

Registration for Mer Retreat at the Beach

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Registration Fee: _____ (\$20 nonrefundable)

Email: _____

How many days will you be attending? Friday night ___ Saturday ___ Sunday ___

Will you be staying at the hotel? Yes ___ No ___

This retreat was created for those interested or involved in mer'ing (commonly known as "mermaiding," but as this is an all-genders event, will be referred to here as "mer'ing"). This is designed to be a very casual retreat. Although there may be scheduled events, the events listed may change over time, and attendees are by no means obligated to attend. Participants must also be aware that they attend all events at their own risk, with the agreement that Mer Retreat at the Beach and its staff are not accountable or liable in **any** way for any mishaps or accidents which may occur during participation in the retreat. Mer Retreat staff will make this event as safe as possible, but in the end, each attendee must acknowledge full responsibility for their own safety and well-being. If you agree, please sign the waiver below.

I, the undersigned, _____, understand and agree that Mer-Retreat at the beach and its staff will not be held liable for any mishaps, accidents or other injuries suffered by me at the event.

Date: _____

It is of special note that there is a very rough surf and a bad undertow in the ocean. It is advised that people do not wade in deep water or swim in the ocean at the retreat. It is very cold and hypothermia can be a problem. There is a heated pool at the hotel for those wishing to swim. Yes, your mer-tail is welcomed in the pool. However, please be advised that **there will be no life guard on duty.**

Families are welcomed at this event. All children attending the Mer-Retreat will need a signed registration and safety waiver, completed & signed by a legal guardian to attend events and activities held by Mer-Retreat at the Beach. Parents are solely responsible for the safety and well being of their child(ren), & parents must accompany their child at all times. At no time may a child be alone at any Retreat event. In addition, it is advised that you keep a close eye on your children around all water sources, & recommended that your child be secured in a swimming floatation device when around water of any kind.

This event is a body positive event. No forms of bullying or harassment will be tolerated. Nor will sexual innuendo or improper conduct be permitted. Furthermore, please ask permission for any pictures you might want to take of *anyone* at the event. If you are found to be in violation of these in any manner, Mer-Retreat at the Beach will ask you to leave the premises and you will not be allowed to attend any other events in future.

If you are an attendee and you feel unsafe for any reason please talk with me, Orchid Cavett, so that I can help resolve the matter. I do not want any one to feel unsafe or harassed in any manner while at this event. Let's help keep this a fun and a safe environment for our event attendees! Also, remember that children will be at this event. Please conduct yourself in a manner that reflects that there are children present.

I hereby agree to the Mer Retreat's Code of Conduct & Harassment Policies:

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Liability Release and Participation Registration for Participating Minor:

Minors who wish to participate at Mer-Retreat activities must obtain the permission of a legal guardian. Only an official guardian can fill out this portion of the liability release, even if another person has been granted authority to supervise the minor for a specific time or event. If there is more than one minor, **please be sure to fill out a separate Liability & Release & Registration form for each child.** No registration fee for children.

Full Name of Minor: _____

Age: _____

Phone Number: _____

Street Address: _____

Legal Guardian: _____

Phone Number if different from Minor: _____

Address if different from Minor: _____

Rules of participation of Minor:

- 1. An official supervisor/Guardian must participate/be present with the child, under the age of 16, at all times at any of the events at Mer-Retreat at the Beach.**
- 2. All guardians must also fill out the registration and liability safety waiver release forms**
- 3. All minors are the sole responsibility of the official supervisor/guardian at all times**
- 4. There will be no life guards at the pool/hot tub area during the swim events at Mer-retreat at the Beach.**
- 5. The ocean currents are unpredictable and dangerous. It is advised that you and your minor stay out of the surf here while visiting our beaches.**

_____ (Please initial here that you have read the above warnings and caution information about the water areas and your responsibility as a guardian.)

I the undersigned _____, certify that I am the legal guardian of: _____ . By signing this waiver/release form of the minor's participation in this event, I am granting permission for my child to participate with their adult supervisor (legal Guardian representative). I understand and agree that Mer-Retreat at the beach and their staff are not to be held liable for any mishaps, accidents or other injuries suffered by said minor at the event.

Date: _____

If you wish your child(ren) to attend ANY Mer Retreat at the Beach event under another adult's care, please read & sign the release below:

I (print legal guardian's name) _____ hereby authorize (print name of designated adult companion) _____ to accompany & supervise my child at the Mer Retreat on the Beach, for the period of _____ until _____, at which point I will resume the care of my child. I understand that this person assumes all of the responsibilities associated with supervising my child at the Retreat, & furthermore, that the staff of Mer Retreat at the Beach is NOT responsible for my child's supervision or well-being while in this person's care.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Authorized Caretaker's Signature: _____ Date: _____

MER-RETREAT NOVEMBER 3, 4, 5, 2017

All room reservations are done through the hotel and not Mer-Retreat

Room Reservation info:

Chautauqua Lodge

chautauqualodge.com

304 14th St NW, Long Beach, WA 98631

Phone number: 360 642 4401

Rooms: \$79, Condos: \$99 and \$149
(as quoted by Hotel)

Please tell them you are with the Mer-Retreat

Here are some discount codes for fins from two different companies for fins and tails. There will be a Mermaiding 101 class at the Retreat on Saturday for those of you who would like to learn more about DIY tail making or about purchasing fins. I am not endorsing any fin just attempting to get you a discount on fins and tails in case you'd like to have one for the retreat. I will however give you my opinion on these different fins. You take responsibility for buying fin and using it at the Retreat. Please make sure you understand risks of swimming with a fin and take care to use it safely. Thank you

Local:

If you are looking for a fin and tail there is a Shop called Sea Gypsy Gifts in Astoria that has both items. The fins are sold for 30 dollars and the fabric tails depend on what you are interested in buying. She will do custom fitting tail making for you. Her shop is at 1001 Commercial St. Astoria Oregon. you can also reach her at 360 510 2488 or email her at earthfairy27@yahoo.com.

Internet:

<http://www.finisswim.com/shop/mermaid-collection> 20 percent off with this code on your order
Aquarius20 (this code is case sensitive)

<https://www.suntailmermaid.com/> 10 percent off with this code on your order
APOOrangeCountyMermaid082117

This code was given to me by : <http://orangecountymermaid.com/>

The finis company has three fins, a child's and adult size Aquarius and the new Silicone Luna. They do not sell the tails so you would need to research the companies that do or sew your own. These are closed ended tails and getting the monofins into them can be a learning progress. I would not recommend them for novice or beginning swimmers in tail until they have tried the fin in the water without the tail. However, they do well for experienced swimmers.

The SunTailMermaid company has open ended tails that would be good for novice or beginning mers. I have not used their fin so cannot give much more than that info. They are a favorite of the Orange County Mermaid.

I have no discount code for this company but I have used their tails and monofins extensively. These also would be good beginning tails.

<https://www.finfunmermaid.com/shop-mermaid-tails>

Each company has their own fin that fits in their tails. Please research online each company fin requirements for their tails as they are made for specific fins. Most of the time they are not interchangeable.

You do not need a fin or tail to attend this event.