FAQ

Where is the Marathon taking place?
In multiple areas throughout the Museum. Chapters 7 - 9 are read at the Seaman’s Bethel. The timing is detailed in this program. Open the program all the way for a directory. You can also find program information throughout the Museum.

Is there food and drink available?
Yes. Snacks and drinks are available for purchase in the Nye Lubricants Learning Lab (Main Level).

Can I get a seat in the Seamen’s Bethel?
Seats in the Bethel are very limited and advance registration for a random drawing was required. If you were notified that you were given a seat please visit the Information Booth in the Jacobs Family Gallery on Saturday morning to receive a wristband, which is required to enter the Bethel.

If you did not sign up for the drawing for a seat, you can still experience Father Mapple’s sermon via livestream in the Cook Memorial Theater (Lower Level) and in the Nye Lubricants Learning Lab (Main Level).

How do I get to Harbor View Gallery?
When accessing the Marathon in Harbor View Gallery between Chapter 9 and the Epilogue, please use the main elevator (Elevator 2) or stairs. The Wattles Jacobs Education Center elevator (Elevator 3) will not access the Upper Level during the Marathon so as not to disturb readers.

How do I get to the Bourne Building?
Go to the Main Level and look for the model whaleship *Lagoda* - you can’t miss it.

Can I come and go?
Yes. You may enter and exit through the main Museum entrance as you please.

If I haven’t signed up, can I still read?
Reading spots have all been assigned. However, inevitably readers will be unable to read at their time slot, which is where you come in. You can sign up to be a stand-by reader at the Reader Log-in table.

General Rules:
- No backpacks or oversized bags – free lockers are provided near the front desk; food and drink is allowed in the Bourne Building, Harbor View Gallery, and the Nye Lubricants Learning Lab only (not in other galleries); photography is permitted, but we ask that you do not use a flash.

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WELCOME

Are you ready to be taken back in time and join Ishmael on the epic journey and hunt for the elusive white whale? This marks the 21st consecutive year that we have gathered midwinter to read this classic tale each year we expand in size and programs. This year boasts our growing Portuguese and children’s mini-marathons, as well as our steadfast activities including the Culture*Park performance of “Midnight on the Fo’c’sle,” stump the Melville Scholars, and reading from the pulpit at the Seamen’s Bethel.

A heartfelt thanks goes out to our extraordinary Museum volunteers who manage the weekend’s activities and, of course, to our brave readers who bring the classic tale to life each year.

Best,

James Russell
President & CEO

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SATURDAY

Times are approximate and are dependent on the reading pace of the marathon. All Saturday and Sunday events are free and open to the public. Guests may come and go through the Museum’s main entrance.

10:00 am
Stump the Scholars. Audience brings their most challenging Melville-related questions and tries to stump Melville Scholars. Cook Memorial Theater (Lower Level)

10:00 am
Children’s Mini-Marathon. Harbor View Gallery (Upper Level)

11:30 am
Extracts read by the Melville Scholars
Bourne Building (Main Level)

12:00 pm
Main Marathon begins. Bourne Building (Main Level)

1:30 pm
Father Mapple’s Sermon. Pre-Registration required. Seamen’s Bethel. (Livestream in the Cook Memorial Theater)

Main Marathon Continues
Harbor View Gallery (Upper Level)

2:30 pm
Chat with Melville Scholars. Wattles Family Gallery (Lower Level)

3:00 pm
Portuguese Marathon. Bourne Building (Main Level)

4:00 pm

5:00 pm
Cousin Hosea’s Chowder Hall. Recharge and warm up with New Bedford’s best soups. Nye Lubricants Learning Lab (Main Level)

7:00 pm
Culture*Park’s performance of Midnight on the Fo’c’sle (chapter 40). Cook Memorial Theater (Lower Level)

8:00 pm
Toast the Marathon’s 21st Year with the Pour Farm Jacobs Family Gallery (Lower Level)

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SUNDAY

8:00 am
The 20th-hour Feast. A tasty breakfast to fuel readers in the home stretch. Nye Lubricants Learning Lab (Main Level)

9:30 am
Chat with Melville Scholars. Wattles Family Gallery (Lower Level)

1:00 pm
Epilogue and prizes for the hearty souls that make it through the entire voyage. Harbor View Gallery (Upper Level)

The entire marathon will be broadcasted via livestream in the Cook Memorial Theater and the Nye Lubricants Learning Lab, as well as online so enthusiasts around the globe can follow along. www.whalingmuseum.org

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THANK YOU

Thank a volunteer today!

Our volunteers work tirelessly to provide an unforgettable Moby-Dick Marathon experience for all. When you see them throughout the weekend, please stop and thank them. You can also support the Marathon by purchasing these items from the White Whale Gift Shop.

- Pin $5.00
- Bracelet $20.00
- Tote or Bracelet $20.00
- Poster $10.00

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