



# Marine Month of Madness Family Seminar Series

**Join us on Wednesdays in May from 7-8 pm at Galway Atlantaquaria, for a series of sea-themed, family-friendly, talks and workshops.**

**Wed. May 5<sup>th</sup> 7-8 pm “Baleen Whales: Irelands Giants”**  
with Conor Ryan, Irish Whale and Dolphin Group

Get to know whales with Conor! He began studying cetaceans in Cork Harbour in 2001 when he joined the Irish Whale and Dolphin Group, and is currently working on a PhD at GMIT, studying the ecology of Baleen Whales in Ireland. In this talk you'll learn about where Baleen Whales swim, what they eat, who they are related to, and more.

**Wed. May 12<sup>th</sup> 7-8 pm “The Truth about Slimy Seaweed (like they're not all slimy!)”**  
with Dr. Maeve Edwards, Carna Research Station, NUI Galway

This workshop is your chance to learn more about Irish seaweeds (even the slimy ones!), get creative with seaweed pictures, learn to recognise edible seaweeds and even make your own sushi 'nori' sheets and eat samples on the night! You'll love seaweed by the time Maeve is done with you!

**Wed. May 19<sup>th</sup> 7-8 pm “Pirates! The First Entrepreneurs”**  
with Brian MacGabhann, co-founder of the Renmore History Society

In many ways the spirit and mind-set that motivated and guided early pirates is not too dissimilar from that which influences those operating in the ruthless world of business today. Whether with cutlass or fountain pen, men were driven by the imperatives of profit and plunder. This talk looks at the golden era of piracy; the high seas, the Spanish Main, pieces of eight, and will suggest that the real story of pirates may have been even more bizarre and dramatic than the Hollywood version we are familiar with.

**Wed. May 26<sup>th</sup> 7-8 pm “Why, Where and How to Learn and Play in Galway Bay”**  
with Emma McGroarty, Bow Waves Galway Sailing & Powerboat School

In these technological times, people often forget how much fun being outside can be! In this talk, Emma, a Chief Instructor with Bow Waves, will discuss the values and benefits of Outdoor Education for young people and what activities the coastline in Galway has to offer.

**Talks are free but pre-booking is required!**  
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