

# What's New in Yokosuka

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## EVENT CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 - Dollar Town Campaign (~9/30)
- 21- Mamonzan Naval Memorial
- 26 - Yokosuka Tug-of-War

### OCTOBER

- 4- Yokosuka Fish Festival
- 10- Oryosan Matsuri
- 11- Yokosuka Parade
- 17- Y Festa Oppama
- 18- Kinugasa Costume Contest and Parade
- 24- Anjin Festa
- 24- Kinugasa Trick or Treat
- 24-25- Kitakurihama Fall Festival
- 25- Kids' Festival
- 25- Yokosuka Mikoshi Parade

### NOVEMBER

- 3- Kannonzaki Festa
- 4-5- Oppama Bar Meguri
- 7-8- Yokosuka Sangyo Matsuri
- 15- Verny-Oguri Memorial Ceremony
- 19-22- Uraga Community Center Culture Festival

For English info about events in Yokosuka call the **Yokosuka Call Center 046-822-2500**. Operators may need time to search for info.

## Halloween Fun in Yokosuka



### Y Festa Oppama

When: Oct. 17 (Sat.)

11:00-14:00

Oppama Halloween

Area around Oppama St.;

parade, street performances, curry buffet, and food/drink booths

12:30-17:00

Fall Festival - Nissan Factory; stage performances and food/drink booths

17:30-18:00

Fall Fireworks - Aicle Recycling Plant; a fireworks show out over the water



### Kids' Festival

When: Oct. 25 (Sun.)

13:00-15:00

Where: Werk Yokosuka

What: This event hosted by the Yokosuka International Association (YIA) will consist of many fun games and a costume contest.

Reservation: Participants must register ahead of time. Please call YIA for more info or to register 046-827-2166.

### Kinugasa Halloween 2015

Kinugasa's two Halloween events take place on the pedestrian mall just next to JR Kinugasa Station, one stop from JR Yokosuka.

#### Costume Contest and Parade

When: Oct. 18 (Sun.) 13:00-16:30

What: Junior high and under must enter with guardian. High school and older are welcome! Prior registration required.

#### Trick or Treat

When: Oct. 24 (Sat.) 15:00-19:00

What: Stop in each participating shop for a treat and to get a stamp on a special card. Fill up your card and get an extra special prize! For junior high students and under.

\*For details about both events, contact the Kinugasa Shotengai Merchants Association (046-851-2310).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

### Yokosuka Fish Festival

**When:** Oct. 4 (Sun.) 7:00-12:00

**Where:** Yokosuka Fish Market (Heiseicho 3-5-1) - a 15 minute walk from Umi-kaze Park

**What:** Taste the freshest seafood available. Check out a tuna filleting show. Learn all about your favorite gilled friends. See a real fish auction, and get the chance to get in a wading pool with marine life. A free shuttle will run every 10 min from in front of the Docomo Store near Yokosuka Chuo station.



### Mikoshi Parade

**When:** Oct. 25 (Sun.) 10:30-15:00

**Where:** The parade will start at Yokosuka Chuo Station, proceed down Blue Street, pass through Womble Gate, and end up on the U.S. Naval Base.

**What:** While you may find *mikoshi* festivals all across Japan, none of them are like Yokosuka's. Not only does an American *mikoshi* team participate every year, but the U.S. Navy Base will also be open to the public as the final stop for the portable shrines!

### Kitakurihama Fall Festival

**When:** Oct. 24 (Sat.)-25 (Sun.) 10:00-17:00

**Where:** Negishi Traffic Park and Negishi Park No. 3 (Negishi-cho 3-17)

**What:** There is something for everyone at this event, from a variety of different booths and a flea market to different dance performances. Keep an eye out for Halloween events going on during the festival at the Kitakurihama *Shotengai* Shopping Street.



### Yokosuka Arsenal 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events

-U.S. Naval Base Tour (10/3, 11/1)

-Special Exhibits at the Yokosuka Museum of Art (10/3-12/23)

-Japan Maritime Self Defense Force Band Festival (10/10) Yokosuka Arts Theatre

-JMSDF Curry Festival (10/10)

\*Some restrictions apply to participation in the above events.

-Yokosuka Parade (10/11)

-Special exhibit at the City Museum about the Arsenal (10/31-1/31)

-Dry Dock Tour (11/14-15)

-Verny-Oguri Memorial Ceremony (11/15) Verny Park

-AND MORE!

## Oppama Bar Meguri

**When:** Nov. 4 (Wed.) & Nov. 5 (Thurs.)  
17:00~

**Where:** Area around Oppama Station

**What:** Buy your ticket packs at the booth near the station and use them at participating restaurants in the area. Each ticket is good for one drink set, which includes a drink and a dish.

## Kannonzaki Festa

**When:** Nov. 3 (Tues.) 9:30-15:30

**Where:** Kannonzaki Prefectural Park

**What:** Kannonzaki is the name of the area on the southeast tip of the Miura peninsula. This festival is meant to highlight the natural beauty and historical importance of the area.

## Yokosuka Sangyo Matsuri

**When:** Nov. 7 (Sat.) 9:00-16:00 &  
Nov. 8 (Sun.) 9:00-15:00

**Where:** Mikasa Park

**What:** Many Yokosuka businesses will gather at Mikasa Park to show off what they do. You will get the chance to discover local businesses and get your hands on some unique items. While wading through the sea of great, local products and people, you can enjoy a variety of concerts and performances.

## TRASH COLLECTION CHANGE

Beginning October 1, light bulbs will be collected along with other group resource recycling materials, the same category as cardboard, metal, newspaper, and clothing. To recycle bulbs correctly, wrap the used bulb in the cardboard wrapping from its replacement, and place it in a clear plastic bag. If no cardboard container is available, wrap the bulb in newspaper and write "light bulb" on the outside. Contact the Resource Recycling Division at Yokosuka City Hall for more information.



## YOKOSUKA MUSEUM OF ART

Located at Kamoi 4-1. Open 10:00-18:00  
Pay parking available

Exhibit:

"The Mind of Cho Shinta"

Cho Shinta was a famous manga artist and illustrator, who introduced "nonsense" into the world of picture books. This exhibit is a memorial of the 10th anniversary of his death.

September 12 - November 3

General admission: ¥ 800

High school, university, 65 and over: ¥ 600

Jr. high and under: FREE



"Ganbare Saru no Sarankun" 1958

Part of the Miyagi Prefectural Art Collection

## YOKOSUKA LIVING

### The Sesquicentennial

This year is the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the Yokosuka Arsenal, Japan's first modern ship building facility. The creation of the Arsenal impacted not only the history and development of Yokosuka, but all of Japan. Under the guidance of French engineers, the technology and culture developed within the shipyard soon spread throughout the country, jumpstarting Japan's rapid industrialization.

In the latter half of the 19th century, after more than 250 years of relative isolation from the outside world, Japanese leaders found themselves suddenly confronted with the question of how to navigate international relations. One of the first orders of business was to establish a modern military, which meant a powerful navy. The government looked to the French for guidance in this endeavor. French engineer Francois Vernet came to Japan and chose Yokosuka as the location to found the Yokosuka Arsenal.

Because of centuries of isolation, Japan lacked the infrastructure to support the construction of modern ships. Thus Vernet and his French engineers had to develop the industries necessary to build ships. The Arsenal included brick and rope making facilities, steel processing, a water supply system, engineering schools, and more. Many of these operations were the first of their kind in Japan. Furthermore many of the French and Japanese engineers who cut their teeth at the Yokosuka Arsenal moved



on to become influential figures. The Arsenal also introduced cultural institutions that would be adopted throughout Japan, including the metric system and western bookkeeping techniques.

The Arsenal was founded 150 years ago, but the dry dock built there is still in use by the U.S. Navy today. To celebrate this important historical treasure, the City is holding a variety of events (see page 3), including a bigger than ever Vernet-Oguri Ceremony on Nov. 15, a concert, and special historical tours. If you see the number "150" on any notices around the city, chances are it has something to do with the Yokosuka Arsenal.

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## STOP! IT'S CENSUS TIME!

This year is a national census year. This means that starting in September, government workers will be visiting each home to confirm if residents would like to complete the census online. If so, they will have to complete it between September 10th and 20th.

Should households not complete the census online, government workers will visit again in late September to distribute the paper-based census. For non-Japanese speaking households, the census taker will use multi-lingual forms to communicate and get the necessary information. The forms must be mailed using the provided envelope.

Foreign residents of Japan are also required to complete the census. However, households with SOFA or diplomatic status foreign members are

exempt from the census, even if there are Japanese people living in that household.

All census takers have signed non-disclosure agreements.



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