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### **Research and Education 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 many organizations and have expanded our research program with our 501(c)(3) Non Profit; Cape May Marine Mammal Research Center. Professional marine biologists and captains advise our interns for data collection, projects and passenger education on whale and dolphin watches.

Our whale and dolphin watching season runs from March to December. At the height of our season there are three trips daily with an extremely flexible intern schedule, customized to work around outside employment and summer classes. Paid positions are available in conjunction with the internship.

#### **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 and science communication
- Contributing to our [research blog](#) and an ongoing project

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

- Cover Letter
- Current resume or CV
- Contact information for two references
- A supporting document of no more than 500 words answering **ONE** of the following:
  1. How can whale and dolphin watching promote the conservation of marine mammals in New Jersey?
  2. 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 Melissa Laurino ([mellsaurino@gmail.com](mailto:mellsaurino@gmail.com) and [info@capemaywhalewatch.com](mailto:info@capemaywhalewatch.com)) as one PDF document.**