

WHALE FESTIVAL TALK SCHEDULE

Talks will last 45mins - 1 hour; Children's educational slot 1-2 hours

24TH SEPTEMBER - FRIDAY

TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
10H00	Alison Towner (BSc Marine Biology) – Marine Dynamics	Daily observations of great white sharks
11H30	SASSI	DVD of the South Africa Sustainable Seafood Initiative
14H00	Caryn Behrmann (Mammal Research Institute-Univ of Pretoria)	Heaviside's Dolphins – little known secret of the West Coast
15H30	Lauren Waller (BSc Hons Conservation Biology)	Africa Penguin – Current Status, Threats, Trends, The Way Forward

25TH SEPTEMBER - SATURDAY

TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
10H00	Oliver Jewell (BSc Hons Oceanography) – Marine Dynamics	Tagging of sharks for research
11H30	Michelle Wcisel (BSc Hons Zoology) - Dyer Island Cruises	Children's educational slot and competition
14H00	Ingrid Peters (PhD candidate Univ. of Pretoria)	Southern Right Whale Identification & feeding habits
15H30	SASSI *Subject to change to accommodate a guest speaker*	DVD of the South Africa Sustainable Seafood Initiative

26TH SEPTEMBER - SUNDAY

TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
10H00	Katja Vinding Petersen (MSc Marine Biology) – Dyer Island Cruises	Whale & Dolphin Acoustics
11H30	Wilfred Chivell – Founder of Dyer Island Conservation Trust	Conservation through Tourism
14H00	Steve Kirkman (Marine Scientist-Dept. of Environmental Affairs)	Seal research and Management in southern Africa
15H30	Brenda Walters (DICT)	Overview of the Dyer Island Conservation Trust

27TH SEPTEMBER - MONDAY

TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
10H00	Alison Towner (BSc Marine Biology) – Marine Dynamics	Daily observations of great white sharks
11H30	Lauren Waller (BSc Hons Conservation Biology)	Africa Penguin – Current Status, Threats, Trends, The Way Forward
14H00	SASSI	DVD of the South Africa Sustainable Seafood Initiative
15H30	Michelle Wcisel (BSc Hons Zoology) – Dyer Island Cruises	Children’s educational slot and competition

28TH SEPTEMBER - TUESDAY

TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
10H00	SASSI	DVD of the South Africa Sustainable Seafood Initiative

**All information correct at time of going to print.

Dyer Island Conservation Trust delivers unique conservation and research programmes in the fragile and critically important marine eco-system at the southern-most tip of Africa. Here we strive to protect the largest surviving colonies of the endangered African Penguin; the globally important breeding and calving grounds of the Southern Right Whale; and, one of the world’s largest populations of the mysterious Great White Shark.

The Whale Festival 2010 is the perfect opportunity for the Trust to connect and educate the public on the incredible marine diversity in our area. Together with our eco-tourism partners, **Dyer Island Cruises** (whale watching) and **Marine Dynamics Tours** (shark cage diving), we will be exhibiting and hosting interesting talks by our team of marine biologists and invited guests in the Marine Big 5 Conservation Expo marquee. Talks range from the whales and dolphins in the area, to great white shark behaviour and tagging, whale acoustics, seal research, the African Penguin, and more. There will be an educational children’s slot and a colouring-in competition. The Trust is joined by SASSI (South African Sustainable Seafood Initiative) who have recently revised their seafood list. Learn what seafood is sustainably harvested and make a difference. You will also find recycling bins available at the marquee where you can recycle your plastics, paper, tins and glass.

To learn more visit www.dict.org.za; www.whalewatchsa.com;
www.sharkwatchsa.com

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