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Club-A-Rama Week 40:

MARINELAND of the PACIFIC

SKY TOWER

1966 Los Angeles County, CA



Marineland of the Pacific, opened before Disneyland, was a 90-acre ocean-themed entertainment park on the Palos Verdes Peninsula coast in Los Angeles County, California, in operation from 1954 until 1987. It was known for its performing Orcas, including "Corky", who was bought by SeaWorld in 1987 and renamed "Shamu". Marineland included two enormous oceanarium tanks, a restaurant, a motel, offices, laboratories, and a 250' long pier. While collecting the thousands of animals to stock Marineland, techniques and devices still used today were invented, including transport tanks, the hoop net, the sea life decompression chamber, and the slurp gun.

Facing competition from Disneyland (built in 1955) and Sea World San Diego (built in 1964), Marineland added new attractions, including the **SKY TOWER** in 1966 at a cost of \$500,000. The **SKY TOWER** ride was a 4 minute long, 244' high ride offering a stunning view off the Southern California coast (as well as the oceanarium's tanks). The blue elevator car held 60 persons at a time - 30 to each deck, and made a slow turn and a half going up and down, and two complete turns at the top, 344' above the sea. Each rider had a picture window for unobstructed viewing.



Built in 1966, the **MARINELAND SKYTOWER** remained standing until 1995.



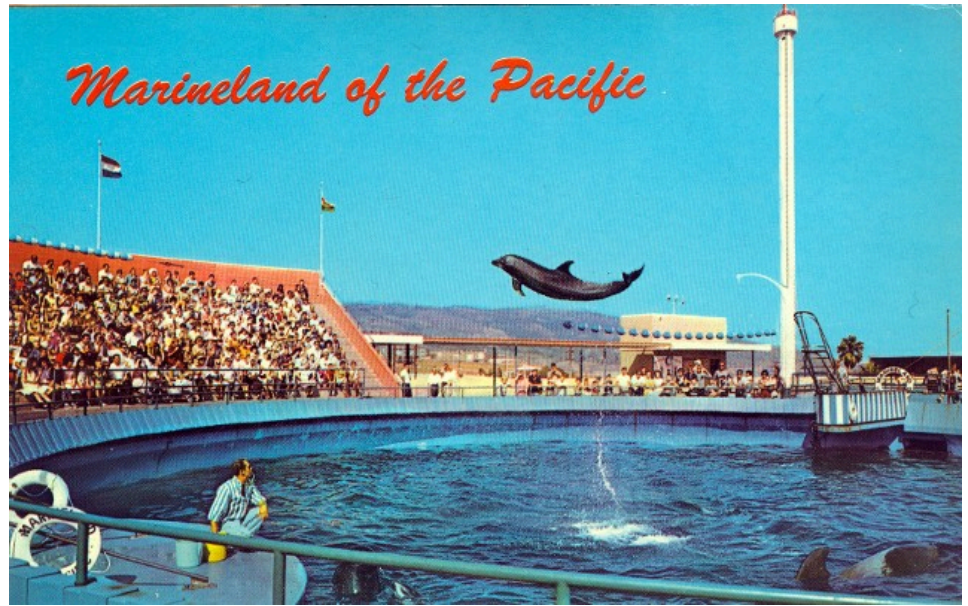
MARINELAND OF THE PACIFIC circa early 1970s (25c era)



By the mid-1970s the price on the machines rose to 35c (shown below). (Inflation!)



This week's **MARINELAND SKY TOWER** mold was run in MOLDVILLE's exclusive GLOW-IN-THE-DARK blue. (The flesh-colored mold shown at the top was better to show the detail for the website.)



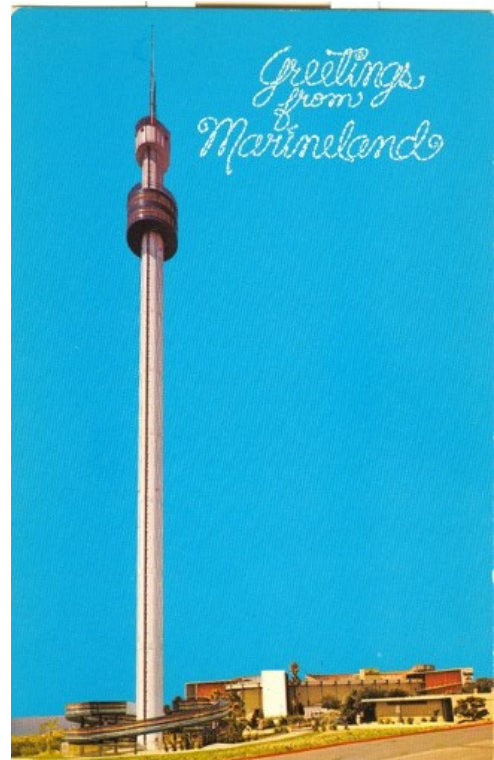
According to pacificbeachlife.com, the **MARINELAND SKY TOWER** was being shipped across the Atlantic Ocean in individual sections in October 1962 just as the Cuban missile crisis was taking place.



**Marineland
Restaurant**
JUNIOR SEAFARER'S MENU

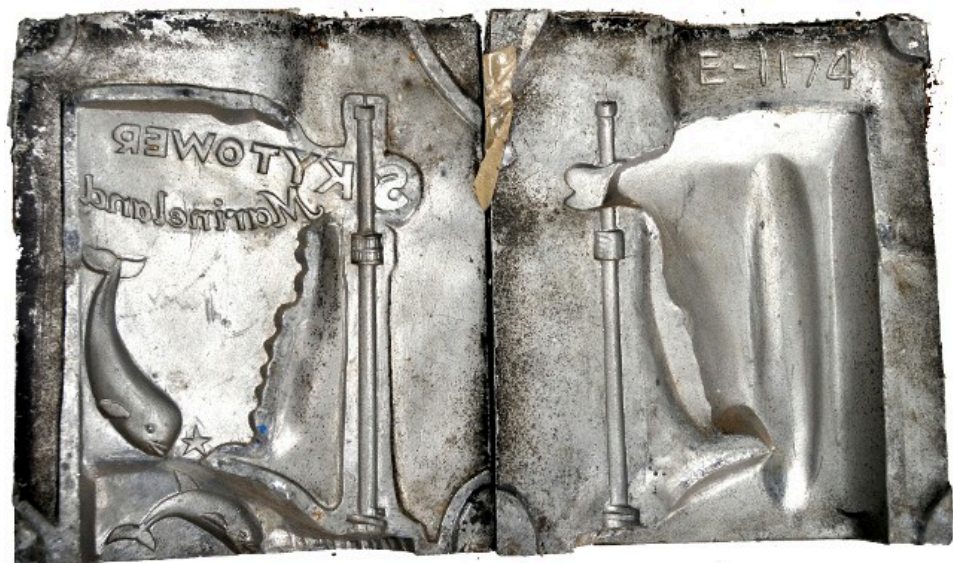
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Marineland became a very popular location for Hollywood to film movies and TV shows, including *The Beverly Hillbillies*, *The Munsters*, *The Partridge Family*, *Hart to Hart*, *Emergency!*, *Sea Hunt*, and the *A-Team*, and more recently regular use by NBC's *Fear Factor*. Movies shot at the location include the first three *Pirates of the Caribbean* movies, *Charlie's Angels*, *Inspector Gadget*, *Pearl Harbor*, *The Aviator*, and *Hidalgo*.



The **MARINELAND SKY TOWER** moldset dates to late 1966 - the year that the **SKY TOWER** was erected at Marineland of the Pacific.



circa 1966



TODAY

(In 2007 the Terranea Resort was built on the grounds of the former Marineland of the Pacific.)

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