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### **Cape May Whale Watch and Research Center 2019 Internship Application**

The Cape May Whale Watch and Research Center offers a research and education internship to undergraduates and recent graduates in the fields of marine biology, environmental science and other related fields. We have partnered with the [Whale and Dolphin Conservation \(WDC\)](#) and [Whale SENSE](#) out of Plymouth, Massachusetts since 2011 and have expanded our research program with our New Jersey Non Profit; Whale and Dolphin Research Center of Cape May. Professional marine biologists and captains advise our interns for data collection, independent projects and passenger education on whale and dolphin watches.

Our whale and dolphin watching season runs from April to November. At the height of our season there are three trips a day with an extremely flexible intern schedule, customized to work around outside employment and summer classes. In addition to trips leaving out of our location in Cape May on the [American Star](#), during the summer we also have trips out of Wildwood on the Atlantic Star.

#### **Intern tasks include:**

- Photographing marine mammals on whale and dolphin watching trips
- GPS/Data collection and processing
- Atlantic Bottlenose Dolphin fin matching and analyzing
- Leading a touch tank, whale baleen and marine debris demonstration
- Maintenance of collected local species tanks
- Educating passengers
- Contributing to our [research blog](#) and creating an independent project

#### **Application Process:** To apply, please submit a complete application that includes:

- Cover Letter and current Resume
- Contact information for two references including email and phone numbers
- A supporting document of no more than 500 words answering **ONE** of the following:
  1. How would you respond to a passenger who is disappointed with the trip (Ex: No whale sightings, not close enough to animals, number of dolphins, etc) and continues by commenting that they should go to a marine park instead?
  2. What conservation efforts do you believe should be established in Southern New Jersey for Marine Mammal protection and how could it be implemented?
  3. Why would research of Marine Mammals in their natural habitat, using photo identification, and data collection be useful and important?

**Please submit completed application packet to Tracie Cicchitti ([tracie.cicchitti@capemaywhalewatch.com](mailto:tracie.cicchitti@capemaywhalewatch.com)) and Melissa Laurino ([mellsaurino@gmail.com](mailto:mellsaurino@gmail.com)) as one PDF document.**