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O’Neill Sea Odyssey Adam Webster Memorial Fund Dinner To Benefit Special Needs Youth, October 23

Tom and Judy Webster will be hosting their 8th Annual dinner, 5:30 – 9:30 PM at the Santa Cruz Yacht Club at 244 Fourth Avenue in Santa Cruz on Saturday, October 23. All proceeds will benefit O’Neill Sea Odyssey’s Adam Webster Memorial Fund to support ocean-going recreation and science programs for special needs youth.

The dinner cost is \$55.00 per person, and includes wine, dinner, dancing and a silent auction. Reservations can be made at www.oneillseaodyssey.org or at (831) 425-0221. Dinner will be compliments of Johnny’s Harborside, music compliments of JazzA, and wine compliments of Ventana Wines, Vine Hill Winery and the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk.

The vision of the Adam Webster Fund of O’Neill Sea Odyssey is *“To provide a successful but not purely intellectual or academic learning experience for individuals with special needs in the context of the ocean environment. There won’t necessarily always be an academic curriculum, but there will always be a plan. A plan to open the doors of life and living closed by physical, social, intellectual, and emotional barriers.*

Special needs individuals may benefit from learning about navigation, but perhaps just as much from feeling the rolling motion of the ocean as the wave movement stimulates a body and a sensory system that has been immobile and confined to a wheelchair for years. It is never known what new experience will create a new learning opportunity, intellectual or social milestone in the special need individual’s journey toward opening the next door. A door through which lies development and fulfillment in a life limited in many ways.

Our friends the dolphins know it. In open water they often swim with, and ahead of these individuals almost as if they are leading them to new adventures and protecting them on their journey. We should too. That is our vision.”

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