Join us for the 22nd annual read-a-thon of America’s most iconic novel, *Moby-Dick*. An experience you don’t want to miss, you’ll relive the famous, action-packed narrative and be transported back in time on the search for the elusive white whale. In addition to the main event, the Whaling Museum hosts two mini-marathons on January 6: a Portuguese-language reading of Tiago Patricio’s abridged *Moby-Dick*; and a children’s version by Classic Starts.

**Friday, January 5**

5:30 pm – 9 pm

**Pre-marathon Dinner, Movie, and Discussion**

**Tickets:** Members $40 | Non-members $50

Call: 508-997-0046 x100

Online: [Tickets for Pre-marathon events](#)

Enjoy a meal well-suited for hungry sailors followed by David Shaerf’s documentary film *Call Us Ishmael*, an intimate look at the world’s obsession with *Moby-Dick* and its cultural legacy. The [Melville Society Cultural Project](#) will conclude the night with a lively discussion of the film. [LEARN](#)
Saturday, January 6

The Marathon Experience:
From 10 am Saturday to 1 pm Sunday
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

10 am Stump the Scholars
Test your knowledge of Moby-Dick and try to Stump the Scholars with questions for Melville Society Cultural Project members.

10 am Children’s Mini-Marathon
Children of all ages can read a section of an abridged version of Moby-Dick by Classic Starts.

11:30 am Extracts read by the Melville Society Cultural Project members

12 pm The Main Attraction
The 22nd Annual Moby-Dick Marathon reading begins with celebrity readers nestled among the world’s largest model whaleship – the Lagoda. Next, head to the Seamen’s Bethel to hear Father Mapple’s rousing sermon (if your name is drawn in the seat raffle. Otherwise, watch a live-stream of the sermon in the Museum’s theater.) Readings continue while overlooking the New Bedford Harbor, with the exception of Chapter 40, “Forecastle-Midnight” in the Museum’s theater with Culture*Park. Listen to excerpts read in multiple languages, bringing to life Melville’s experience of a culturally diverse whaling crew.

2:30 pm Chat with Melville scholars Project & Book Signing
Have your book signed by contributors to the new third edition of Norton’s Moby-Dick from the Melville Society Cultural Project (Robert K. Wallace, Timothy Marr, Wyn Kelley, Mary K. Bercaw Edwards)

3 pm Portuguese Mini-Marathon
Join us for the third annual reading of Tiago Patricio’s abridged version of Moby-Dick in Portuguese.
Read Melville in the Azorean Whaleman Gallery with forty-eight other intrepid souls.


Special thanks to the Azorean Maritime Historical Society and the Portuguese Consulate of New Bedford.
Um agradecimento especial ao Azorean Maritime Historical Society e ao Consulado de Portugal em New Bedford.

3 pm – 5 pm “Above It All” Artist Demonstration
New Bedford Whaling National Park, 33 William Street (across the street from Museum)

See art in action as artist Peter Michael Martin pulls a large-scale woodblock print especially designed for the Moby-Dick Marathon. Peter’s collection of large-scale pieces called Martin & Moby, inspired by Moby-Dick, were exhibited at the Whaling Museum January–June 2014. Currently, a piece by Peter entitled Trust (4 ft x 8 ft) is currently on exhibit in Enlightened Encounters: The Two Nations of Manjiro Nakahama at the Whaling Museum.

4 pm – 5 pm Artist Jacob Mark signs copies of the poster he designed for the marathon

5 pm – 9 pm Cousin Hosea’s Chowder House and the Decanter Taproom
Re-charge and warm up with New Bedford’s finest chowders and soups from local restaurants – Destination Soups, Freestone’s City Grill, Tia Maria’s European Cafe, and Quahog Republic Whaler’s Tavern. Moby-Dick Brewing Co. will be serving up local brews in the Decanter Taproom.

7 pm – 7:30 pm Culture*Park’s performance of Midnight, Forecastle (chapter 40)

Sunday, January 7

8 am The 20th-hour Feast
Enjoy malassadas, provided by Inner Bay Café, and all the trimmings to fuel you up for the home stretch!

9:30 am Chat with Melville scholars

Around 1 pm Epilogue
A few souls will be richly rewarded for impressively staying up all night.

Livestream Broadcast: The entire marathon will be broadcast via livestream in a couple of venues within the Museum, as well as online, so enthusiasts around the globe can follow along.

Marathon Questions? For information about the 22nd Annual Moby-Dick Marathon call 508-717-6851 or email mdmarathon@whalingmuseum.org.

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