird mobile app, learn to share checklists with friends, explore the data entry and submission process, and get started using this free online birding tool!

Birding Hot Spots: Anchor River #2

Thursday, 12–4pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - meet in parking lot
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa with various guides)

Hop on the bus with guides Aaron Lang and Cindy Sisson to discover the hottest birding spots along the Anchor River. Seabirds, songbirds, shorebirds, water birds, raptors and more! Join our experienced guides for a 2.5 mile walk along the beach and Anchor River to its mouth. There's the potential to see rarities like Bristle-thighed Curlew, Glaucous Gulls or Horned Lark. More common are Whimbrels, yellowlegs, scoters, loons, guillemots, mergansers, "peeps", Harlequin Ducks, and murrelets. Wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots to walk in sand. Dress in layers and take water. A limited number of scopes will be available. **Limit 22. \$40 ea.**



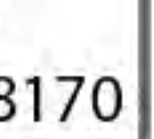
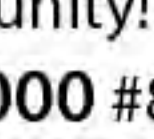
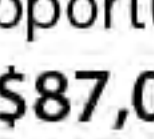
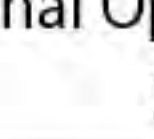
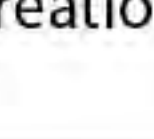
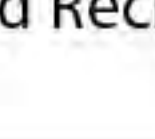
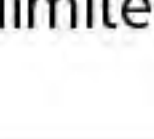
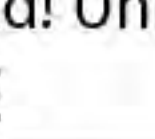
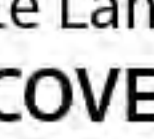
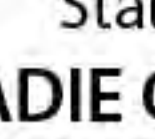
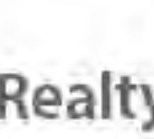
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THURSDAY, MAY 7TH**Movie Lunch Break:
St. Matthew Island—The Wildest Isle** 🎵📺Thursday, 12–12:15pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Auditorium
(AVAILABLE Th/F)

Join us for a screening of this brand new short film produced by Cornell Lab of Ornithology about one of the gems of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge: St. Matthew Island.

Beaks & Bills Boat Tour 🚤Thursday, 1–4pm | Harbor Ramp 3, M/V Seabird
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su - 8am & 1pm)

See Thursday, 8am listing for event description. Limit 14. \$75 ea./\$50 kids 12 & under.

Kayaking & Archaeology of Kachemak Bay 🚣Thursday, 1–5pm | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

Water taxi to Yukon Island, keeping an eye out for birds and wildlife. Then, we will kayak past ancient villages just as the Sugpiaq did 1,000 years ago; learn about the ways of the Sugpiaq and Dena'ina people and Frederika de Laguna, the spunky archeologist who explored our bay in the early 1930s. Limit 15. \$95 ea./\$85 kids 12 & under.

Marine Wildlife Tour 🚤Thursday, 1–3pm | Harbor, bottom Ramp 3, turn right, M/V Torega
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

Join Karl Stoltzfus for a two-hour trip on Kachemak Bay looking for birds and marine mammals. Highlights include Gull Island and areas with sea otters and other marine mammals that happen to be around. We will also keep a sharp eye out for shorebirds such as surfbirds and black turnstones. Limit 12. \$65 ea./\$35 kids 12 & under.

Pre-K Family Birding Walk 🦋📺

Thursday, 1–2pm | Louie's Lagoon

Join a CACS Naturalist on a walk focused on exploration and observation. Little ones and their families will look for bird signs and clues of feeding, walking and resting. Meet at Louie's Lagoon located halfway down the Homer Spit on the left. Binoculars provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult (but adults do not need to register). *This event fulfills one of the Junior Birder requirements.* Limit 20 kids. Free, but please register.**Songbirds and Their Nests** 🦋📺

Thursday, 1–1:50pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Auditorium

Local birder Mossy Kilcher presents her original movie, a Festival favorite featuring unique footage and sound. Witness Homer's local songbirds, their nests, habits, and habitats as we learn how to identify the birds by their songs.

Flow with the Birds: 1/2 Day Kayak Tour 🚣Thursday, 1:30–6pm | Harbor Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 9am listing for event description. Limit 12. \$90 ea.

**Basic Field Techniques
for Outdoor Photography** 📷📺Thursday, 2–5pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Seminar Room
(AVAILABLE Th/Sa)New to photography? Whether you are shooting with a phone or high end SLR, join photographer **David Shaw** in this field workshop to understand the basics of outdoor photography. In the classroom we'll cover photographic ethics, depth of field, shutter speed, ISO and how these things can impact the final image. Then we'll head outside to Beluga Slough for guided practice putting skills into action. Dress for the weather and bring your camera (or camera phone). Limit 20. \$25 ea.**Seabirds of Alaska** 🦋📺

Thursday, 2–2:50pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Auditorium

The Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge provides breeding habitat for 40 million nesting seabirds. Join **Marianne Aplin** to learn about these amazing birds of the sea.**Desert but not Deserted: The Islands of Baja** 🦋📺

Thursday, 3–3:50pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Auditorium

Between the Pacific Ocean and the Sea of Cortez, the state of Baja California Sur offers approximately 1,300 miles of coastline. During the winter, this area is teeming with marine mammals and avian life. From whales and sea lions to seabirds, there's always something to see. Join **Marc Webber** as he shares wonderful photos and stories of wildlife from around the area.**Bird Pottery and Painting
Art Workshop for Teens** 🦋📺

Thursday, 4:30–6pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Classroom

Special paint night for teens! Create a hand painted piece of pottery based on your favorite bird. Mingle with friends and enjoy snacks and beverages. Learn about art techniques and be inspired by artwork. Limit 15. \$15 ea.

PHOTOGRAPHY TRACK

**David Shaw****David Shaw** is an Alaska-based professional photographer & writer whose work has appeared in publications around the world. He is an instructor at the Digital Photography School and Expert Photography and holds degrees in wildlife biology with an emphasis on birds.

Join David for these photography workshops during the Festival:

Photography from BoatsThursday, May 7, 9am–12:30pm
Saturday, May 9, 9am–12:30pm**Basic Field Techniques
for Outdoor Photography**Thursday, May 7, 2–5pm
Saturday, May 9, 2–5pm**Birds in Flight Photography**

Friday, May 8 - 8:30–11am

**Shorebird Natural History
for Better Photos**

Friday, May 8, 2:30–3:30pm



Happy 50th Birthday Kachemak Bay State Park!!!

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6x6 ART & TRIP AUCTION



The 6x6 Art & Trip Auction is back by popular demand. Local artists and far-flung Festival friends have created unique, handmade pieces inspired by the many birds of Alaska. Each 6x6 piece will be auctioned online in support of the Festival. Submissions can be viewed at KBay Caffe starting April 3 and during the Festival at the Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges' booth at the Festival Headquarters.

Other items up for auction:

- Abbey Ulten's original Festival artwork
- Overnight stay in the Stanley Cabin at Jakalof Bay
- Water taxi rides with Bay Excursions
- Tickets to the AK Sealife Center
- Kayaking, massage, bird feeders, and more!

Proceeds benefit the Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival and ensure top-notch programs, speakers, and the ongoing legacy of the Festival.

Bidding opens April 3. **Bidding will close at noon on May 10.** Items may be picked up at Festival Headquarters, or arranged for mailing.

Visit our auction at:
biddingowl.com/kachemakshorebird

THURSDAY, MAY 7TH and FRIDAY, MAY 8TH

Viewing Stations:

Mud Bay & Lighthouse Village

Thursday, 4:30–6:30pm | Mud Bay and Lighthouse Village
(AVAILABLE: Th-4:30pm/F-5:30pm/Sa-7am & 6pm/Su-7am)

Join our knowledgeable guides at the base of the Spit for help locating and identifying shorebirds, waterfowl, and other birds feeding in the mudflats. Spotting scopes, binoculars, guidebooks and local expertise will be available. Birders of all levels welcome! Please park in designated areas only.

Coastal Studies Kick-Off Party

Thursday, 5–7pm | CACS Headquarters, 708 Smokey Bay Way

Join in this community potluck, featuring salmon chowder with program to follow. Special viewing of Sandhill Crane movie "shorts" and brief talk by local naturalist Nina Faust of Inspiration Ridge Preserve and Kachemak Crane Watch. Please bring a dish to share with all. **Limit 50. Free but please register.**

Film Series & Invited Speakers:

Shorebirds on Dynamic Boundaries

Thursday, 5:30–7pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Auditorium
(AVAILABLE Th/Su - 1:30pm)

For thousands of years, birds have been important food and cultural resources for Alaska's indigenous peoples. This selection of short films produced by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology beautifully portrays Alaska's shorebirds and their journeys across the world. Join a Yup'ik culture bearer and **Dr. Lili Naves** (ADF&G, Div. of Subsistence) as they share insights about the importance of birds in Alaska's subsistence cultures. Inspiring communities and other conservation partners along flyways, we celebrate shorebirds and connect to support their conservation for the generations of today and tomorrow. **Limit 120. \$5 ea.**

Birders, Brews, and Burgers

Thursday, 6–9pm | Beluga Lake Lodge

Come enjoy dinner and a beverage at Homer's Beluga Lake Lodge, located between downtown and the Spit. With views of Beluga Lake from both inside and deck seating, you're sure to spot several avian creatures. Dinner and drink specials will include burger basket or chicken strip basket and choice of beverage. **\$14 ea., pay on site.**

Evening at the Marsh

Thursday, 6:30–8:30pm | Beluga Lake Lower Platform
(AVAILABLE Th/Fr with various guides)

The birds of Beluga Lake and the surrounding boreal forest are attracted to this unique spot because of the freshwater, good habitat, and restful protected waters.

Beluga Lake has a wide variety of wildlife including moose, raptors, waterfowl, shorebirds and more. Join our skilled guides **Buzz Scher, Cindy Sisson and Carla Stanley** to see what shows up or flies out. Scopes, local knowledge and identification books will be available. Bring your binos and dress for the weather.

On-the-Wing Concert with Sunrise Sjoberg & Friends

Thursday, 7:30–9pm | Bunnell Street Arts Center, 106 West Bunnell Street

This annual concert, featuring lifelong Homer musician Sunrise Kilcher-Sjoberg and friends, showcases readings of original poetry by contributing poets, along with a variety of culturally diverse music, other performance art pieces, and slides. Poets are invited to present their original bird-related work during the concert. If interested in participating, contact Sunrise (907-235-7326) or the Bunnell by April 23. **Limit 75. \$15 ea.**



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High tide: 4:25pm 20.2' (3:32am 22.2')

Overlook Park Hike

Friday, 6am–2pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - meet in parking lot
(AVAILABLE F-6am/Su-7am)

This guided 10-mile hike journeys along the north shore of Kachemak Bay to Overlook Park, an undisturbed, remote pocket of native coastal habitat within the Alaska State Park system. View shorebirds, sea ducks, marine mammals, ravens and eagles along the way, plus songbirds and waterfowl around the ponds in the Park. This strenuous, all-day hike traverses steep, uneven terrain, creek crossings and unimproved trail. Bring binoculars, lunch, water, rain gear and sturdy, waterproof boots. Proceeds benefit the management of Overlook Park. Presented by Kachemak Bay Conservation Society, led by Laurie Daniel. **Limit 12. \$15 ea. (must be at least 12 years old).**

Morning at the Marsh

Friday, 6:30–8:30am | Beluga Lake Lower Platform
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 6:30am listing for event description. Guides for this event are **Cindy Sisson and Margeaux Marz.**

Barren Islands Birding

Friday, 7am–5pm | Harbor Ramp 2, Slip E-2, M/V Jackpot
(AVAILABLE F/Sa)

Visit the Barren Islands Bird Rookery on the Alaska Maritime NWR. A great opportunity to view pelagic seabirds, whales and more during this 100+ mile round trip journey with a naturalist on board. Dress warmly

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with rain gear and bring binoculars, bird books and cameras. Lunch included. Enclosed boat with open back access; has facilities. Sponsored by Rainbow Tours. This event is weather dependent. **Limit 20. \$169 ea.**

Cranes & Croissants 🕒🎵

Friday, 7–10am | Seaside Farm
(AVAILABLE Th/F)

See Thursday, 7am listing for event description.
Limit 30. \$20 ea./\$15 kids 12 & under.

Beginner Forest Songbird Walk 🕒🕒

Friday, 7:30–9am | Calvin & Coyle Trailhead
(AVAILABLE F/Sa with various guides)

Join Schantz Scholar **Hannah Clipp** and local expert **Jason Sodergren** for an introduction into the world of songbirds. Meet at the trailhead for a stroll through forest habitat as we listen for Homer's musical forest dwellers, building birding confidence and practicing your skills. Bring binos and dress for the weather. **Limit 20. \$7 ea.**

Intermediate/Advanced Songbird Walk 🕒🕒

Friday, 7:30–9am | Baycrest Trailhead

Join expert birder **George Matz** for this intermediate to advanced level guided walk through the upland habitats of the Baycrest ski trails looking for songbirds and other forest dwellers. Waterproof boots and rain jacket are recommended; bring binos and a scope if you have one. To find the trailhead, turn onto Rogers Loop Road and look for (or search) *Skyline Trailhead Parking*. **Limit 20. \$7 ea.**

Lake Clark National Park Bear & Bird Viewing 🚤

Friday, 7:30am–2:30pm | Anchor River State Rec. Area, Beach Tractor Launch
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 7:30am listing for event description. **Limit 6. \$300 ea.**

Beaks & Bills Boat Tour 🚤

Friday, 8–11am | Harbor Ramp 3, M/V Seabird
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su - 8am and 1pm)

See Thursday, 8am listing for event description.
Limit 14. \$75 ea./\$50 kids 12 & under.

Coldwater, Hot Birds 🚤

Friday, 8–11am | Harbor, bottom of Ramp 3, M/V Granite Cape
(AVAILABLE F/Su)

Coldwater Alaska and Wilderness Birding Adventures will show you some of their favorite birding spots on the Bay during this three-hour tour guided by Aaron Lang and Captain Brian Reid. Kachemak Bay is one of the richest marine environments in Alaska and this short tour will provide a

sampling of the diversity of birds and wildlife found at our doorstep. Almost anything is possible on this trip and we'll keep our route options open to take advantage of the serendipity of migration. **Limit 6. \$75 ea.**

Feathers & Fins Boat Tour 🚤

Friday, 8–10am | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 8am listing for event description. **Limit 12. \$70 ea.**

The Wise & Wonderful Journey 🚤

Friday, 8–10am | Harbor Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 8am listing for event description. **Limit 12. \$75 ea.**

Birding Hot Spots: Homer #3 🕒🕒

Friday, 8:30–11:45am | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - meet in parking lot
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa with various guides)

See Thursday, 8:30am listing for event description.
Guides for this event are Todd Eskelin and Sam Wilson. **Limit 22. \$30 ea.**

Birds in Flight Photography 📷🕒

Friday, 8:30–11am | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Seminar Room

One of the most challenging disciplines in wildlife photography is capturing birds in flight, an art and a science that can take years to master. With a little guidance, even beginner photographers can gain proficiency to capture sharp and well-composed images. The shores of Kachemak Bay providing a great opportunity to practice and learn. Join photographer and guide **David Shaw** for a field workshop discussing auto-focus modes, selecting focus points, equipment, and compositional techniques. We'll meet at Festival Headquarters to carpool/caravan to a prime birds-in-flight hot spot based on the weather. Dress for the weather and bring your camera. **Limit 20. \$25 ea.**

Cold Duck Time 🚤

Friday, 8:30–11am | Harbor, top of Ramp 2, Boat House Pavilion
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa)

See Thursday, 8:30am listing for event description. **Limit 12. \$60 ea.**

Keynote Workshop:**Drawing Shorebirds with Catherine Hamilton** 🖌️

Friday, 8:30–10:30am | Pratt Museum
(AVAILABLE F/Sa)

Join **Keynote Speaker Catherine Hamilton** to learn a little about what makes shorebirds special, and so fun to draw. We will start with an exploration of techniques

**Live Bird Demonstrations**

Saturday, May 9

Two shows: 11am and 12:15pm
Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Seminar Room
Limit 40. \$8 ea.

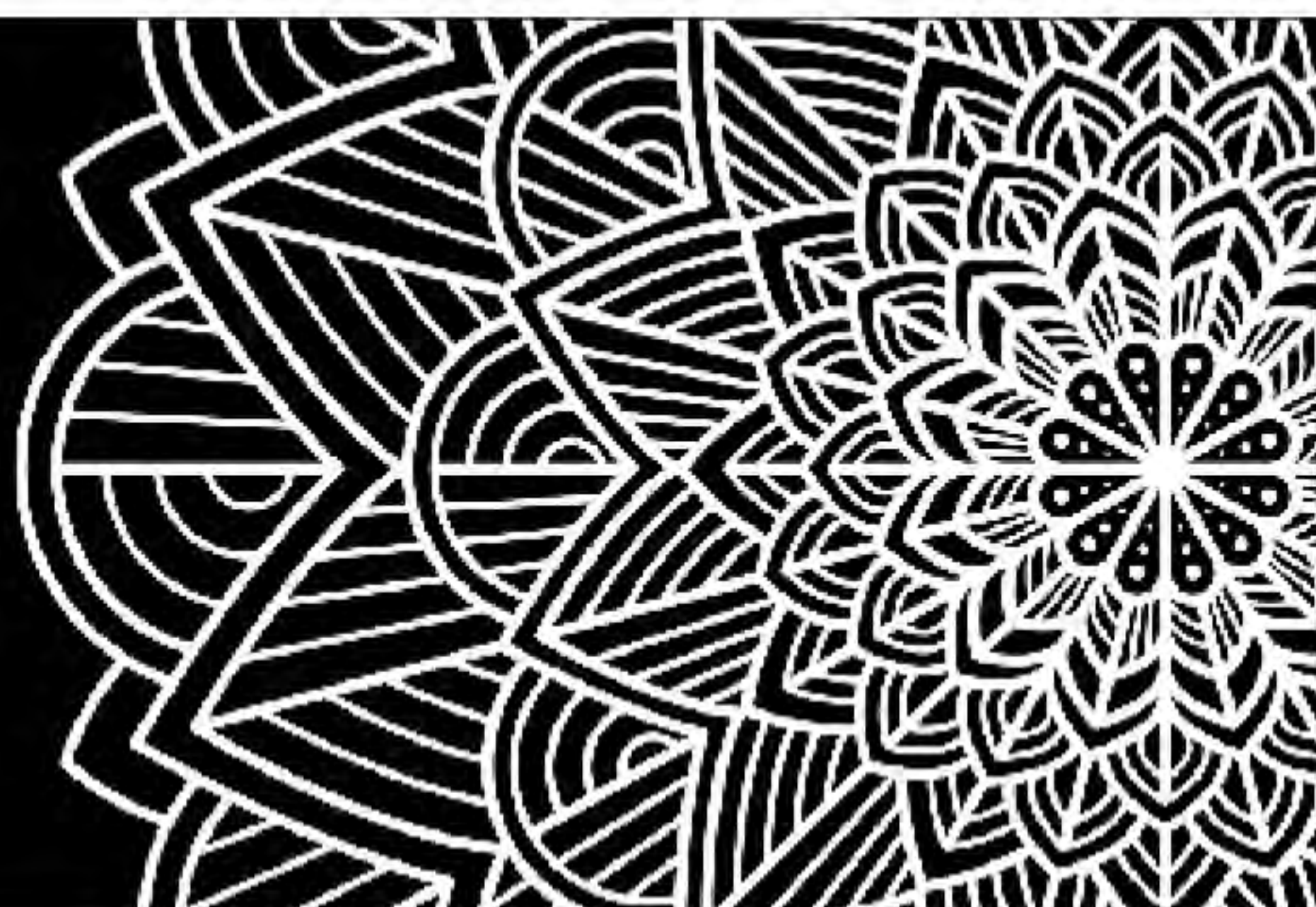
Informal Presentation at Birder's Coffee

Sunday, May 10, 9–11am
Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center

Alaska's Avian Rehabilitation and Education Specialists

Bird Treatment and Learning Center (Bird TLC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to rehabilitative sick, injured or orphaned wild birds and providing live avian educational presentations to the public.

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Shorebirds on Dynamic Boundaries

A selection of films, produced by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, will highlight shorebirds along their global migrations. A discussion with invited speakers, Dr. Liliana Naves, Alaska Department of Fish & Game, Division of Subsistence, and a Yup'ik culture bearer whose experiences are showcased in "Voices of the Pacific Flyway" will follow. The films and discussion will shed light on humans' connections to shorebirds and the importance of conservation along the entire migration corridor.

Films Include:

- *Voices of the Pacific Flyway*
- *Birds of the Yellow Sea*
- *Wetland Loss in the Yellow Sea*
- *Alaska's Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge*

Two Screenings:

- Thursday, May 7, 5:30pm
- Sunday, May 10, 1:30pm

Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Auditorium, \$5 ea.

and tips on how to sketch birds and the unique characteristics of shorebirds. Then, using the avian collections of the Pratt Museum, we'll put our skills into practice. Open to all levels and interests in sketching—everyone from birders who want to take field notes all the way to serious artists are welcome! Limit 20. \$25 ea.

Kachemak Bay Birding, Wildlife & Natural History Tour

Friday, 8:30am–3pm | Harbor Ramp 6, Slip EE-21, M/V Pinbone (AVAILABLE W/Th/F)

See Wednesday, 8:30am listing for event description. Limit 6. \$175 ea.

Tidepooling & Birding in Seldovia

Friday, 8:30am–3pm | Harbor Ramp 3, M/V Beowulf (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa)

See Thursday, 8:30am listing for event description. Limit 12. \$195 ea.

Flow with the Birds: 1/2 Day Kayak Tour

Friday, 9am–1:30pm | Harbor Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 9:30am listing for event description. Limit 12. \$90 ea.

Observing Diving Alcids with ROV Technology

Friday, 9am–12pm | Harbor Ramp 2, M/V Orca (AVAILABLE F/Sa/Su)

Kachemak Bay provides incredible opportunities to view diving alcids at the surface. Now recent technological innovations have provided us an opportunity to observe what these amazing birds look like foraging below the water line. Come aboard the heated Orca landing craft with Captain Curt and his ROV to marvel at these agile animals. The Remote Operated Underwater Vehicle will give us a unique, up-close view of these sea birds in their aquatic world. Limit 6. \$80 ea./\$60 kids 12 & under.

Rock Sandpiper Subspecies ID: Winter & Spring

Friday, 9–9:50am | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Auditorium

There are three subspecies of Rock sandpiper, Alaska's Beringia shorebird. All three subspecies annually winter in, or migrate through the Lower Cook Inlet region. Join local favorite Buzz Scher for this talk exploring possible field marks for identifying each of the three Rock sandpiper subspecies expected in Homer in winter and spring.

Seabird Sidetrip

Friday, 9am–12pm | Harbor, bottom Ramp 3, turn right, M/V Torega (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 9am for event description. Limit 12. \$75 ea./\$45 kids 12 & under.

Birds & Tides Family Walk

Friday, 9:30–11:30am | Bishop's Beach - meet in parking lot

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Join a CACS Naturalist on a walk on the beach to learn how to identify birds and what they eat. Binoculars will be available for use. *This event fulfills one of the Junior Birder requirements. Free, but please register.*

Seabirding 101: Workshop & Boat Trip

Friday, 9:30am–1pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Seminar Room (AVAILABLE F/Sa)

Join Festival favorite Raymond Van Buskirk in this workshop combining classroom learning with on-the-water application of new birding skills. First, we will discuss tips for identifying alcids and other ocean-going avifauna, then we'll venture out on Kachemak Bay by boat to put our new skills to the test. Spend time on the water separating Kittlitz's from Marbled Murrelets and at Gull Island getting our Common Murre, Pigeon Guillemot, and Tufted Puffin fix. Meet inside for the first hour, then carpool to the Homer Harbor for an 11am departure with True North Kayak Adventures. Limit 12. \$130 ea.

Gulls & Glaciers

Friday, 10am–4pm | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 10am listing for event description. Limit 6. \$125 ea.

Kayaking with Birds & Wildlife

Friday, 10am–2pm | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 10am listing for event description. Limit 15. \$95 ea./\$85 kids 12 & under.

Managing for the Birds

Friday, 10–10:50am | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Auditorium

In this talk, Refuge Manager Keely Lopez explains the main methods she and her staff use to actively manage wetland habitats for the hundreds of thousands of migrating and wintering waterfowl on four National Wildlife Refuges in the Columbia Basin region of Washington and Oregon.

Guided Wildlife Tour & Hike to Grewingk Glacier Lake

Friday, 10:30am–4pm | Harbor Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 10:30am listing for event description. Limit 6. \$85 ea.

All About Optics

Friday, 11am–12pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Seminar Room



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In this workshop **Adrian Lesak** will cover the anatomy, function, quality, and use of binoculars and spotting scopes with special emphasis on weighing trade-offs and choosing the right optic for you. Learn how to clean and care for your optics and how to pair them with digiscopes to take pictures through your optics. **Limit 30. \$5 ea.**

Who Cares? Males or Females?

Friday, 11–11:50am | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Auditorium

Shorebirds have an extraordinary diversity in how they mate and care for their young. Sometimes there is a sole female parent, or two parents, or even sequential and simultaneous polyandry with sole male parental care. In this talk, biologist **David Lank** uses examples to illuminate the ways in which environmental factors affect how birds of each sex provide care for their young, or seek additional reproductive opportunities.

VIP Birding Hot Spots with Keynote Catherine Hamilton #4

Friday, 11:30am–3pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - meet in parking lot (AVAILABLE F/Sa with Eli Knapp)

Keynote Speaker Catherine Hamilton joins local guide, **Aaron Lang** and you for a VIP tour of the area's birding Hot Spots. Catherine will share stories from her adventures as an artist and bird conservationist as well as birding tips as you are transported by bus to the Spit, the Slough, the Lake and other birding hot spots in the area. This intimate experience with our Keynote Speaker will be a birding experience to remember. Dress in layers for the weather. Wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots to walk in sand. Bring along water and lunch. **Limit 22. \$45 ea.**

Birding Hot Spots: Anchor River #4

Friday, 12–4pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - meet in parking lot (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa with various guides)

See Thursday, 12pm listing for event description. Guides for this event are **Dave Erikson** and **Margeaux Marz**. **Limit 22. \$40 ea.**

Movie Lunch Break:**St. Matthew Island—The Wildest Isle**

Friday, 12–12:15pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Auditorium (AVAILABLE Th/F)

See Thursday, 12pm listing for event description.

Keynote Workshop: Birding by Ear

Friday, 12:30–2pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Seminar Room

When people ask **Keynote Speaker Eli Knapp** how he finds time to go birding, his answer is: I never go birding. Why? Because he's always birding.

Birding doesn't actually require seeing any birds at all. While we all love to see birds, hearing them—and discerning the songster—may not be as hard as you think. In this workshop we'll discuss simple tricks to get you tuned in to nature's chorus. By the end, you'll have ten new calls up your sleeve so that you can always be birding too. **Limit 25. \$20 ea.**

Land Trust Van Tour

Friday, 12:30–2:30pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - meet in parking lot

Kachemak Heritage Land Trust (KHLT), a Homer based non-profit organization, preserves critical fish, bird, and wildlife habitat, as well as recreational lands on the Kenai Peninsula for the future. Join us for a fun and informative guided van tour to a variety of treasured lands protected by KHLT. We'll visit our Calvin and Coyle Nature Trail, our Effler Trail, Nancy Hillstrand's recently protected 302 acre Let Nature Sing Wildlife Preserve in the Bridge Creek Watershed Protection District—the source of Homer's drinking water, and view irreplaceable landscapes in the Diamond Creek watershed. This tour offers fantastic photo opportunities as well as gaining knowledge of the importance of land trusts nationwide. **Limit 22. Free, but please register.**

Landscape Painting

Friday, 12:30–3:30pm | Bishop's Beach Pavilion (AVAILABLE F/Sa)

Join artists **Lorri Davis** and **David Pettibone** for a plein air landscape painting workshop at the pavilion at Bishop's Beach. Take home a finished painting of the lush landscape that makes Kachemak Bay a springtime home for migrating birds. With any luck, we could have some unwitting shorebirds model for us as we paint. No experience necessary, supplies included in the fee. **Limit 10. \$75 ea. (ages 12 & up).**

Beaches, Birds, Brew & Oysters Too!

Friday, 1–5pm | CACS Yurt on the Spit (AVAILABLE F/Sa)

Hop on the van, departing from the CACS Yurt on the Spit near the top of Homer Harbor Ramp 2. A CACS Naturalist will lead intertidal exploration on the Homer Spit then head up to Skyline Drive on the bluff above Homer to spot birds of the Boreal Forest, and then you'll land on a stool at Homer Brewing Company for a sampler of Fresh Traditional Country Ales and Kachemak Bay Oysters. **Limit 10. \$85 ea.**

Beaks & Bills Boat Tour

Friday, 1–4pm | Harbor Ramp 3, M/V Seabird (AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su - 8am & 1pm)

See Thursday, 8am listing for event description. **Limit 14. \$75 ea./\$50 kids 12 & under.**



VIEWING STATIONS

Viewing Stations

Mud Bay & Lighthouse Village

- Thursday Evening, 4:30–6pm
- Friday Evening, 5:30–7:30pm
- Saturday Morning, 7–9am
- Saturday Evening, 6–8pm
- Sunday Morning, 7–9am

Family Viewing Stations

- Friday, 6–7pm
Beluga Slough Trail Picnic Table
- Saturday, 3:30–4:30pm
Beluga Lake Platform

Mornings at the Marsh

Beluga Lake Platform

Thursday through Sunday, 6:30–8:30am

Evenings at the Marsh

Beluga Lake Platform

Thursday & Friday, 6:30–8:30pm

Current bird sightings list will be posted at Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center, and at kachemakbaybirders.org

Check out the **SHOREBIRD CHECKLIST** on page 15!

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Hannah Clipp

Hannah Clipp discovered a passion for birding and bird research six years ago during a summer spent studying dickcissels and other grassland songbirds on Konza Prairie in Kansas. Hannah recently completed her Master's degree in Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware, where she used weather surveillance radar data to study landbird migration and stopover ecology along the northern coast of the Gulf of Mexico. She is currently a PhD student in the West Virginia Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at West Virginia University. Hannah's dissertation research focuses on the effects of climate change and landscape-scale forest management on avian communities, abundance, and nest success in the Appalachian Mountains.

Beginner Forest Songbird Walk

Friday, May 9, 7:30–9am
Calvin & Coyle Trail

Schantz Scholar Talk with Hannah Clipp: A Look at Bird Migration with Weather Radar

Friday, May 8, 3–3:50pm
Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Auditorium

Welcome Reception

Friday, May 8, 4–6pm
Homer Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center

Schantz Brothers Foundation: Encouraging the Passionate Study of Birds & Birdlife

The foundation was established in the memory of twin brothers Timothy and Tom Schantz. Family and friends of the Schantz twins have established this memorial foundation to encourage the study of birds and birdlife as a way to honor the passion for both Alaska and birds shared by these brothers. Accordingly, the foundation awards a trip to the Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival every calendar year. Learn more at schantzbird.org



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Bird Song, Mark Making, & the Creative Process

Friday, 1–4pm | Pratt Museum

This workshop, facilitated by Alaskan artist Mary Bee Kaufman, combines both our visual and auditory senses as we respond to the shapes and sounds of Kachemak Bay. We will look at how other artists have interpreted music in the past. We will use demonstrations and exercises to develop our abilities to interpret music and sound. Our goal will be to find ways to express the sound of birds through our art. **Limit 12. \$20 ea.**

Crane Teachings

Friday, 1–3pm | 58335 Cranewings Court
(AVAILABLE F/Su)

Celebrate the cranes' return with a fun workshop led by local artist Mavis Muller at her Homer studio overlooking open crane habitat. Mavis wrote and illustrated a limited-edition workbook that has 20 chapters and accompanying pack of 20 flash cards - yours to keep after the workshop. These teachings are gifts of inspiration and insight from the majestic, migratory Sandhill crane. The cards are a fun way to open a door to a new world speaking through the ways of these wise sky travelers. From East End Rd., right on Seaside Farm, left on Cranewings Ct. **Limit 6. \$40 ea.**

Creatures of the Dock Tours

Friday, 1–3pm | CACS Yurt on the Spit
(AVAILABLE F/Sa/Su)

Take a tour of the amazing intertidal life right under your feet at Homer Harbor docks. Based out of the CACS Yurt on the Spit, a trained naturalist will guide you through an amazing exploration of invertebrate life in our Harbor! Creatures of the Dock Tours leave from the yurt on Homer Spit at the entrance to Ramp 2, Homer Harbor, conveniently located 10 minutes from downtown Homer (nearest GPS address is 4350 Homer Spit Road). **Limit 30. \$10 ea./\$5 kids 12 & under/kids under 2 free.**

Kayaking & Archeology of Kachemak Bay

Friday, 1–5pm | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 1pm listing for event description. **Limit 15. \$95 ea./\$85 kids 12 & under.**

Marine Wildlife Tour

Friday, 1–3pm | Harbor, bottom Ramp 3, turn right, M/V Torega
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 1pm listing for event description. **Limit 12. \$65 ea./\$35 kids 12 & under.**

Tufted Puffins of the Barren Islands

Friday, 1–1:50pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Auditorium

For successful breeding, tufted puffins need protection from predators, good soil for burrow-digging, and productive ocean water for food-gathering. Sixty miles southwest of Homer, the Barren Islands provide all of this for tens of thousands of tufted puffins each summer. Join Alaska Maritime NWR's Arthur Kettle for this talk about tufted puffins, the Barren Islands' land and sea habitat, and tufted puffin ecological monitoring.

Flow with the Birds: 1/2 Day Kayak Tour

Friday, 1:30–6pm | Harbor Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 9am listing for event description. **Limit 12. \$90 ea.**

Tufted Puffins: Distribution, Threats & Challenges

Friday, 2–2:50pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Auditorium

The tufted puffin is an iconic seabird found in the North Pacific Ocean, nesting in colonies on off-shore islands of Japan, Russia, British Columbia and the United States. Join Catherine Yeargan for a brief overview of the tufted puffin's current distribution, a discussion of current and future threats and challenges facing the tufted puffin, and conservation actions that have been implemented across its range.

Shorebird Natural History for Better Photos

Friday, 2:30–3:30pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Seminar Room

As a photographer and wildlife biologist specializing in migratory birds, David Shaw knows camera settings only go so far. By knowing something about the animals we are photographing we are better equipped to tell their stories through our images. Knowing habitat and migration patterns helps us find our quarry in the field. Understanding behavior helps us time our outings to maximize encountering exciting activity. In this classroom session, we'll discuss how shorebird natural history applies to image-making, and discuss what tools are available to research other species of interest to participants. **Limit 30. \$5 ea.**

Schantz Scholar Hannah Clipp: A Look at Bird Migration with Weather Radar

Friday, 3–3:50pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Auditorium

Whether witnessing a storm of shorebirds descending upon Kachemak Bay, a fallout of landbirds along the coast of the Gulf of Mexico, or a river of raptors filling the skies of Veracruz, bird migration is one of the greatest spectacles in the world. In the US, that spectacle can be detected and measured on a



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nationwide scale by a network of weather surveillance radars. **Schantz Scholar Hannah Clipp** explains the use of weather surveillance radars in detecting birds and wildlife, and reviews their applications in avian research and management, with examples from her Master's thesis and other interesting studies.

Discovery Lab: Looney Loons

Friday, 3–5pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Lab Classroom
(AVAILABLE W/F)

See Wednesday, 3pm listing for event description.

Intermediate/Advanced Shorebird Walk

Friday, 4–5:30pm | Mud Bay Spit

Expert birder and member of the Kachemak Bay Birders, **George Matz** leads this walk out onto the small sandy spit that stretches into Mud Bay. Park in the lot by the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve on Kachemak Drive, walk west through the long-term parking lot to meet at the gated road to Mud Bay Spit. Rubber boots recommended; bring binos and/or a scope. **Limit 20. \$7 ea.**

Welcome Reception:**Keynotes, Presenters, Scholar & Artist**

Friday, 4–6pm | Homer Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center

Come meet and mingle with this year's honored guests! Join us as we welcome Keynote Speakers **Catherine Hamilton** and **Eli Knapp**, copies of whose book will be available for purchase courtesy of Homer Bookstore. Festival partners and presenters will be on hand, as well as 2020 Schantz Scholars **Hannah Clipp**. Festival Artist, **Abbey Ullen** will be offering prints for sale. Enjoy refreshments sponsored by Bear Creek Winery, Schooler Nolan Wines, Homer Brewing Co., Grace Ridge Brewing, and the Homer Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center.

Stencil a Junior Birder T-Shirt

Friday, 4:30–6pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Seminar Room

Stencil your own Shorebird T-Shirt. Choose from 3 new Shorebird stencils, designed by artist Lorri L. Davis, for your T-Shirt. All materials provided; wear appropriate clothes. **Limit 18. \$25 ea. (ages 5–13).**

Viewing Stations:**Mud Bay & Lighthouse Village**

Friday, 5:30–7:30pm | Mud Bay and Lighthouse Village
(AVAILABLE Th-4:30pm/F-5:30pm/Sa-7am & 6pm/Su-7am)

See Thursday, 4:30pm for listing for event description.

Family Viewing Station

Friday, 6–7pm | Beluga Slough Trail Picnic Table
(AVAILABLE F/Sa - 3:30pm)

Join CACS **Beth Trowbridge** and Alaska Maritime NWR's **Kendra Bush** at the Beluga Lake Lower Viewing Platform to spot some waterfowl, shorebirds, moose and raptors. We will have kid friendly scopes and binoculars. Open to all ages and experience levels. *This event fulfills one of the Junior Birder requirements.*

Beginner Shorebird Walk

Friday, 6:30–7:30pm | Bishop's Beach Pavilion
(AVAILABLE F/Su-12:30pm with various guides)

Join **Dale Chorman** and **Margeaux Marz** for an introduction into the world of shorebirds. Meet at the beach pavilion for a stroll along the beach and slough to see what flies in. Understand some basic shorebird identification, build birding confidence and practice your skills. Bring binos and dress for the weather. **Limit 20. \$7 ea.**

Evening at the Marsh

Friday, 6:30–8:30pm | Beluga Lake Lower Platform
(AVAILABLE Th/Fr with various guides)

See Thursday, 6:30pm listing for event description.

Guides for this event are **Kristine Sowl** and **Sam Wilson**.

Shorebird Trivia Night

Friday, 7–9pm | Alice's Champagne Palace

You don't need to be an expert birder for this event. Gather a team and head to Alice's for fun bird themed trivia! Teams pay \$5 per person (at the door) with a max of 6 people per team, 15 teams total. Costumes are encouraged and may be given extra points! **Limit 90. \$5 at the door.**



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High tide: 5:13pm 19.5' (4:13am 21.8')

Morning at the Marsh

Saturday, 6:30–8:30am | Beluga Lake Lower Platform
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 6:30am listing for event description. Guides for this event are **Dale Chorman** and **Rick Kleinleder**.

Barren Islands Birding

Saturday, 7am–5pm | Harbor Ramp 2, Slip E-2, M/V Jackpot
(AVAILABLE F/Sa)

See Friday, 7am listing for event description. **Limit 20. \$169 ea**

SPRING SIGHTINGS



Photo courtesy of USFWS

Kachemak Bay is home not only to the spring shorebird migration, but many other hard-to-find bird species as well. Early May brings the first warblers and swallows to Homer, along with Sandhill Cranes, Arctic and Aleutian Terns, Fork-tailed Storm-petrels and Puffins, both Tufted and Horned. Cormorants, Common Murres and Black-legged Kittiwakes can be found near their nesting sites on Gull Island, and Common Eider, Pigeon Guillemot, Marbled and Kittlitz's Murrelets are visible on Kachemak Bay. Look for Eurasian Wigeons in Mud Bay and Beluga Lake. Find American Three-toed and Hairy Woodpeckers in the spruce wood areas. And, though not a shorebird, the always-sought-after Bald Eagle can be spotted frequently on shore and in the sky. Many of the 236 species of birds recorded for Kachemak Bay may be visible during Shorebird Festival weekend.

For a complete species list stop by the Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center or go online: kachemakbaybirders.org



Decorative Shorebird Carvings

By award-winning Alaskan folk artist David Personius

*A collection of hand-carved shorebirds celebrating
the 28th Annual Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival*

*Viewing and sale May 8–9 10:00 am to 6:00 pm & May 10 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Land's End Resort front lobby*

JUNIOR BIRDER PROGRAM

For kids ages 5–10

The Junior Birder program gets youth and families outside to learn birding basics. Attend family-friendly Festival events and complete a personal birding journal. New Junior Birders can earn their badge while returning Junior Birders can earn great birding-related prizes. New and returning Junior Birders can sign up and pick up their packet and notebook at registration.

Look for this icon  for Junior Birder events!

Some of this year's Junior Birder activities include, but are not limited to:

- Discovery Labs: Looney Loons
- Family Viewing Stations
- Pre-K Puffins Special Sessions
- Birds & Tides Family Walk
- Kids Bird Film on Saturday Night

Go to our website for information about Junior Birder requirements:

kachemakshorebird.org/JuniorBirder

Junior Birder Badge Award Ceremony

Sunday, May 12

12:30–1pm

Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Auditorium



Sponsored by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies, Kachemak Bay Research Reserve, UAA, and the Pratt Museum.

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Viewing Stations:

Mud Bay & Lighthouse Village

Saturday, 7–9am | Mud Bay and Lighthouse Village
(AVAILABLE Th-4:30pm/F-5:30pm/Sa-7am & 6pm/Su-7am)

See Thursday, 4:30pm for listing for event description.

Beginner Forest Songbird Walk

Saturday, 7:30–9am | Calvin & Coyle Trailhead
(AVAILABLE F/Sa with various guides)

See Friday, 7:30am for event description. Guides for this event are Seth Spencer and Sam Wilson. Limit 20. \$7 ea.

Lake Clark National Park Bear & Bird Viewing

Saturday, 7:30am–2:30pm | Anchor River State Rec. Area, Beach Tractor Launch
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 7:30am listing for event description. Limit 6. \$300 ea.

Beaks & Bills Boat Tour

Saturday, 8–11am | Harbor Ramp 3, M/V Seabird
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su - 8am and 1pm)

See Thursday, 8am listing for event description.

Limit 14. \$75 ea./\$50 kids 12 & under.

Coldwater, Hot Birds

Saturday, 8–11am | Harbor, bottom of Ramp 3, M/V Granite Cape
(AVAILABLE F/Sa)

See Friday, 8am listing for event description. Limit 6. \$75 ea.

Feathers & Fins Boat Tour

Saturday, 8–10am | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 8am listing for event description. Limit 12. \$70 ea.

The Wise & Wonderful Journey

Saturday, 8–10am | Harbor Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 8am listing for event description. Limit 12. \$75 ea.

Upper Kachemak Bay Wildlife Tour

Saturday, 8am–12:30pm | Harbor Ramp 2, Slip E-1, M/V Rainbow Connection

Join us aboard the 65' M/V Rainbow Connection for a trip to the rich

shorebird feeding area near the Fox, Sheep and Bradley Rivers. Explore the head of Kachemak Bay, with a visit to Bear Cove, Aurora Lagoon, Glacier Spit, and a stop at the Gull Island bird rookery. Continental breakfast included. Enclosed boat with open back access; has facilities. Sponsored by Rainbow Tours. Limit 70. \$69 ea./\$45 kids 12 & under.

Birding Hot Spots: Homer #6

Saturday, 8:30–11:45am | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - meet in parking lot
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa with various guides)

See Thursday, 8:30am listing for event description. Guides for this event are Kristine Sowl and Margeaux Marz. Limit 22. \$30 ea.

Cold Duck Time

Saturday, 8:30–11am | Harbor, top of Ramp 2, Boat House Pavilion
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa)

See Thursday, 8:30am listing for event description. Limit 12. \$60 ea.

Keynote Workshop:

Drawing Shorebirds with Catherine Hamilton

Saturday, 8:30–10:30am | Pratt Museum
(AVAILABLE F/Sa)

See Friday, 8:30am listing for event description. Limit 20. \$25 ea.

Tidepooling & Birding in Seldovia

Saturday, 8:30am–3pm | Harbor Ramp 3, M/V Beowulf
(AVAILABLE F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 8:30am listing for event description. Limit 12. \$195 ea.

Bird Walks for Absolute Beginners

Saturday, 9–10am | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - meet in lobby

Beginning birders are invited to this 1-hour walk along the Beluga Slough Trail with Alaska Maritime NWR Staff and guides. Participants will discover the basics of birding including binocular use, bird songs ID and behavior, keeping a list, and sharpening observation skills.

Flow with the Birds: 1/2 Day Kayak Tour

Saturday, 9am–1:30pm | Harbor Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 9:30am listing for event description. Limit 12. \$90 ea.



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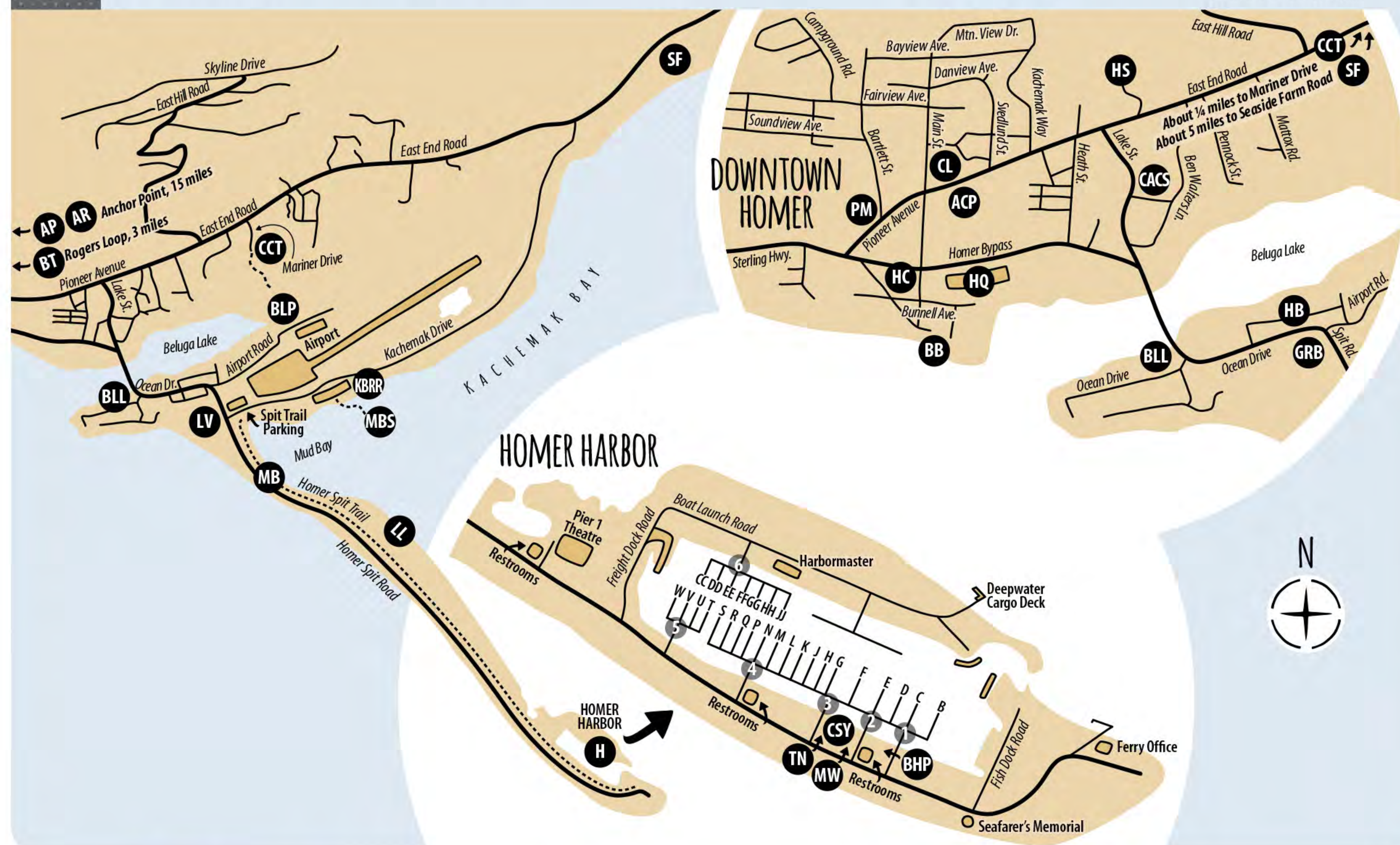
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Map KEY

- MB**.....Mud Bay
(Shorebird Viewing Station)
MBS.....Mud Bay Spit
MW.....Mako's Water Taxi
PM.....Pratt Museum
SF.....Seaside Farms
TN.....True North Kayak



Shorebird CHECKLIST

_____ Dunlin

_____ Short-billed Dowitcher

_____ Long-billed Dowitcher, **u**

_____ Wilson's Snipe

_____ Red-necked Phalarope

_____ Red Phalarope, **R**

_____ Red-necked Stint, **R**

_____ Temminck's Stint, **R**

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Shorebird Festival Schedule

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EVENT KEY:

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 Junior Birder

 Boat Tour

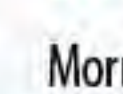
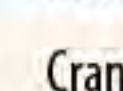
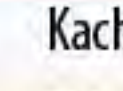
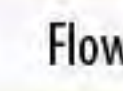
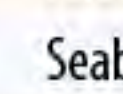
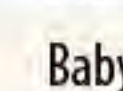
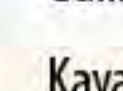
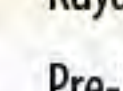
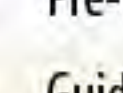
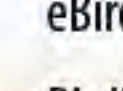
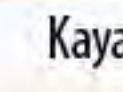
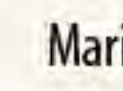
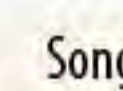
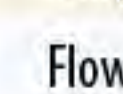
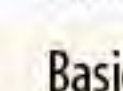
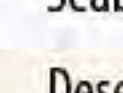
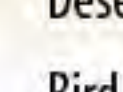
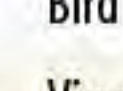
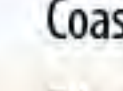
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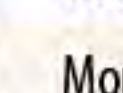
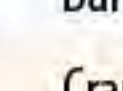
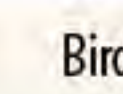
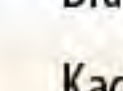
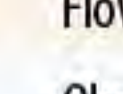
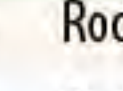
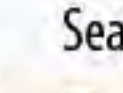
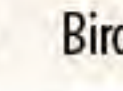
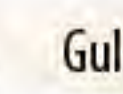
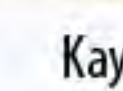
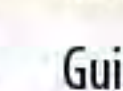
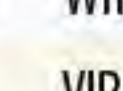
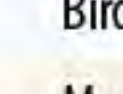
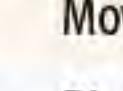
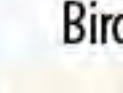
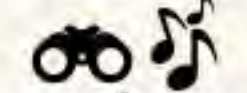
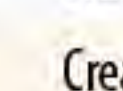
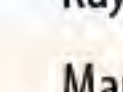
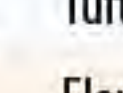
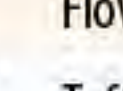
Wednesday, May 6 *Registration: 12–5pm High tide: 2:50pm 19.85' (2:12am 20.94')*

TIME	KEY	EVENT TITLE	LOCATION	COST
8:30am–3pm		Kachemak Bay Birding, Wildlife, & Natural History Tour	H, Ramp 6, M/V Pinbone	\$175
3–5pm	 	Discovery Lab: Looney Loons	HQ - Lab	
6–7pm	 	Family Birding Walk	KBRR	

Thursday, May 7 *Registration: 8am–6pm High tide: 3:38pm 20.3' (2:52am 21.9')*

TIME	KEY	EVENT TITLE	LOCATION	COST
6:30–8:30am	 	Morning at the Marsh	BLP	
7–10am	 	Cranes & Croissants	SF	\$20/\$15 kids
7:30am–2:30pm		Lake Clark National Park Bear & Bird Viewing	AR	\$300
8–11am		Beaks & Bills Boat Tour	H, Ramp 3, M/V Seabird	\$75/\$50 kids
8–10am		Feathers & Fins Boat Tour	H, Ramp 2, TN	\$70
8–10am		The Wise & Wonderful Journey	H, Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk	\$75
8:30–11:45am		Birding Hot Spots: Homer #1	HQ - Parking lot	\$30
8:30–11am		Cold Duck Time	H, Ramp 2, BHP	\$60
8:30am–3pm		Kachemak Bay Birding, Wildlife & Natural History Tour	H, Ramp 6, M/V Pinbone	\$175
8:30–3pm	 	Tidepooling & Birding in Seldovia	H, Ramp 3, M/V Beowulf	\$195
9am–1:30pm		Flow with the Birds: 1/2 Day Kayak Tour	H, Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk	\$90
9am–12:30pm	 	Photography from Boats	H, top of Ramp 2, BHP	\$130
9am–12pm		Seabird Sidetrip	H, Ramp 3, M/V Torega	\$75/\$45 kids
10–11am	 	Baby Birders: Let's Explore	Sprout Family Services	
10am–4pm	 	Gulls & Glaciers	H, Ramp 2, TN	\$125
10am–2pm		Kayaking with Birds & Wildlife	H, Ramp 2, TN	\$95/\$85 kids
10–11:30am	 	Pre-K Puffins: Special Session	HQ - Seminar room	
10:30am–4pm	 	Guided Wildlife Tour & Hike to Grewingk Glacier Lake	H, Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk	\$85
11–11:50am	 	eBird for Beginners	HQ - Auditorium	
12–4pm		Birding Hot Spots: Anchor River #2	HQ - Parking lot	\$40
12–12:15pm	 	Movie Lunch Break: St. Matthew Island	HQ - Auditorium	
1–4pm		Beaks & Bills Boat Tour	H, Ramp 3, M/V Seabird	\$75/\$50 kids
1–5pm		Kayaking & Archeology of Kachemak Bay	H, Ramp 2, TN	\$95/\$85 kids
1–3pm		Marine Wildlife Tour	H, Ramp 3, M/V Torega	\$65/\$35 kids
1–2pm	 	Pre-K Family Birding Walk	LL	
1–1:50pm	 	Songbirds and Their Nests	HQ - Auditorium	
1:30–6pm		Flow with the Birds: 1/2 Day Kayak Tour	H, Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk	\$90
2–5pm	 	Basic Field Techniques for Outdoor Photography	HQ - Seminar room	\$25
2–2:50pm	 	Seabirds of Alaska	HQ - Auditorium	
3–3:50pm	 	Desert but not Deserted: The Islands of Baja	HQ - Auditorium	
4:30–6pm		Bird Pottery and Painting Art Workshop for Teens	HQ - Lab	\$15
4:30–6:30pm	 	Viewing Stations: Mud Bay & Lighthouse Village	MB, LV	
5–7pm	 	Coastal Studies Kick-Off Party	CACS	
5:30–7pm	 	Film Series: Shorebirds on Dynamic Boundaries	HQ - Auditorium	\$5
6–9pm		Birders, Brews, & Burgers	BLL	\$14
6:30–8:30pm	 	Evening At the Marsh	BLP	
7:30–9pm		On-the-Wing Concert with Sunrise Sjöberg & Friends	Bunnell Street Arts Center	\$15

Friday, May 8 *Registration: 8am–6pm High tide: 4:25pm 20.2' (3:32am 22.2')*

TIME	KEY	EVENT TITLE	LOCATION	COST
6am–2pm		Overlook Park Hike	HQ - Parking lot	\$15
6:30–8:30am	 	Morning at the Marsh	BLP	
7am–5pm		Barren Islands Birding	H, Ramp 2, M/V Jackpot	\$169
7–10am	 	Cranes & Croissants	SF	\$20/\$15 kids
7:30–9am		Beginner Forest Songbird Walk	CCT	\$7
7:30–9am		Intermediate/Advanced Songbird Walk	BT	\$7
7:30am–2:30pm		Lake Clark National Park Bear & Bird Viewing	AR	\$300
8–11am		Beaks & Bills Boat Tour	H, Ramp 3, M/V Seabird	\$75/\$50 kids
8–11am		Coldwater, Hot Birds	H, Ramp 3, M/V Granite Cape	\$75
8–10am		Feathers & Fins Boat Tour	H, Ramp 2, TN	\$70
8–10am		The Wise & Wonderful Journey	H, Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk	\$75
8:30–11:45am		Birding Hot Spots: Homer #3	HQ - Parking lot	\$30
8:30–11am	 	Birds in Flight Photography	HQ - Seminar room	\$25
8:30–11am		Cold Duck Time	H, Ramp 2, BHP	\$60
8:30–10:30am		Drawing Shorebirds: Keynote Workshop with Catherine Hamilton	PM	\$25
8:30am–3pm		Kachemak Bay Birding, Wildlife & Natural History Tour	H, Ramp 6, M/V Pinbone	\$175
8:30am–3pm	 	Tidepooling & Birding in Seldovia	H, Ramp 3, M/V Beowulf	\$195
9am–1:30pm		Flow with the Birds: 1/2 Day Kayak Tour	H, Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk	\$90
9am–12pm		Observing Diving Alcids with ROV Technology	H, Ramp 2, M/V Orca	\$80/\$60 kids
9–9:50am	 	Rock Sandpiper Subspecies ID: Winter & Spring	HQ - Auditorium	
9am–12pm		Seabird Sidetrip	H, Ramp 3, M/V Torega	\$75/\$45 kids
9:30–11:30am	 	Birds & Tides Family Walk	BB - Parking lot	
9:30am–1pm	 	Seabirding 101: Workshop & Boat Trip	HQ - Seminar room	\$130
10am–4pm	 	Gulls & Glaciers	H, Ramp 2, TN	\$125
10am–2pm		Kayaking with Birds & Wildlife	H, Ramp 2, TN	\$95/\$85 kids
10–10:50am	 	Managing for the Birds	HQ - Auditorium	
10:30am–4pm	 	Guided Wildlife Tour & Hike to Grewingk Glacier Lake	H, Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk	\$85
11am–12pm		All About Optics	HQ - Seminar room	\$5
11–11:50am	 	Who Cares? Males or Females?	HQ - Auditorium	
11:30am–3pm		VIP Birding Hot Spots with Keynote Catherine Hamilton #4	HQ - Parking lot	\$45
12–4pm		Birding Hot Spots: Anchor River #4	HQ - Parking lot	\$40
12–12:15pm	 	Movie Lunch Break: St. Matthew Island	HQ - Auditorium	
12:30–2pm		Birding by Ear: Keynote Workshop with Eli Knapp	HQ - Seminar room	\$20
12:30–2:30pm	 	Land Trust Van Tour	HQ - Parking lot	
12:30–3:30pm	 	Landscape Painting	BB	\$75
1–5pm	 	Beaches, Birds, Brew, & Oysters Too!	CSY	\$85
1–4pm		Beaks & Bills Boat Tour	H, Ramp 3, M/V Seabird	\$75/\$50 kids
1–4pm		Bird Song, Mark Making, & the Creative Process	PM	\$20
1–3pm		Crane Teachings	58335 Cranewings Court	\$40
1–3pm		Creatures of the Dock Tours	CSY	\$10/\$5 kids/ 0–2 free
1–5pm		Kayaking & Archeology of Kachemak Bay	H, Ramp 2, TN	\$95/\$85 kids
1–3pm		Marine Wildlife Tour	H, Ramp 3, M/V Torega	\$65/\$35 kids
1–1:50pm	 	Tufted Puffins of the Barren Islands	HQ - Auditorium	
1:30–6pm		Flow with the Birds: 1/2 Day Kayak Tour	H, Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk	\$90
2–2:50pm	 	Tufted Puffins: Distribution, Threats, & Challenges	HQ - Auditorium	
2:30–3:30pm		Shorebird Natural History for Better Photos	HQ - Seminar room	\$5
3–3:50pm	 	Schantz Scholar: A Look at Bird Migration with Weather Radar	HQ - Auditorium	
3–5pm	 	Discovery Lab: Looney Loons	HQ - Lab	

TIME	KEY	EVENT TITLE	LOCATION	COST
4–5:30pm		Intermediate/Advanced Shorebird Walk	MBS	\$7
4–6pm		Welcome Reception	HC	
4:30–6pm		Stencil a Junior Birder T-Shirt	HQ - Seminar room	\$25
5:30–7:30pm		Viewing Stations: Mud Bay & Lighthouse Village	MB, LV	
6–7pm		Family Viewing Station	Beluga Slough Trail Picnic Table	
6:30–7:30pm		Beginner Shorebird Walk	BB - Pavilion	\$7
6:30–8:30pm		Evening at the Marsh	BLP	
7–9pm		Shorebird Trivia Night	ACP	\$5

Saturday, May 9 *Registration: 8am–6pm High tide: 5:13pm 19.5’(4:13am 21.8’)*

TIME	KEY	EVENT TITLE	LOCATION	COST
6:30–8:30am		Morning at the Marsh	BLP	
7am–5pm		Barren Islands Birding	H, Ramp 2, M/V Jackpot	\$169
7am–9am		Viewing Stations: Mud Bay & Lighthouse Village	MB, LV	
7:30–9am		Beginner Forest Songbird Walk	CCT	\$7
7:30am–2:30pm		Lake Clark National Park Bear & Bird Viewing	AR	\$300
8–11am		Beaks & Bills Boat Tour	H, Ramp 3, M/V Seabird	\$75/\$50 kids
8–11am		Coldwater, Hot Birds	H, Ramp 3, M/V Granite Cape	\$75
8–10am		Feathers & Fins Boat Tour	H, Ramp 2, TN	\$70
8–10am		The Wise & Wonderful Journey	H, Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk	\$75
8am–12:30pm		Upper Kachemak Bay Wildlife Tour	H, Ramp 2, M/V Rainbow Connection	\$69/\$45 kids
8:30–11:45am		Birding Hot Spots: Homer #6	HQ - Parking lot	\$30
8:30–11am		Cold Duck Time	H, Ramp 2, BHP	\$60
8:30–10:30am		Keynote Workshop with Catherine Hamilton: Drawing Shorebirds	PM	\$25
8:30am–3pm		Tidepooling & Birding in Seldovia	H, Ramp 3, M/V Beowulf	\$195
9–10am		Bird Walks for Absolute Beginners	HQ - Lobby	
9am–1:30pm		Flow with the Birds: 1/2 Day Kayak Tour	H, Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk	\$90
9am–12pm		Observing Diving Alcids with ROV Technology	H, Ramp 2, M/V Orca	\$80/\$60 kids
9am–12:30pm		Photography from Boats	H, Ramp 2, BHP	\$130
9am–12pm		Seabird Sidetrip	H, Ramp 3, M/V Torega	\$75/\$45 kids
9:15–10:45am		Shorebird ID	HQ - Auditorium	
9:30am–1pm		Seabirding 101: Workshop & Boat Trip	HQ - Seminar room	\$130
10–11am		Birding Discover Lab for Absolute Beginners	HQ - Lab, Beluga Slough Trail	
10am–4pm		Gulls & Glaciers	H, Ramp 2, TN	\$125
10am–2pm		Kayaking with Birds & Wildlife	H, Ramp 2, TN	\$95/\$85 kids
10:30am–4pm		Guided Wildlife Tour & Hike to Grewingk Glacier Lake	H, Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk	\$85
11–11:50am		Birding Uganda	HQ - Auditorium	
11am–12pm		Live Bird Presentation	HQ - Seminar room	\$8
11:30am–1:30pm		Junior Birder Discover Lab with Beginner Bird Walks	HQ - Lab, Beluga Slough Trail	
11:30am–3pm		VIP Birding Hot Spots with Keynote Eli Knapp #8	HQ - Parking lot	\$45
12–12:50pm		Birding Denali's Backcountry	HQ - Auditorium	
12–4pm		Birding Hot Spots: Anchor River #7	HQ - Parking lot	\$40
12:15–1:15pm		Live Bird Presentation	HQ - Seminar room	\$8
12:30–3:30pm		Landscape Painting	BB - Pavilion	\$75
1–5pm		Beaches, Birds, Brew, & Oysters Too!	CSY	\$85
1–4pm		Beaks & Bills Boat Tour	H, Ramp 3, M/V Seabird	\$75/\$50 kids
1–3pm		Creatures of the Dock Tours	CSY	\$10/\$5 kids/0–2 free
1–5pm		Eiders & Otters	H, Ramp 2, M/V Rainbow Connection	\$60/\$30 kids
1–5pm		Kayaking & Archeology of Kachemak Bay	H, Ramp 2, TN	\$95/\$85 kids

TIME	KEY	EVENT TITLE	LOCATION	COST
1–3pm		Marine Wildlife Tour	H, Ramp 3, M/V Torega	\$65/\$35 kids
1–1:50pm		My Big Year: Birding For A Cause	HQ - Auditorium	
1–3pm		Festival Artist Workshop: Outdoor Art Journaling	BB - Pavilion	\$25
1:30–6pm		Flow with the Birds: 1/2 Day Kayak Tour	H, Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk	\$90
2–5pm		Basic Field Techniques for Outdoor Photography	HQ - Seminar room	\$25
2–4pm		Bird Photography for Teens	HQ - Lab, Beluga Slough Trail	
2–2:50pm		Southeast AK Birding Trail & Fostering Conservation Ethics	HQ - Auditorium	
3–3:50pm		Collaborating Conservation Outside of the Americas	HQ - Auditorium	
3–5pm		Paint Your Own Birdhouse	Homer Council on the Arts	\$25
3:30–4:30pm		Family Viewing Station	BLP	
4–5pm		Shorebirds Sing	HB	
5–7pm		Kids' Bird Film	HQ - Auditorium	
5:30–6:30pm		Keynote Address: The Amur Falcon Expedition	HHS	\$10
6–8pm		Viewing Stations: Mud Bay & Lighthouse Village	MB, LV	
7–8:30pm		Keynote Address: The Delightful Horror of Beautiful Birds	HHS	\$10

Sunday, May 10 *Registration: 8am–2pm High tide: 6:01pm 18.3’(4:54am 20.8’)*

TIME	KEY	EVENT TITLE	LOCATION	COST
6:30–8:30am		Morning at the Marsh	BLP	
6:30–8am		Songbirding by Ear in the Field	Karen Hornaday Park	\$7
7am–3pm		Overlook Park Hike	HQ - Parking lot	\$15
7–9am		Viewing Station: Lighthouse Village & Mud Bay	LV	
7:30am–2:30pm		Lake Clark National Park Bear & Bird Viewing	AR	\$300
8–11am		Beaks & Bills Boat Tour	H, Ramp 3, M/V Seabird	\$75/\$50 kids
8–10am		Feathers & Fins Boat Tour	H, Ramp 2, TN	\$70
8–10am		The Wise & Wonderful Journey	H, Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk	\$75
8:15–9:45am		Shorebirding by Ear in the Field	HQ - Front lab	\$7
8:30–9:30am		Birders' Coffee, Hosted by Refuge Friends	HQ - Seminar Room	
9am–1:30pm		Flow with the Birds: 1/2 Day Kayak Tour	H, Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk	\$90
9–10:30am		Junior Birder Workshop: Myths, Legends, and Fairytales of Birds	HQ - Back lab	
9am–12pm		Observing Diving Alcids with ROV Technology	H, Ramp 2, M/V Orca	\$80/\$60 kids
9am–12pm		Seabird Sidetrip	H, Ramp 3, M/V Torega	\$75/\$45 kids
9am–2pm		Teen Adventure Day: Grewingk Glacier Hike	H, Ramp 2, BHP	\$55
9:30am–12:30pm		Anchor River Bird Walk	AR	
9:30–10:30am		The Role of Color in Birding: Keynote Talk with Catherine Hamilton	HQ - Auditorium	\$10
10am–4pm		Gulls & Glaciers	H, Ramp 2, TN	\$125
10am–2pm		Kayaking with Birds & Wildlife	H, Ramp 2, TN	\$95/\$85 kids
10:30am–4pm		Guided Wildlife Tour & Hike to Grewingk Glacier Lake	H, Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk	\$85
11am–4pm		Friendship Walk	H, Ramp 2, BHP	\$75
11am–12pm		What's in a Name? Keynote Talk with Eli Knapp	HQ - Auditorium	\$10
12:30–1:30pm		Beginner Shorebird Walk	BB - Pavilion	\$7
12:30–1pm		Jr. Birder Awards Ceremony	HQ - Auditorium	
1–4pm		Beaks & Bills Boat Tour	H, Ramp 3, M/V Seabird	\$75/\$50 kids
1–3pm		Crane Teachings	58335 Cranewings Court	\$40
1–3pm		Creatures of the Dock Tours	CSY	\$10/\$5 kids/0–2 free
1–5pm		Kayaking & Archeology of Kachemak Bay	H, Ramp 2, TN	\$95/\$85 kids
1–3pm		Marine Wildlife Tour	H, Ramp 3, M/V Torega	\$65/\$35 kids
1:30–6pm		Flow with the Birds: 1/2 Day Kayak Tour	H, Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk	\$90
1:30–3pm		Film Series: Shorebirds on Dynamic Boundaries	HQ - Auditorium	\$5

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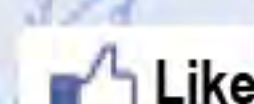
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Observing Diving Alcids with ROV Technology Saturday, 9am–12pm | Harbor Ramp 2, M/V Orca
(AVAILABLE F/Sa/Su)

See Friday, 9am listing for event description. Limit 6. \$80 ea./\$60 kids 12 & under.

Photography from Boats Saturday, 9am–12:30pm | Harbor, top of Ramp 2, Boat House Pavilion
(AVAILABLE Th/Sa)

See Thursday, 9am for event description. Limit 12. \$130 ea.

Seabird Sidetrip Saturday, 9am–12pm | Harbor, bottom Ramp 3, turn right, M/V Torega
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 9am listing for event description. Limit 12. \$75 ea./\$45 kids 12 & under.

Shorebird Identification

Saturday, 9:15–10:45am | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Auditorium

With great appreciation for all of our feathered friends, **Buzz Scher** will focus on the shorebirds that may be seen on the beaches of Kachemak Bay. His enthusiasm and humor will draw in the beginner as well as advanced birders. You cannot help but learn something new about our shorebirds!**Seabirding 101: Workshop & Boat Trip** Saturday, 9:30am–1pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Seminar Room, and True North Kayak
(AVAILABLE F/Sa)

See Friday, 9:30am listing for event description. Limit 12. \$130 ea.

Birding Discovery Lab for Absolute Beginners

Saturday, 10–11am | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Lab Classroom, and Beluga Slough Trail

Would you love to become a birder but need help getting started? Join us to learn about Kachemak Bay's amazing array of birds, as well as their habitats, sounds, and favorite foods. Wander between hands-on learning stations hosted by local birding experts to hear bird ID tips, where to look for certain types of birds and the gear you may need to be out in the field. Guided walks along Beluga Slough Trail also offered to discover the basics of birding. This is a fun program aimed at teens and adults ages 15-100! **Free, but please register.****Gulls & Glaciers** Saturday, 10am–4pm | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 10am listing for event description. Limit 6. \$125 ea.

Kayaking with Birds & Wildlife Saturday, 10am–2pm | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 10am listing for event description. Limit 15. \$95 ea./\$85 kids 12 & under.

Guided Wildlife Tour & Hike to Grewingk Glacier Lake Saturday, 10:30am–4pm | Harbor Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 10:30am listing for event description. Limit 6. \$85 ea.

Birding Uganda

Saturday, 11–11:50am | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Auditorium

Shoebills and mountain gorillas! **Betty Siegel** will share photos and stories of her adventures while seeing almost 400 species of birds and the most magnificent mammal ever. From the 25,000 year-old rainforest home of the iconic ape to the lush wetlands, long rivers, and varied animal-rich habitats, Uganda is THE place to go birding!**Live Bird Presentation** Saturday, 11am–12pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Seminar Room
(AVAILABLE Sa - 11am/12:15pm)Don't miss this Festival favorite. A unique opportunity to get the entire family up close and personal with live birds. Presenters from Anchorage's Bird Treatment & Learning Center will introduce 2–3 different wild birds and discuss their individual histories and natural behaviors. **Limit 40. \$8 ea.****Junior Birder Discover Lab with Beginner Bird Walks**

Saturday, 11:30am–1:30pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Lab Classroom, and Beluga Slough Trail

Families and children of all ages are invited to this two hour Discovery Lab and walk to learn about Kachemak Bay's amazing array of birds, their habitats, sounds and behaviors. Wander between hands-on learning stations, learn bird science, create a bird craft, practice using birding equipment and much more! Guided birding walks to Beluga Slough will be offered once each hour. This is a fun, free program for children looking to fulfill Jr. Birder requirements or to just learn all about birds! *This event fulfills one of the Junior Birder requirements.*

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Support Alaska's Refuges and the Shorebird Festival by purchasing a Friends membership with your Festival event tickets. Visit our Information Booth at Festival Headquarters to sign up for a membership, find out about opportunities to get involved, and view the 6x6 Art Auction.

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VIP Birding Hot Spots with Keynote Eli Knapp #8

Saturday, 11:30am–3pm | Alaska Maritime NWR

Visitor Center - meet in parking lot
(AVAILABLE F with Catherine Hamilton/Sa)

Keynote Speaker Eli Knapp joins local guide **Dave Erikson** and you for a VIP tour of the area's birding Hot Spots. Eli will share stories from his birding adventures around the globe, birding tips and ornithological insights as you are transported by bus to the Spit, the Slough, the Lake and other birding hot spots in the area. This intimate experience with our Keynote Speaker will be a birding experience to remember. Dress in layers for the weather. Wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots to walk in sand. Bring along water and lunch. **Limit 22. \$45 ea.**

Birding Denali's Backcountry

Saturday, 12–12:50pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Auditorium

What does it take to bird Denali's 6 million acre trail-less wilderness. Join birder, photographer and Camp Denali Naturalist Guide **Sam Wilson** for a rich photo experience highlighting the unique birds of Denali National Park.

Birding Hot Spots: Anchor River #7

Saturday, 12–4pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - meet in parking lot
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa with various guides)

See Thursday, 12pm listing for event description. Guides for this event are Dale Chorman and Rich Kleinleder. **Limit 22. \$40 ea.**

Live Bird Presentation

Saturday, 12:15–1:15pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Seminar Room
(AVAILABLE Sa - 11am/12:15pm)

See Saturday, 11am listing for event description. **Limit 40. \$8 ea.**

Landscape Painting

Saturday, 12:30–3:30pm | Bishop's Beach Pavilion
(AVAILABLE F/Sa)

See Friday, 12:30pm listing for event description. **Limit 10. \$75 ea.**

Beaches, Birds, Brew & Oysters Too!

Saturday, 1–5pm | CACS Yurt on the Spit
(AVAILABLE F/Sa)

See Friday, 1pm listing for event description. **Limit 10. \$85 ea.**

Beaks & Bills Boat Tour

Saturday, 1–4pm | Harbor Ramp 3, M/V Seabird
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su - 8am and 1pm)

See Thursday, 8am listing for event description.
Limit 14. \$75 ea./\$50 kids 12 & under.

Creatures of the Dock Tours

Saturday, 1–3pm | CACS Yurt on the Spit
(AVAILABLE F/Sa/Su)

See Friday, 1pm listing for event description.
Limit 30. \$10 ea./\$5 kids 2–12/under 2 free.

Eiders & Otters

Saturday, 1–5pm | Harbor Ramp 2, Slip E-1, M/V Rainbow Connection

Common, Steller's and king Eiders winter off the high bluffs of Homer. The elusive King eider is our target, along with several other seabird species and lots of otters. Come help us find the King! Enclosed boat with open back access; has facilities. Event led by Rainbow Tours. **Limit 70. \$60 ea./\$30 kids 12 & under.**

Kayaking & Archeology of Kachemak Bay

Saturday, 1–5pm | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 1pm listing for event description. **Limit 15. \$95 ea./\$85 kids 12 & under.**

Marine Wildlife Tour

Saturday, 1–3pm | Harbor, bottom Ramp 3, turn right, M/V Torega
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 1pm listing for event description.
Limit 12. \$65 ea./\$35 kids 12 & under.

My Big Year–Birding For A Cause

Saturday, 1–1:50pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Auditorium

Joe Blanda did a "big year" in 2016 to raise money for cancer research after the death of his son from Glioblastoma brain cancer. Joe is also a bird photographer who will share some of his exciting bird sightings both with photographs and some captivating stories. You will learn how he used his passion for nature and birding not only to heal from his loss but also to discover a new desire to help others.

Festival Artist Workshop:

Outdoor Art Journaling

Saturday, 1–3pm | Bishop's Beach Pavilion

Join Festival Artist **Abbey Ulen** on an art journaling adventure. We will be gathering at Bishop's Beach to take a little beach walk and

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collect and gather inspiration from the environment around us. Translate what inspires you into your very own art journal page. Please bring a sketchbook or journal and your choice of media. Watercolor, ink, pencils, or markers would be great for this workshop. **Limit 15. \$25 ea.**

Flow with the Birds: 1/2 Day Kayak Tour

Saturday, 1:30–6pm | Harbor Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 9am listing for event description. **Limit 12. \$90 ea.**

Basic Field Techniques for Outdoor Photography

Saturday, 2–5pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Seminar Room
(AVAILABLE Th/Sa)

See Thursday, 2pm listing for event description. **Limit 20. \$25 ea.**

Bird Photography for Teens

Saturday, 2–4pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Lab Classroom

Learn how to take pictures of birds with a variety of different tools and technology. We'll spend time indoors and out on the Beluga Slough Trail practicing our skills. **Limit 15. Free, but please register.**

Southeast AK Birding Trail & Fostering Conservation Ethics

Saturday, 2–2:50pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Auditorium

As the world around us changes, so too are our economies experiencing a transformation. In Alaska, that means shifting to highlight our greatest asset: unspoiled natural splendor. Join Audubon Alaska's **Max Goldman** as he discusses the partnership between U.S. Forest Service, Juneau Audubon, and Audubon Alaska that recently launched the Southeast Alaska Birding Trail to provide a community-driven virtual guide to some of the best birding on the planet; leading visitors and Alaskans alike through 200 of the best places to find birds from Yakutat to Ketchikan and encouraging birders from around the world to visit this vibrant and beautiful part of Alaska.

Collaborating Conservation Outside of the Americas

Saturday, 3–3:50pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Auditorium

Many sensitive bird species that breed in the relatively undisturbed North American Arctic use flyways that take them out of the Western Hemisphere and into countries with vastly different management situations. If not addressed, limiting factors throughout a bird's annual migratory cycle can affect their

survival. Many Alaskan bird species, especially shorebirds, are in decline and the need for coordinated flyway-action is urgent. **Casey Burns** of BLM will share opportunities to further conservation by increasing collaboration on migratory bird outreach, management, and research between flyways.

Paint Your Own Birdhouse

Saturday, 3–5pm | Homer Council on the Arts

What better way to welcome home the swallows, than to get their houses ready for them to move in? Join us at Homer Council on the Arts to paint your own swallow house to keep, or give away—just in time for Mother's Day! Participants will learn about important criteria for providing nesting boxes for swallows along with size, materials and placement criteria. Materials provided. Please accompany your children to this event. Homer Council on the Arts is located at 355 W. Pioneer Ave. **Limit 20. \$25 ea.**

Family Viewing Station

Saturday, 3:30–4:30pm | Beluga Lake Lower Platform
(AVAILABLE F–6pm/Sa)

See Friday, 6pm listing for event description.

Shorebirds Sing

Saturday, 4–5pm | Homer Brewing Company

Tune up your vocal chords and tweet your favorite bird call or make up your own for the 12th Annual "What the Heck Kind of Bird was That?" bird-calling competition. Professional guest judges will determine winners in both serious and not-so-serious bird calling categories. Prizes for top competitors. Registration starts at 3:30pm; competition begins at 4pm Contact the Homer Brewing Co. at 235-3626 with questions. Ages 21+ unless accompanied by guardian.

Kids' Bird Film

Saturday, 5–7pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Auditorium

Enjoy a kid-friendly film as you wrap up your day of birding fun!
This event fulfills one of the Junior Birder requirements.

Keynote Address: The Amur Falcon Expedition

Saturday, 5:30–6:30pm | Mariner Theatre, Homer High School

The Amur Falcon makes a spectacular flight during its migration each year from Northeast Asia to Southern Africa and back. Hundreds of thousands congregate along the way in Nagaland, India—it is believed to be the largest concentration of falcons anywhere on Earth. Through the artwork of world-renowned artist **Catherine Hamilton**, we'll hear the story of her journey to see these kestrel-sized birds, the threat hunting poses to this species, and the recent conservation efforts to save them. Come find out how a small

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group of conservationists and the will of the local people to protect this incredible "resource" has started to turn the tide in this story. \$10 ea.

Viewing Stations:

Mud Bay & Lighthouse Village

Saturday, 6–8pm | Mud Bay and Lighthouse Village
(AVAILABLE: Th–4:30pm/F–5:30pm/Sa–7am&6pm/Su–7am)

See Thursday, 4:30pm listing for event description.

Keynote Address:

The Delightful Horror of Beautiful Birds

Saturday, 7–8:30pm | Mariner Theatre, Homer High School

As his book title, *The Delightful Horror of Family Birding*, suggests, birding with the whole family isn't always a walk in the park. Especially when that park is in Tanzania or Ecuador. Join **Eli Knapp** for a look at what makes it all worthwhile: the sheer beauty of the birds! But why are they so dazzling? It's a complicated story involving some really smart folks you've heard of, a few you haven't, and—spoiler alert—a lot of sex. Come discover why your favorite species are simple narcissists, obsessed with their outfits, willing to do anything to impress. You'll also discover that while birds are busy impressing each other, they'll impress your whole family, too. \$10 ea.



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High tide: 6:01pm 18.3'(4:54am 20.8')

Morning at the Marsh

Sunday, 6:30–8:30am | Beluga Lake Lower Platform
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 6:30am listing for event description. Guides for this event are Sam Wilson and Margeaux Marz.

Songbirding by Ear in the Field

Sunday, 6:30–8am | Karen Hornaday Park

Join local experts and Kachemak Bay Birders members **Dale Chorman** and **Rich Kleinleder** for a morning of listening. We'll learn and practice our birding by ear skills with whatever flies into this unique forest and field birding hot spot. To find Karen Hornaday Park, drive up Bartlett Street, turn left on Fairview Avenue, and the park is on the right. Limit 20. \$7 ea.

Overlook Park Hike

Sunday, 7am–3pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - meet in parking lot
(AVAILABLE F–6am/Su)

See Friday, 6am listing for event description.

Limit 12. \$15 ea. (must be at least 12 years old).

Viewing Stations:

Mud Bay & Lighthouse Village

Sunday, 7–9am | Mud Bay and Lighthouse Village
(AVAILABLE Th–4:30pm/F–5:30pm/Sa–7am&6pm/Su–7am)

See Thursday, 4:30pm for listing for event description.

Lake Clark National Park Bear & Bird Viewing

Sunday, 7:30am–2:30pm | Anchor River State Rec. Area, Beach Tractor Launch
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 7:30am listing for event description. Limit 6. \$300 ea.

Beaks & Bills Boat Tour

Sunday, 8–11am | Harbor Ramp 3, M/V Seabird
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su - 8am and 1pm)

See Thursday, 8am listing for event description.

Limit 14. \$75 ea./\$50 kids 12 & under.

Feathers & Fins Boat Tour

Sunday, 8–10am | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 8am listing for event description. Limit 12. \$70 ea.

The Wise & Wonderful Journey

Sunday, 8–10am | Harbor Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 8am listing for event description. Limit 12. \$75 ea.

Shorebirding by Ear in the Field

Sunday, 8:15–9:45am | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Front Lab Classroom

Join local expert birder **Dave Erickson** for an introduction to shorebirds and their sounds in the Lab Classroom before heading out on foot to nearby Beluga Slough and Bishop's beach to listen. Put new skills into action with guided practice in this field based workshop. Limit 20. \$7 ea.

Flow with the Birds: 1/2 Day Kayak Tour

Sunday, 9am–1:30pm | Harbor Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 9:30am listing for event description. Limit 12. \$90 ea

Junior Birder Workshop:

Myths, Legends & Fairytales of Birds

Sunday, 9–10:30am | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Back Lab Classroom

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Private charters available before and after the Shorebird Festival!

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Join refuge staff to learn about the role birds have played in various cultural myths, legends and folktales. Try your hand at painting or sculpting your very own mythical bird. **Limit 15. Free, but please register.**

Birders Coffee, Hosted by Refuge Friends 🎵📍

Sunday, 8:30-9:30am | Alaska Maritime Refuge Visitor Center - Seminar Room

You're invited to coffee and treats with **The Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges!** Join us to learn more about our work supporting Alaska's 16 National Wildlife Refuges and find out how you can get involved. Join the Friends, Festival Speakers, and fellow birders for hot beverages, fresh pastries, and a short presentation. Yearly memberships will be available. Afterwards, enjoy an informal Live Bird Presentation from Bird TLC, 9-11am in the Lab Classroom. Additional support from Two Sisters Bakery. **Free, but please register.**

Observing Diving Alcids with ROV Technology 🚢

Sunday, 9am-12pm | Harbor Ramp 2, M/V Orca
(AVAILABLE F/Sa/Su)

See Friday, 9am listing for event description.
Limit 6. \$80 ea./\$60 kids 12 & under.

Seabird Sidetrip 🚢

Sunday, 9am-12pm | Harbor, bottom Ramp 3, turn right, M/V Torega
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 9am for event description. **Limit 12. \$75 ea./\$45 kids 12 & under.**

Teen Adventure Day: Grewingk Glacier Hike 🚢📍

Sunday, 9am-2pm | Harbor, top of Ramp 2, Boat House Pavilion

Join naturalist **Dana Nelson** for a fun birding adventure across the bay. This teen trip includes a boat ride across the bay and an adventurous hike to Grewingk Glacier lake. Bring snacks, warm layers, sturdy shoes, water, and lunch. Binoculars and field guides will be provided. **Limit 13. \$55 ea.**

Anchor River Bird Walk 📍📍

Sunday, 9:30am-12:30pm | Anchor River State Rec. Area, Halibut Beach

Join **Aaron Lang, Sam Wilson, Margeaux Marz** and **Carla Stanley** for a two-mile walk to the mouth of the Anchor River. Several species of local and migratory birds can be seen in the river, on the shoreline and on the saltwater. Species include American pipits, scoters, greater yellowlegs, whimbrels, turnstones, surfbirds, plovers, bald eagles, and lots more! The walk can be strenuous due to walking on soft sand. Wear sturdy walking shoes/boots, dress for the weather and bring water and snacks if you wish. Some scopes will be available. Halibut Beach is located at the end of Anchor Point Road.

Keynote Talk: The Role of Color in Birding 📍🎵

Sunday, 9:30-10:30am | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Auditorium

Have you ever gazed at a chickadee's cap to determine if it's black-capped, or the brown of a boreal? Birding by colored field markings can be challenging! Join Keynote Catherine Hamilton to learn how to improve your color perception in the field. Drawing on her nearly 30 years of experience as a professional artist and birding guide, Catherine will share how color can influence and illuminate bird identification in the field. With a little insight and observation, she believes anyone can gain a better understanding of the world around them! **Limit 120. \$10 ea.**

Gulls & Glaciers 📍🚢

Sunday, 10am-4pm | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 10am listing for event description. **Limit 6. \$125 ea.**

Kayaking with Birds & Wildlife 🚢

Sunday, 10am-2pm | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 10am listing for event description.
Limit 15. \$95 ea./\$85 kids 12 & under.

Guided Wildlife Tour & Hike to Grewingk Glacier Lake 📍🚢

Sunday, 10:30am-4pm | Harbor Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 10:30am listing for event description. **Limit 6. \$85 ea.**

Friendship Walk 📍🚢

Sunday, 11am-4pm | Harbor, top of Ramp 2, Boat House Pavilion

Join the Friends of Kachemak Bay State Park for a cruise across the Bay, breaking for birds along the way and a hike guided by our favorite ornithologists. Check out Rusty's Lagoon, trace the Glacier Spit shoreline, and detour into the forest to experience a variety of unique habitats while helping to support an important organization. Bring a lunch. Enclosed boat with open back access; no facilities. Proceeds benefit Friends of Kachemak Bay State Park. **Limit 15. \$75 ea.**

Keynote Talk with Eli Knapp:

What's in a Name? 📍🎵

Sunday, 11am-12pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Auditorium

Learning bird names is an essential part of birding. Fortunately, many names are fun and easy to learn. Who can forget learning an Andean cock-of-the-rock or a yellow-rumped tinkerbird? Some, like yellow-bellied sapsucker, can even double as an insult. But others are neither fun nor memorable; they're hard to learn or may even hurt a bird's feelings. Would you want to be called

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Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival First Friday Art Openings

April 3, 5–7pm, May 1, 5–7pm | KBay Caff , 378 E Pioneer Ave.

Celebrate the Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival through art! In April, join us for an unveiling of this year's 6x6 art pieces up for auction and an installation by Kim McNett, inspired by her travels in the Arctic. In May, join us in celebrating Festival Artist Abbey Ulen's unique works - on view at KBay Caff  throughout the Festival.

Denali Artists Respond to Music Inspired by Wilderness

First Friday Art Opening: May 1, 5–7pm
Pratt Museum, 3779 Bartlett St.

This unique exhibit joins the work of six visual artists in what they describe as a new challenge: making art in response to music by nine composers inspired by a backcountry experience in Denali National Park. Elements Artist Group, anchored in Alaska, created eighteen pieces of art in response to musical works by nine composers from the Denali National Park Composing in the Wilderness program. On display during the Festival. Bring your smart phone or tablet with QR reader and earbuds. Each visual work in the show is accompanied by a musical score and QR link to audio of the composition by which it was inspired. prattmuseum.org

"Shorebird Invitational" Art Opening

First Friday Art Opening: May 1, 5–7pm
Exhibit Hrs: Mon. 12–6pm and Tues.–Thurs. 12–3pm
Homer Council on the Arts, 355 W. Pioneer Ave.

Homer Council on the Arts is pleased to exhibit several local Homer artists' renditions of Shorebirds. Join us for a First Friday Art Opening event, or stop by during the week to see a "birds-eye view" from local Homer artists!

Bear Creek Winery Tasting & Tours

Tastings: Thurs.–Sun. 10am–6pm, Tours: Fri.–Sat. 11am
60203 Bear Creek Drive

We invite you to do a tasting, tour our production facility, walk the beautiful gardens and enjoy the spectacular views of Kachemak Bay. Our new Glacier Bear Wines are Alaska's leading unblended fruit wine, receiving national and international acclaim for its unwavering loyalty to creating wines from Alaskan-grown fruit. These wines showcase the unique character of our rich and wild terrain with ingredients sourced entirely in Alaska soils. Don't forget to pick up a bottle of special label wine printed in honor of the Shorebird Festival.

Grace Ridge Brewing

Hours: 12–8pm everyday! | 3388 B Street

Grace Ridge Brewing is conveniently located at the base of the Homer Spit, serving hand-crafted ales and beers. The Oystercatcher Stout is a beer that must be experienced! Yes, it is made with real oysters added to the boil. Exceptionally smooth with a hint of the ocean on the palate. graceridgebrewing.com

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, May 9, 7:30am–12pm | Homer United Methodist Church

Don't go birding on an empty stomach! Friends of Kachemak Bay State Park and the Kachemak Bay State Park Citizens' Advisory Board invite you to a hearty, all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, with sausage, juice, coffee, and tea included. Cheerfully served by Alaska State Park Rangers and volunteers. All proceeds help support the volunteer trail crews. Join us at Homer United Methodist Church next to the Homer High School at the beginning of East End Road. \$10 ea./\$5 kids under 11.

36th Annual Kachemak Bay Quilters Show

10am–8pm Saturday, May 9, and 10am–4pm Sunday, May 10
Homer Elks Lodge, 215 Jenny Way

Up to 100 original entries, including an Alaskan Bird Watching Quilt Challenge, and many additional items for sale. An entry donation of \$2

supports the production of handmade quilts for local fire victims and the Haven House Women's Shelter.

Kachemak Bay State Park 50th Birthday Party

Saturday, May 9, 1–4pm | SPARC

The magnificent natural backdrop for the Shorebird Festival is brought to you by the Kachemak Bay State Park, Alaska's first State Park. Join the Friends of Kachemak Bay State Park in celebrating the 50th birthday of our Park. Speakers, activities and the birthday celebration will take place at South Peninsula Athletic & Recreation Center (SPARC) next to Homer Middle School on the Sterling Highway.

Mother's Day Community Worship and Picnic at the Beach

Sunday, May 10, 9:30am | Bishop's Beach Pavilion

Faith Lutheran Church is celebrating 50 years of ministry in Homer. We are inviting everyone to join us for a joyful Mother's Day Community Worship Service at Bishop's Beach at 9:30am at the Pavilion followed by a picnic at the beach. Join us as we celebrate mothers, birds, life, nature and God!

2020 Migration Run

Sunday, May 10, 9am–1pm | Homer Spit, Fishing Lagoon Parking Lot

The annual Migration Run will be held Sunday, May 10. This is a USATF certified 5k, flat, point to point course along the Homer Spit trail starting at the Homer Spit fishing lagoon. The race is sponsored by the Homer Chamber of Commerce and Kachemak Bay Running Club. Proceeds benefit local youth running sports programs. Cost is \$25/ Current KBRC members receive a \$5 discount. Register on race day starting at 9am, or register online through Saturday, May 9 at KachemakBayRunningClub.org.



ABOUT OUR *Speakers, Presenters, & Guides*

Aaron Lang is the owner and Guide for Wilderness Birding Adventures, leading trips from Alaska's Wilderness and continental borders to some of the prime destinations for birders around the world.

Adrian Lesak is the birding and nature observation manager at Vortex Optics, and has studied forest songbird communities for the US Forest Service as well as for his Master's and PhD research.

Arthur Kettle is a Biological Science Technician with the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge. He has monitored seabirds at the Barren Islands for 28 years.

Beth Trowbridge is the Executive Director for the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies and has been leading natural history and science education programs for youth and adults in Homer for over 13 years.

Betty Siegel is an avid birder and world traveler. She is the Volunteer Coordinator for Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges, sits on the Festival Planning Committee, and is a long-time volunteer with Alaska Maritime NWR, COASST, and Kachemak Bay Shorebird monitoring.

Buzz Scher has been passionately watching birds for well over 40 years, and has birded on all the continents except Africa. He is a civil engineer in Anchorage and the Audubon regional editor for Alaska Christmas Bird Counts. This year will be Buzz's 26th year presenting various workshops during the Festival.

Carla Stanley plays many roles in the Shorebird Festival Planning Committee for the Alaska Maritime NWR.

Casey Burns is the Wildlife, Threatened & Endangered Species Lead for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management—AK, and serves on the Conservation of Arctic Flora & Fauna—Terrestrial Steering Group and the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership—Technical Subcommittee. Casey focuses on working collaboratively to monitor, manage and restore wildlife habitat on multiple use landscapes.

Catherine Yeargan is a Fish and Wildlife Biologist at the Anchorage Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office, working on endangered species issues and large scale projects. Mostly recently, Catherine was part of a team that evaluated the tufted puffin's current range-wide status.

Cindy Sisson is a local birder. She is always eager to share and learn about birds with all who gather to enjoy our feathered friends.

Dale Chorman is a lifelong birder who lives in Homer and has worked as a naturalist in Alaska for over 35 years.

Dana Nelson has been the Environmental Education Specialist with Kachemak Bay Research Reserve since 2016. She was an Environmental Education Intern for Alaska Maritime NWR 2014–2015.

Dave Erickson is a professional biologist with over 40 years of experience birding in Homer. He compiles data for the annual Christmas Bird count in Homer, and has volunteered at the Festival since its beginning— at viewing stations, leading walks, and giving presentations.

David Lank is a shorebird biologist and behavioral ecologist with the Centre for Wildlife Ecology at Simon Fraser University.

David Shaw is an Alaska-based professional photographer & writer who guides wilderness adventures in AK and abroad.

George Matz is an avid birder and serves on the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve Community Council, Homer Fish & Game Advisory Committee, and Kachemak Bay Birders. He teaches a birding course at Kenai Peninsula College and organizes the Kachemak Bay Shorebird Monitoring Project each spring.

Jason Sodergren is an electrical engineer, birder and bird bander living in Homer. He is a part of the Shorebird Festival Planning Committee.

Jeff Williams is the Assistant Refuge Manager for Alaska Maritime NWR.

Jim Herbert is a long time Alaskan who currently lives in Homer. He particularly likes traveling to remote parts of the state in search of birds and is a member of the Kachemak Bay Birders.

Joe Blanda is an orthopedic surgeon from Akron, Ohio, who has been a birder since getting sparked in 1988. He is an active environmentalist and nature photographer and most recently has started, Nature Can Heal, a local movement to have physicians

encourage patients to get outdoors.

Kara Zwickey manages the Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center and arrived in Homer in the spring of 2015. She enjoys birding and traveling with her family and serves on the Shorebird Festival Planning Committee.

Keely Lopez is a Refuge Manager for four Refuges in SE Washington and NE Oregon who spends her free time birding, hiking, backpacking, and biking in the wilds of the PNW.

Kendra Bush is the Environmental Education Specialist for Alaska Maritime NWR, teaching students in grades pre-K through 12th. She is a member of the Shorebird Festival Planning Committee.

Kristine Sowl has spent over 25 years working as a field biologist on public lands in Alaska. including National Wildlife Refuges, Monuments, and the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve. She focuses on shorebirds and recently migrated to Homer.

Laurie Daniel is a Wildlife Restoration Biologist and a Board member of the Kachemak Bay Conservation Society. Through KBCS, Laurie was very involved in the local effort to establish Overlook Park and has led the springtime hikes during Shorebird Festival for too many years to count.

Liliana Naves works on the Bird Subsistence Research Program and AK Migratory Bird Co-Management Council Harvest Assessment Program through Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game, Division of Subsistence.

Marc Webber, the former Deputy Manager of Alaska Maritime NWR, is a Marine Mammal Biologist and an Adjunct Instructor at the Kachemak Bay Campus of UAA.

Marianne Aplin is the Visitor Services Manager for Alaska Maritime NWR.

Margeaux Marz is an avid birder, naturalist and educator and works as a Naturalist Guide for Camp Denali.

Max Goldman leads the Bird Conservation Program as Audubon AK's Conservation Biologist. He has served as project manager for Audubon Alaska's 2017 Ecological Atlas of the Bering, Chukchi, and Beaufort Seas. Max

has studied ornithology and disturbance ecology around the world from Africa to the Arctic.

Mossy Kilcher is an artist, photographer and avid birder and has lived in Homer her entire life. She enjoys filming and photographing birds and collecting their songs. She is an active member of several bird organizations, and contributes material to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

Nina Cheney is a Midwesterner, lifelong lover of birds and has surrounded herself with those she can both teach and learn from.

Rich Kleinleder is a wildlife biologist specializing in environmental impact analysis. He has donated his expertise as a local guide for the Festival since its creation.

Raymond VanBuskirk is president of the Central New Mexico Audubon Society, owner and lead guide of BRANT Nature Tours, researcher in field and lab ornithology, and represents Red Start Birding.

Sam Wilson is an avid birder, naturalist and photographer who works as a Naturalist Guide at Camp Denali.

Seth Spencer is the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies' Education Program Coordinator. Seth arrived in Homer in the spring of 2015, by way of Kentucky, North Carolina, and Minnesota. He enjoys traveling and birding with his wife Kara.

Steve Delehanty is the Manager of the Alaska Maritime NWR.

 **The Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival Committee would like to thank each and every one of our presenters for their energy and enthusiasm, and for sharing their vast wealth of knowledge during this year's Festival.**



VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN!

In 1993 a group of Homer residents got together, dreaming up an event to educate the public about the importance of shorebirds and their habitat. These

early volunteers set our Festival in motion 28 years ago and we are grateful for the community support we receive for the Festival today.

The Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival would not be possible without the continued commitment and support of our wonderful volunteers. Over 80 dedicated folks come together to offer their time and expertise ensuring the success, longevity and spunk of this community Festival.

A big **THANK YOU** to each and every volunteer who has donated their time to manage our Viewing Stations, lead bird walks, count attendees, take tickets, carry scopes, edit this program, create 6x6 art pieces, offer their wisdom and everything in between.



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a drab water-tyrant or a go-away-bird? Join Keynote Speaker Eli Knapp who, with a nod toward Latin and our imaginations, proposes that all birds can have foxy, superb, elegant, joyful, and even exclamatory names. **Limit 120. \$10 ea.**

Beginner Shorebird Walk

Sunday, 12:30–1:30pm | Bishop's Beach Pavilion
(AVAILABLE F-6:30pm/Su with various guides)

See Friday, 6:30pm listing for event description.
Guide for this event is Nina Cheney. **Limit 20. \$7 ea.**

Jr. Birder Awards Ceremony

Sunday, 12:30–1pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Auditorium
Festival speakers join U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff in presenting awards to kids who have completed all of their badge requirements during the Festival weekend. Come show your support to these young birders!

Beaks & Bills Boat Tour

Sunday, 1–4pm | Harbor Ramp 3, M/V Seabird
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su - 8am and 1pm)

See Thursday, 8am listing for event description.
Limit 14. \$75 ea./\$50 kids 12 & under.

Crane Teachings

Sunday, 1–3pm | 58335 Cranewings Court
(AVAILABLE F/Su)

See Friday, 1pm for event description. **Limit 6. \$40 ea.**

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Creatures of the Dock Tours

Sunday, 1–3pm | CACS Yurt on the Spit
(AVAILABLE F/Sa/Su)

See Friday, 1pm listing for event description.
Limit 30. \$10 ea./\$5 kids 2–12/under 2 free.

Kayaking & Archeology of Kachemak Bay

Sunday, 1–5pm | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 1pm listing for event description.
Limit 15. \$95 ea./\$85 kids 12 & under.

Marine Wildlife Tour

Sunday, 1pm–3pm | Harbor, bottom Ramp 3, turn right, M/V Torega
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 1pm for event description. **Limit 12. \$65 ea./\$35 kids 12 & under.**

Flow with the Birds: 1/2 Day Kayak Tour

Sunday, 1:30–6pm | Harbor Ramp 2, M/V Billy Hawk
(AVAILABLE Th/F/Sa/Su)

See Thursday, 9am listing for event description. **Limit 12. \$90 ea.**

Film Series & Invited Speakers: Shorebirds on Dynamic Boundaries

Sunday, 1:30–3pm | Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center - Auditorium
(AVAILABLE Th - 5:30pm/Su)

See Thursday 5:30pm for event description. **Limit 120. \$5.**

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How to Register

Registration will open Monday, March 23 at 12pm

Register:

1. Online at kachemakshorebird.org
2. In-person Tuesdays and Thursdays 11am–4:30pm at Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center, 95 Sterling Hwy., Homer, AK 99603
3. By phone Tuesdays and Thursdays 11a .m.–4:30pm by calling (907) 226-4631. If we don't pick up, please leave a message. If you call outside these hours, your call will be returned during the next office hours.



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Festival Registration

Festival registration permits entry into events listed with the “Included with Registration” icon. Registration allows participants to purchase/reserve tickets for events with limited space and/or an additional fee. Participants may be asked to show their 2020 Festival Registration Badge at each event.

The one-time Festival registration fee is \$20. Participants may add up to four family members to their Festival registration for an additional \$5 per person.

A one-time processing fee of \$2 is added to each ticket order to cover credit card processing; this \$2 fee covers the whole order and helps with the Festival's general operating and ticketing expenses. Thank you for your support in helping the Festival remain a self-sustaining event.

Pick up Festival Registration badges and event tickets at Alaska Maritime NWR Visitor Center, beginning May 6 at noon. Contact the Festival Coordinator at info@kachemakshorebird.org for further information or to make alternate arrangements.

Refund/Exchange Policy

In an effort to be fair to both our participants and event sponsors, our updated *Refund and Exchange Policy* is:

- No refunds will be given for registration or processing fees at any time.
- Refunds and exchanges on event ticket sales made before April 7, 4:30pm receive a full refund less a 10% refund fee.
- Refunds and exchanges on event tickets sales made between April 8 and April 22, 4:30pm receive a 50% refund.
- No refunds after April 22—two weeks prior to the Festival.
- If an event is canceled by the Festival due to high seas or other unforeseeable circumstances, participants will receive a full refund of event ticket costs.
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