

**Aug. 9, 2023**

**Public Meeting Announcement**

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**Monitor National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council to meet virtually on Aug. 24**

Monitor National Marine Sanctuary's Advisory Council will meet via conference call on Aug. 24, 2023. Members of the public are invited to attend.

The meeting agenda will be made available for download from the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary website, <http://monitor.noaa.gov>. For further information, please contact Shannon Ricles, sanctuary advisory council coordinator, by email at [Shannon.Ricles@noaa.gov](mailto:Shannon.Ricles@noaa.gov) or by phone at 757-390-8874 (cell).

**WHAT:** Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting

**WHEN:** Aug. 24, 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. ET. Public comment period scheduled from 11:10 p.m. to 11:15 p.m.

**WHERE:** Join by phone +1 614-636-4993 (PIN: 433986138#)

The advisory council was established in 2005 to assure continuous public participation in the management of the sanctuary and to provide advice to the sanctuary superintendent on cultural resource protection, critical issues involving sanctuary use or resources, sanctuary research objectives, and education and outreach programs. The council represents a variety of local user groups, the general public and state and federal government agencies.

Managed by NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, Monitor National Marine Sanctuary was designated in 1975 to protect the wreck of the famed Civil War ironclad USS *Monitor*, which sank during a storm 16 miles off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina in 1862.

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