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THE INTERNATIONAL OCEAN FILM TOUR SAILS INTO PHILADELPHIA FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY

**EXPERIENCE 120 RIVETING MINUTES OF THE YEAR'S BEST OCEAN
ADVENTURE FILMS AND ENVIRONMENTAL DOCS**

The **International Ocean Film Tour** (Volume 4) sails into Philadelphia for the first time at the URBN Annex Screening Room on December 1, 2017. With a thrilling lineup of the very best in ocean adventures and environmental documentaries, the one-night-only event brings the highly acclaimed high seas tour to ocean adventure and film fans alike. Hosted by the **Philadelphia Environmental Film Festival**, the program features 7 new and exciting short documentaries accompanied by a sensational soundtrack. This adventure film event is appropriate for all ages.

“We are thrilled to premiere the International Ocean Film Tour in Philadelphia,” said Debra Wolf Goldstein, Executive Director of the Philadelphia Environmental Film Festival. “Being able to bring unique, environmentally focused film experiences for all ages is a true mission of ours, and the International Ocean Film Tour is the perfect way to celebrate that mission.”

Featuring 120 action-packed minutes of the year’s most inspiring stories and best water sports action from the seven seas, this one-night-only event is not to be missed. For more information, visit oceanfilmtour.com/us

Friday, December 1, 2017 at 7pm

URBN Annex Screening Room at Drexel University; 3401 Filbert St., Philadelphia, PA

Tickets: \$15 at www.oceanfilmtour.com/us

FILM LINE-UP

THE WEEKEND SAILOR

Seventeen yachts, seven nations, 27,000 miles at sea: 1973 marks the year a sailing trip around the world turned into a race. But when the first Whitbread Round The World Yacht Race sets off from Portsmouth, England, it’s not only the Empire’s most renowned sailing teams on the start line. There’s a dark horse in the competition: Ramón Carlin, aptly named the Weekend Sailor, decides to take part and he’s got company: With a motley crew of friends and family and next to no sailing experience, the 50-year-old Mexican embarks on a voyage to remember. Shunned by the press at first, Carlin turns into the unlikely hot contender of the race. THE WEEKEND SAILOR tells the legendary story of a man the sailing world wasn’t ready for.

SHOREBREAK – THE CLARK LITTLE STORY

First he was a surfer, then he became a photographer. Hawaiian Clark Little has managed to turn his passion for the ocean into a career. Chasing shorebreaks is his bread and butter and capturing the perfect wave is his vocation. His ability to frame the power of the water in a single shot makes his photos a love letter to the ocean.

THE ACCORD

If you want to surf in Iceland, you need to know what you’re up against: The forces of nature reign fiercely on this northern island. The grimmest is the North Atlantic wind. In the mind of surfer Heiðar Logi Eliasson this wind is a red-bearded drunkard, unpredictable and capricious. The rough beauty of Iceland and its inhabitants’ black humor set the stage for THE ACCORD, the tale of a surfer making friends with a force of nature. This award-winning surf film serves up the swell ice-cold, proving what a paradise Iceland can be when wind and surfer become brothers beneath the tumultuous skies.

THE LEGACY

It has taken only fifty years to destroy dozens of healthy and thriving marine ecosystems due to overfishing and pollution. Lots of species have vanished from their natural habitat. Almost twenty years ago the pacific manta ray was forced to leave his home in the Gulf of California

but it has found a new one in a Mexican archipelago - after it was declared a protected area. The short film "The Legacy" shows how endangered species can recover - if we give them a chance.

A PLASTIC OCEAN

It is no longer a secret that plastic waste is posing a threat to our oceans. The problem is not only the visible pollution: dirty beaches for example. Microplastics - tiny little pieces of plastic - almost invisible, are even more dangerous. It floats in our oceans and gathers in gigantic garbage patches. And from there it finds its way into the food chain. Adventurer and filmmaker Craig Leeson has tracked down plastic waste to get to the bottom of the problem. He connects our consumer behavior with ocean pollution and asks the crucial question: What must we do to save our oceans?

JOHANNA UNDER THE ICE

After a serious mountain bike accident Finnish freediver Johanna Nordblad discovers her love for cold water and the crystal clear silence under the ice. We follow her in this constricting yet liberating world.

CHAPTER ONE

Kiteboarding has become more and more popular in recent years. Seems like a good time to take a look back to the beginnings when Windsurfing Champion Robby Naish and Big Wave legend Pete Cabrinha were among the first ones to try the new board sport. By now Kiteboarding has also got its original heros: Keahi de Aboitiz, Youri Zoon, Bruna Kayija and many more. In "Chapter One" we follow them to the world's best Kiteboarding spots on the planet.

ABOUT THE PHILADELPHIA ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL:

The [Philadelphia Environmental Film Festival](http://www.philaenvirofilmfest.org) showcases powerful films from around the world that entertain, inform, and inspire personal action. The 2018 Philadelphia Environmental Film Festival will be held on April 6-8, 2018 at the Prince Theater in Center City. Learn more at www.philaenvirofilmfest.org.

ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL OCEAN FILM TOUR:

The International Ocean Film Tour -- now in its 4th year -- is the ultimate film event for all ocean lovers. Learn more at oceanfilmtour.com/us.