ARE WHALES ENDANGERED? At the top of the food chain, whales are vital to the health of the marine environment but 7 out of 13 great whale species are endangered or vulnerable. Today, due to human whaling activities, irresponsible fishing gear disposal and overall aquatic ecosystem deterioration, only 10 percent of their population has survived.

See these magnificent animals first hand on a whale watching tour departing from Rudee Inlet on Friday, January 12, 2024. Normal winter sightings off Virginia Beach are usually limited to the majestic Humpback whales!

**DATE:** Friday, January 12, 2024  *(Registration Deadline: Friday January 5, 2024)*

**NO REFUNDS:** AFTER January 5, 2024

**COST:** $33.00 per person

**TIME & LOCATION:** Arrive at 12:00 p.m.

**RUDEE TOURS, 200 WINSTON SALEM AVE., Virginia Beach**

Board at 12:30pm, Depart at 1:00pm, Return at 3:00pm

**DETAILS:** Bring cash or credit card for food and drinks. There is a full bar and food service inside the heated observation room. This includes beer, wine, mixed drinks, water and soda. The food menu includes hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, nachos, popcorn and candy.

Bring binoculars and cameras with powerful zooms, sunglasses and sunscreen. If you are prone to getting seasick, take your meds before the ship leaves the dock. Dress in warm layers for the outdoor observation decks, a good jacket, hats and gloves. Indoor restrooms are available. Cancellation due to rough seas may occur...usual notification is a day ahead of time. If this occurs, we will attempt to reschedule at a later date.

**FOR QUESTIONS ON DAY OF EVENT:** CALL CAROL CLARKE, COORDINATOR 757-477-6996

**WE HOPE YOU CAN MAKE IT...THIS IS GOING TO BE FUN!!!**

*ILR Social Committee Event*