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## **Bay Area Run Has “Seal” of Approval - The Marine Mammal Center’s *Run for the Seals* is Back**

(SAUSALITO, Calif. – March 6, 2007): The Marine Mammal Center’s 24th annual *Run for the Seals* event is back by popular demand. It takes place Sunday, April 15, at Rodeo Beach in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Sausalito. The four-mile run/walk begins at 9 a.m. and is open to runners, walkers, families with baby joggers and even dogs on leashes. Proceeds benefit The Marine Mammal Center. Prizes will be awarded in various age categories for the top finishing times and all registrants will receive a commemorative *Run for the Seals* t-shirt. Runners and supporters will enjoy music from KFOG and they will be able to learn more about The Center through tours of the hospital led by The Center’s education department.

“Run for the Seals is one of The Marine Mammal Center’s signature community events that gives the public an opportunity to take in the natural beauty of the Marin Headlands and at the same time, help our organization raise money,” said Jim Oswald, communications manager at The Center. “We weren’t able to hold the run last year due to our construction project, and while that project continues this year, we are now able to bring it back for all to enjoy.”

Online pre-registration for *Run for the Seals* is open now through April 2 for \$28 by logging on to [www.runfortheseals.org](http://www.runfortheseals.org). After April 2 through race day morning, registration is available for \$32. Race day check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. with the race beginning at 9 a.m. Registrants must pick up their race bibs during race day check-in. For more information, call the race hotline at (415) 289-0188.

### **About The Marine Mammal Center:**

Headquartered in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in Sausalito, California, The Marine Mammal Center is a nonprofit veterinary hospital, research and educational center dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of ill and injured marine mammals – primarily elephant seals, harbor seals and California sea lions – and to the study of their health. Since 1975, The Center has accumulated a body of knowledge about marine mammal health from its patients. The Center shares this information with visiting researchers and in leading science journals. By educating the public about marine mammals, The Center hopes to foster ocean stewardship and conservation. The Center is supported almost entirely by public funds. **On the web:** [www.marinemammalcenter.org](http://www.marinemammalcenter.org)