



Memorial/Tribute Bench Program
Seymour Marine Discovery Center at Long
Marine Laboratory
Information for donors

Thank you for your interest in the Seymour Center's Memorial/Tribute Bench Program. The following information is provided to help you plan your tribute or memorial. Please contact Lauren Donnelly-Crocker, (831) 459-4568 at the Seymour Center if you have further questions or you would like to initiate a bench placement.

Bench types available:

High-quality plantation teak, such as currently in the Seymour Center exhibit halls, or bluff benches made out of recycled plastic. See attached illustrations.

Style A – arched back, contoured seat

Sizes 4.5 ft.
 5 ft.
 6 ft.
 8 ft.

Style B – flat, no back

Size 6 ft.

Style C – Straight back recycled plastic, 6 ft.

Inscriptions:

Inscriptions are etched on bronze plaques (approximately 1.5" X 10") with a maximum of three lines with a maximum of 40 characters (letters and spaces) per line. Every effort will be made to ensure text is exactly as requested by the donor (donor signature is required to process engraving). Plaques will be placed in the middle back of Style A benches and on seat edge of Style B benches.

Life of bench / time limitation:

Benches are guaranteed to be placed for ten years. During the tenth year, the Seymour Center will contact the family/donor to determine interest in continuing with the program and for renewal information (including any new contact for ensuing ten years). If the donor wishes to renew the tribute or memorial bench, a smaller "endowment" for the bench will be requested, amount to be determined at that time. These "endowment" funds will be used to replace the bench if needed, or for continued maintenance over the next decade.

If the family/donor does not wish to renew or cannot be contacted, the bench will remain in place (if it is in good condition) at the Seymour Center director's discretion.

Bench placement:

Style A benches currently in place inside the Seymour Center are now available for memorials or tributes. A placement plan showing these benches and additional bench sites both inside the exhibit halls and on outdoor decks and walkways is attached.

Benches will be secured in place if outdoors. However, all benches (either indoors or outdoors) may be temporarily relocated for Seymour Center events or activities. They will be replaced in their permanent site immediately after the event/activity is complete.

Every effort will be made to maintain benches in their designated site over the life of the memorial. However, the Seymour Center reserves the right to permanently relocate a memorial bench to an equivalent site should the need arise. The family/donor will be contacted in that event.

Pricing:

Prices vary depending on the size and type of bench and its placement from \$2,500 to a maximum of \$10,000. See attached placement and pricing plan for both interior and exterior bench sites and costs.

Payment:

Full payment is required before placing a bench. A deposit of fifty percent of the full cost of the bench will hold the desired site for one year.

Dedication:

The family/donor is welcome to hold a small dedication ceremony during our regular open hours within one year of the bench being placed. A limited number of people will be admitted to the center at no charge, and the area surrounding their bench will be cordoned off for their privacy if they prefer. For larger gatherings or gatherings requiring refreshments, indoor meeting space, staffing, etc., facilities rentals will be made available at our normal pricing.

Membership:

One Friends of Seymour Marine Discovery Center family membership will be given to the donor or their designee for one year.

Maintenance:

All bench maintenance is the responsibility of the Seymour Center. If the bench is damaged beyond repair during the initial ten years, the Seymour Center is responsible for its replacement.

Funds:

Funds from the memorial/tribute bench program assist the Seymour Center with its mission of educating people about the role marine science plays in the understanding and conservation of the world's oceans. Funding from this program helps us keep our doors open to the community six days a week, provides school children with interactive science programs, provides care and feeding of marine animals on display in the center, and provides support and enrichment for our volunteer programs.

The Seymour Center is honored to be chosen for your memorial or tribute bench. The staff and volunteers are grateful for your support of marine science and education in our community.