

The Cannery Row Foundation, in association with
The Historical Diving Society-USA, asks you to join us in
a commemoration of the Cannery Divers of Old Cannery Row.

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Your tax deductible donation of any amount will help preserve the history of the courageous but little known role of the Cannery Divers of Monterey's world-famous old Cannery Row.

The permanent monument will consist of a life-size bronze casting of a 1930s era commercial helmet set on top of a concrete piling. The piling will bear a bronze plaque naming the major donors to the project (The names of individuals and businesses contributing \$500.00 or more will appear on the perpetual bronze plaque). The memorial will also incorporate a weatherproof ceramic-steel historical panel that will contain period photos of the divers at work and explain the vital role they played in the development of Cannery Row as the Sardine Capital of the World.

The site of the Cannery Divers Memorial will be at the City of Monterey's historic San Carlos Beach Park. The site preserves a number of cannery ruins and is the perfect site for a recognition of the contributions of Cannery Divers to the Monterey fishing and canning industry. San Carlos Beach Park is also recognized as the #1 Shore Dive Beach in the USA. Though many thousands of sports divers enjoy this historic beach each year, no recognition of its diving history has yet been accomplished to inform diving enthusiasts of the critical role that early Cannery Divers played in the development of the sardine industry of Cannery Row. This permanent memorial will commemorate the Cannery Divers and their courage and indispensable skills, upon which Monterey's world-famous sardine industry depended. It has been said, Cannery Row could not have happened without them.



Diver Eddie Bushnell and Andy Skov.

One of old Cannery Row's most renowned Cannery Divers, Eddie Bushnell, is shown (at left) with Andy Skov (circa 1939), preparing for a dive off Cannery Row. In order to unload the larger boats of the 1930s, like the one in the background of this photo, floating wooden hoppers had to be anchored to the bottom of the bay. Pipes that pumped sardines ashore from the hoppers had to be installed, repaired, replaced, realigned and maintained in order for the canneries of old Monterey to begin and operate a full six month season each year. Cannery Divers were essential to the very operation of the canneries.



(Right) The historic Morse divers helmet, loaned by HDS Secretary, Tim Beaver, for the Memorial's bronze casting; shown with CRF & HDS Project Co-Chair, Scrap Lundy.



Please support this historic project to recognize the Cannery Divers of the Row.
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