The moon jellyfish is also known as the saucer jelly, moon jelly and sea jelly. They grow as large as 18 inches (45 cm) in diameter.

The purple-striped jellyfish is generally found in Monterey Bay, Calif. This is a large jellyfish that can grow up to 2.3 feet (70 cm) in diameter.

The Portuguese man-of-war floats on a gas-filled blue, pink or purple translucent body 3 to 12 inches (9 to 30 cm) long. Although it looks like a jellyfish, it is not. It is a siphonophore — a colony of many creatures called zooids. The man-of-war’s stinging tentacles can grow up to 156 feet (50m) long. Its poison won’t kill a human, but the sting is painful.

These mysterious marine creatures are known for their translucent beauty and painful sting. They have made the oceans their home for millions of years — long before the dinosaurs.

Cannonball jellyfish can grow up to 10 inches (25 cm) in diameter.

Jellyfish are carnivores (meat eaters) and feed on fish, shrimp, crabs and other jellyfish. They don’t hunt their food or attack people, but drift along eating as often as they can. Sea turtles like to eat jellyfish.

All jellyfish sting, even dead ones. Generally, the stings of small jellyfish and those with short tentacles are not too painful to people. When you’re at the beach, watch out for jellyfish on the shore and in the water.