

MARK J. FERRARI

Mark is currently the Executive Director and co-founder of the non profit corporation, Center for Whale Studies. A research scientist, educator, conservationist, photographer, and cinematographer, Mark has dedicated his life to educating others about our fragile planet and the creatures we share it with. "It is only through the rigor of science, that we can "know" the truth...for the truth holds the answers to the questions of mankind".

EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Associate Investigator, Humpback Whale Research, Conservation, and Education Project - Maui, Hawaii, California, and Alaska: 1978–Present
- Executive Director, Secretary, and Treasurer, Center for Whale Studies, a California non profit 501 (c)(3) corporation: 1986–Present
- National Marine Fisheries Service Federal Permit Associate to conduct scientific research under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 and the Endangered Species Act of 1973: 1980–Present
- Research Fellow with Wildlife Conservation International (a division of the New York Zoological Society): 1989–1990
- Predatory Mammal Team Leader, Alexander Lindsay Museum, Walnut Creek, CA: 1972–1979
- Vice President, Institute for Wildlife Studies, Arcata, California: 1979–Present
- Humpback Whale Research Associate, California Marine Mammal Center: 1981–1986
- Nikon Professional Services, Photographer: 1978–Present
- Cinematographer, Naturewatch, CTV, London, 1985
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- Cinematographer, "Islands of the Gods", Hawaii Experience Theater, 1986
- Cinematographer, "Star Trek IV - The Voyage Home", live whale footage, 1986
- Cinematographer, "Land of the Living Totems", Cousteau Society, 1987
- Cinematographer, "Pacific Whale Rendezvous", National Geographic Explorer, 1990
- Cinematographer, "Real Life with Jane Pauley", NBC News, 1991
- Cinematographer, "The Humpback", Paradise Television Network, 1993

EDUCATION

Saint May's College, Moraga, California: Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, 1972

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Maui Whalewatch Captain's Environmental Award: 1999, 1990
- The Foundation for Ocean Research, John Stoneman Marine Environment Award: 1987
- The Whale Center Special Conservation Award for the "Humphrey Rescue" Project: 1986
- Grand Marshall, Rio Vista Bass Derby "Humphrey Day" Parade: 1986.
- California Marine Mammal Center, Certificate of Appreciation: 1985
- Maharishi Community Service Award: 1983
- Society of Marine Mammalogy Award for the Outstanding Research and Best Presentation at the Fourth Biennial Conference on the Biology of Marine Mammals, San Francisco: 1981