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## Montauk Shark Cage Expeditions

### Local shark cage diving at its very best...

**Trip Details** - Passengers will depart the docks in Montauk aboard the 35-foot Sea Turtle dive boat and will be transported about 15-30 miles south of Long Island where warm waters from the gulf-stream bring an array of life during the summer months. Sharks (mako, thresher and blue), mahi-mahi (Dolphin), tuna, whales, ocean sunfish, porpoise and sea turtles are among the creatures you could see on this type of adventure. The trip out can take 1-2 hours. Upon arrival, the crew will begin chumming the water, creating a slick to attract sharks. This process can take anywhere from 10 minutes to 4 hours.

The most common sharks seen are Blues, Makos, and if your lucky, the Thresher shark. It's not uncommon to have 3 or 4 sharks in the water at the same time. These trips are 8-12 hours long, so come prepared for a full day on the boat.

The amount of cage time you get depends on when the sharks show up. The average person will get two turns, about 30-45 minutes each. All divers are required to sign a Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement before leaving the dock. Sea Turtle Charters will supply weight Belts as well as tanks and regulators which are mounted in the cage. The dive boat has some weights for passengers to use, but I would bring your own because you will need a lot of weight if using a drysuit.

The *shark cage* will accommodate two divers. Life support is supplied to the divers by two individual 80 cubic inch tanks which are secured to the inside of the cage. Regulators are attached to the tanks using long hookah type hoses. The cage is made of 1" anodized aluminum pipe and is fully welded at all seams. Water temperature averages 60° F to 80° F and visibility can average 20 feet to 80 feet.

All trips *require* reservations. Deposits for *half the cost* of the trip are required. Reservations can be made by contacting us through our online form or calling us directly. The boat leaves the dock at 7:00 AM (unless noted otherwise) on our online schedule.

If you **call** the Sea Turtle Dive boat **directly**, please given them this *Booking Reference Number*, **ecophoto** and tell them you were referred to them by **Eco-Photo Explorers** to get the best rate.

**Cancellations** - Shark diving deposits are non-refundable. If a diver chooses not to go out and the tour was not canceled that constitutes a **NO SHOW** and the cost of the trip is non-refundable. Trip cancellations due to bad weather conditions and/or unsafe sea conditions that may jeopardize the safety of the passengers will be decided by the Captain at the dock. Every attempt will be made to reschedule divers in the event the Captain cancels the trip due to bad weather and/or unsafe sea conditions.

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For more detailed information, please contact us directly or visit our website:

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#### Online Registration Form & Schedule:

<http://ecophotoexplorers.com/MontaukCageDiving.asp>