

# SEWARD SEABIRD FESTIVAL

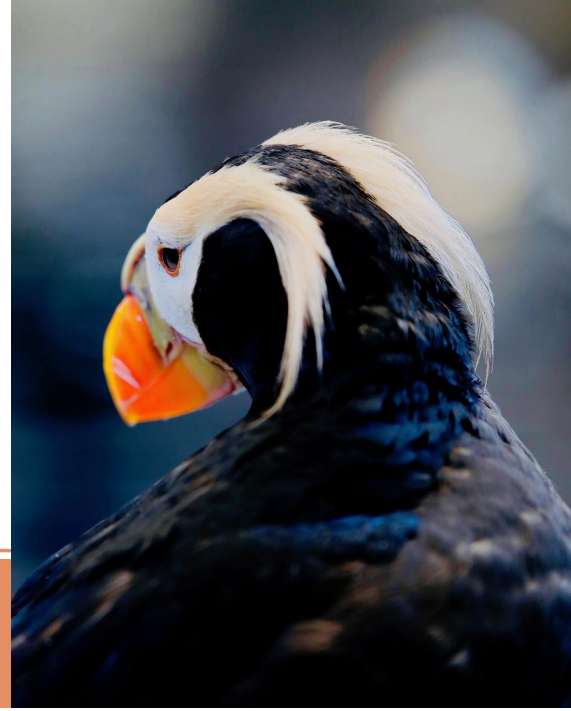
CELEBRATING ALASKA'S SEABIRDS

FRIDAY, JUNE 21 TO SUNDAY, JUNE 23

ART & FOOD VENDORS • ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS • BIRDING COMPETITIONS  
TALKS BY BIRD EXPERTS • BIRDWATCHING BOAT TOURS



# 2019



## EVENT DESCRIPTIONS AND INFORMATION

ACTIVITIES ARE FREE UNLESS NOTED

**Interpretive Bird Dive:** Watch Alaska SeaLife Center divers in action and learn more about their underwater work in our seabird habitat. *(Free with paid admission to Alaska SeaLife Center)*

**Seabird Keeper Chat:** Our avian keepers will give visitors a glimpse into the animal care taking place at the Center. From learning about the gossip of the aviary to getting new fun facts about the birds. *(Free with paid admission to Alaska SeaLife Center)*

**Puffin Encounter:** Meet our resident birds and participate in feeding in the aviary. This 60-minute tour is daily at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm and can accommodate a maximum of 4 people, with a minimum age of 10 years old. Puffin Encounter tours are \$74.95 per person plus admission to Alaska SeaLife Center. *(Alaska SeaLife Center)*

**Education Station:** Alaska SeaLife Center guests will be able to learn more about species of Alaska, including birds, marine mammals, invertebrates, and more. *(Free with paid admission to Alaska SeaLife Center)*

**Seabird Feeding Session:** Immerse yourself in an Alaskan seabird rookery. Watch us feed the birds in our seabird habitat, where puffins fly underwater to catch their food! *(Free with paid admission to Alaska SeaLife Center)*

**NPS Bear Spray Training:** A public workshop on how to use bear spray—learn the range and spray pattern of bear spray by using inert spray that does not have the same noxious effects as actual bear spray, but still simulates the spray distance. *(K.M. Rae Building)*

**Paint n Sip:** Join local artist Marissa Amor at Zudy's Cafe for an evening of seabird inspired painting. Create an 18 x 24 mixed media painting. Cost includes painting supplies. \$50. Limit 15 people. Questions: maramorak@gmail.com Register at [www.marissaamor.com/shop/sip-amp-paint-ticket](http://www.marissaamor.com/shop/sip-amp-paint-ticket). *(Zudy's Cafe)*

**Private Photography Session in Alaska SeaLife Center Aviary:** Enjoy private access to our seabird aviary at the Alaska SeaLife Center. Go behind the scenes and into our seabird exhibit for a personal, up-close opportunity to photograph the birds in our public aviary. Get hands-on photography tips from our ASLC resident photographer, and gain expert bird knowledge from our avian staff. Space is limited to 4. Reservations required, \$74.95 per person, must be 16+. Contact: Nancy Deel - [nancyd@alaskasealife.org](mailto:nancyd@alaskasealife.org) *(Alaska SeaLife Center)*

**American Legion Pancake Feed:** Enjoy a stack of yummy pancakes and start your day off right! *(American Legion)* - donations accepted

**Kid's Tent:** Fun crafts and activities. *(Alaska SeaLife Center Plaza)*

**Earn Your Junior Seabirder Badge and Kid's Tent Activities:** Pick up Junior Seabirder activity card at the Kid's Tent. Complete activities and participate in events to earn stamps for your badge! Badge awarded anytime, but Tuffy will be at award ceremonies from 12-1pm and 6-7pm. *(Alaska SeaLife Center Plaza)*

**Meet Tuffy:** Tuffy the Tufted Puffin will be around to help celebrate seabirds! *(Alaska SeaLife Center Plaza)*

**On-Shore Birding Competition:** From land, search the surrounding Seward area for as many bird species as you can find from 6:00am - 6:00pm! Pick up a sheet at the Kid's Tent *(Alaska SeaLife Center Plaza)* to tally your species observed during the time-frame. Completed sheets must be turned in by 6:00pm to be eligible. Winners announced at 6:30pm outside of Alaska SeaLife Center. First place Adult Division receives two complimentary seats on the Sunday seabird boat tour with Alaska Seabird Charters aboard M/V *Jack Sparrow* from 8:00am - 4:00pm. Second place Adult Division and First place Junior Division each receive two complimentary seats on the Sunday seabird boat tour with Major Marine Tours aboard *Orca Song* from 9:30am - 4:00pm.

**Seabird Salutations Yoga Class:** Fun and inspiring seabird themed yoga class hosted by Salted Roots. \$10 cost at door. Must pre-register at [saltedrootsalaska.com/seabirdfestival](http://saltedrootsalaska.com/seabirdfestival) *(K.M. Rae Building)*

**Live Bird Experience:** Meet a seabird from the Alaska SeaLife Center aviary. Learn about puffins and what makes them unique. No admittance once doors close at 11:00am. *(K.M. Rae Building)*

**Talk: Overview of Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge.** Learn about the Refuge's 3.4 million acres including the spectacular volcanic islands of the Aleutian chain, the seabird cliffs of the remote Pribilofs, icebound lands washed by the Chukchi Sea, and many islands near Seward like the Chiswells and Pye Islands! These lands provide essential habitat for some 40 million seabirds, representing more than 30 species. *(K.M. Rae Building)*

**Keynote: "The birds' tale: long-term seabird research on Middleton Island" by Scott Hatch**

Scott Hatch is a wildlife biologist whose research interests are the population biology and feeding ecology of North Pacific seabirds. Raised in western Washington, he moved to Alaska in 1975, and apart from several winters in California for graduate school, has enjoyed the Alaska lifestyle ever since. His devotion to seabirds reflects a lifelong attraction to the ocean and admiration for the birds that make a living from it. Having first visited Middleton Island in the winter of 1978, he's returned annually to this remarkable gem in the Gulf of Alaska over the past 34 years. Since retiring from the U.S. Geological Survey in 2012, he has managed the affairs of the nonprofit Institute for Seabird Research and Conservation and served as Middleton's self-appointed mayor—population approximately 12 humans and 50,000 seabirds. *(K.M. Rae Building)*

**Family Seabird Viewing Station:** Join an Alaska SeaLife Center Researcher at the Iditarod Memorial monument to spot seabirds, waterfowl, marine mammals and other goodies. Scopes and binoculars will be available. *(Mile 0, Historic Iditarod Trail)*

**NPS Ranger-Led Bird Walk Along Shoreline:** Meet at the newly remodeled Kenai Fjords National Park Visitor Center for a family-friendly ranger-led walk along the shoreline to the Alaska SeaLife Center. *(Kenai Fjords National Park Visitor Center)*

**Bird Trivia:** A fun bird-themed trivia night for all! No bird expertise necessary. Grab a team (max 4 people) and join us! Limit 50 people. *(Seward Brewing Company)*

**Off-Shore Birding Competition:** The ocean-based birding competition! Explore the waters around Seward and Kenai National Fjords to find as many bird species from a boat. Competition from 8am-4pm. Turn in completed checklist at Alaska SeaLife Center ticketing counter before 6pm. First place overall wins a Puffin Encounter gift certificate for two participants, redeemable at a later date. Winner will be contacted.

**Sunday Boat Tour Options:**

Alaska Seabird Charters aboard M/V *Jack Sparrow* from 8am - 4pm (contact [capt.john@alaskaseabirds.com](mailto:capt.john@alaskaseabirds.com)) - additional fee  
Major Marine Tours aboard *Orca Song* from 9:30am - 4pm ([majormarine.com/seward-seabird-festival/](http://majormarine.com/seward-seabird-festival/)) - additional fee

**Other Birder Tour Options:**

60 Degrees Adventure Charters, Captain Laura Schneider, 907-671-7022, [cruise@60degreesak.com](mailto:cruise@60degreesak.com), [www.60degreesak.com](http://www.60degreesak.com) - additional fee

### LOCATIONS:

**Alaska SeaLife Center**  
301 Railway Avenue

**K.M. Rae Building**  
125 3rd Avenue

**Zudy's Cafe**  
501 Railway Avenue

**Iditarod Memorial**  
Mile 0, Historic Iditarod Trail

**Kenai Fjords National Park  
Visitor Center**  
1212 4th Avenue

**Seward Brewing Company**  
139 4th Avenue

**American Legion**  
402 5th Avenue