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Plan Your Visit

Get directions, find parking options and download a Visitor Guide.

Check Out the Film Listings

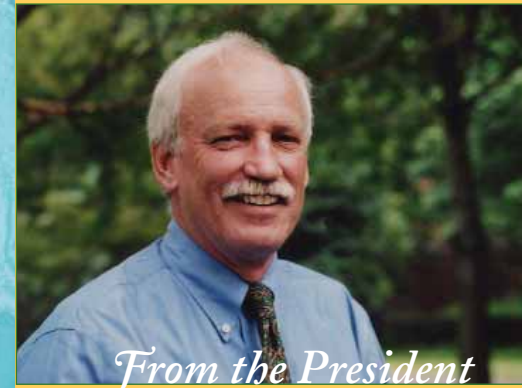
Come to the Simons IMAX Theatre and see *Under the Sea 3D*.

Explore the Oceans With Us

Follow live expeditions to the Phoenix Islands and Australia on our blogs at www.neaq.org/blogs.

View Upcoming Events

Your membership gets you a discount on a variety of special events, including Celebrate Seafood Dinners—don't miss out!



From the President

Welcome to October, *blue* readers! I hope by now you've had the chance to check out our spectacular new exhibit, the New Balance Foundation Marine Mammal Center. It's hard to believe that exactly a year has gone by since we broke ground on the exhibit—and what a year it's been.

We shared many of the stories about our 40th Anniversary events with you in previous issues of *blue*. February's successful Climate Change Symposium initiated an important conversation about how climate change will affect the oceans and our coastline. July's launch of the new exhibit space and the revitalization of our Harborwalk reconnected the Aquarium to the beauty of the ocean right outside our doors. The exhibit's opening provided an opportunity to extend a thank you to the donors who made it possible, and remarks from Mayor Thomas Menino welcomed the entire Boston community into the new space.

We also expanded the Aquarium's reach through our series of four free Community Nights that welcomed Boston's Caribbean, Brazilian, Latino and Chinese populations to the Aquarium and the Simons IMAX theatre. Finally, we launched the Live Blue Initiative online, which helps ocean stewards from all over the world protect their own plots of the ocean. If you haven't yet made a pledge, I strongly encourage you to sign up and see how, together, our small actions have a significant impact.

We are most grateful for the successes of our 40th year and look forward to more adventures in our 41st.

Bud Ris
Bud Ris
President & CEO

at the aquarium

Welcoming the Community!

The Aquarium said "welcome" in several languages over the summer when it invited its neighbors in Boston's Brazilian, Latino, Chinese and Caribbean communities to a series of free open houses.

"It's important to the Aquarium to engage as many people from as many different segments of society as we can in supporting healthy world oceans," says the Aquarium's Director of Education, John Anderson.

Some visitors, many of whom had never been to the Aquarium before, started their journey of discovery by watching an IMAX movie with an audio track in Spanish, Portuguese, Cantonese or English. Others headed directly into the main Aquarium building.

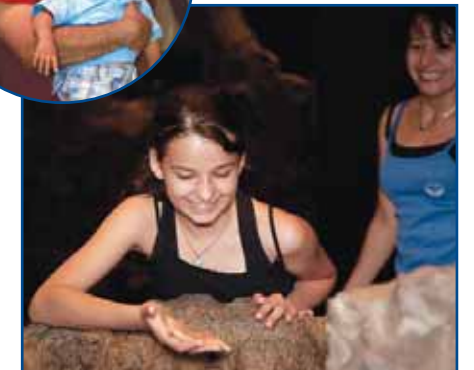
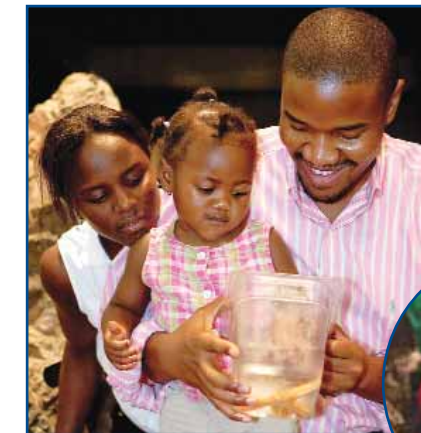
Inside, educators assisted by translators answered questions about the Aquarium's animals and global conservation efforts. Visitors of all ages crowded around the Edge of the Sea touch tank waiting for a chance to cradle hermit crabs and pet sea stars. At the New Balance Foundation Marine Mammal Center, kids and adults alike looked on in delight as the fur seals

zipped through the water with dusk falling and the lights of Boston Harbor twinkling in the background.

The DosSantos family came to the Aquarium's Brazilian Night open house and had such a good time that mom Dilma says that her daughter Anjelica (bottom right, holding a sea star as her mother looks on) plans to join the teen program as soon as she turns 13.

People in the Greater Boston community may speak different languages, but as thousands discovered during the open houses, the wonders of the Aquarium and the ocean need no translation.

—by Ann Cortissoz



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Isaac

the Northern fur seal

This year the Aquarium got a 300-pound FedEx package. It was Isaac the Northern fur seal. The express cross-country shipment went off without a hitch thanks to careful planning by the New England Aquarium staff; Isaac's trainer at the Seattle Aquarium, Curator of Mammals and Birds Traci Belting; and Federal Express.

The pick-up point was the Seattle Aquarium. The drop-off was the newly opened New Balance Foundation Marine Mammal Center in Boston, where trainers and three female fur seals, Ursula, JD, and Cordova, were waiting expectantly.

"Just the sheer size of a fur seal like Isaac creates a lot of excitement," says Jenny Montague, Assistant Curator of Marine Mammals. "We would tell the females, 'The big guy will be here soon.'"

Associate Veterinarian Dr. Charlie Innis explains that the transport started with the logistics of getting Isaac out of the Seattle Aquarium's exhibit space—a pool 14 feet deep with 10-foot-high glass walls rising above the water. At about 3:30 a.m., the aquarium staff drained the pool, signaled Isaac to enter a crate and hoisted him out of the exhibit.

A forklift moved Isaac outside, where a truck holding a much larger crate was waiting. This 7-foot-long crate had ventilation holes around the sides and on top. Large bags of ice with holes poked in them were strapped to the crate's top, giving Isaac a constant cooling drip during his trip.

The 9-year-old fur seal was completely alert the entire trip. Charlie says his team didn't use sedatives, since animals seem to have fewer medical complications when transported without medication.

At Sea-Tac Airport, Isaac's crate was loaded onto a FedEx plane for the first leg of his journey. Charlie and Traci sat near him in jump seats. When they landed in Memphis for a three-hour layover, the temperature was above

90 degrees. "The FedEx people were wonderful," Charlie says. They immediately moved Isaac's crate to an air-conditioned cargo hangar where the fur seal could wait in comfort to catch his next flight.

Even before Isaac's journey began, the marine mammal trainers were making

preparations for Isaac's arrival and his 30-day quarantine. Trainers had to have clothes to wear only when handling him. Food buckets had to be labeled with Isaac's name and would be used only to feed the big male.

Isaac finally landed at Logan Airport more than 13 hours after he set out.



Curator of Marine Mammals Kathy Streeter meets Isaac.

How did Isaac get his name? Singer Chris Isaak was performing in the Seattle Aquarium the night a new male fur seal was born. The seal pup got the singer's name.



Isaac's crate on the tarmac (top) and being moved into the FedEx plane (above).

An Aquarium truck was waiting to bring him to Central Wharf, where he was placed into his quarantine area, but "it took him a long time to get into the pool," Jenny says. "He sniffed the drains. He sniffed the deck. He checked everything out. But once he got in the water, he stayed in for a long time."

After his quarantine was over, Isaac was finally introduced to the females, and he caused quite a stir. Cordova in particular has taken to following him around.

"Cordova seems to think he's quite the man," Jenny says.

For the marine mammal trainers, and for Cordova, Isaac's arrival really was a special delivery.

—Ann Cortisoz

www.neaq.org/blogs 

To find out what Isaac and the other fur seals have been doing, visit the marine mammal trainers' blog.

The Aquarium Goes Mobile



Hold the blue planet's secrets in the palm of your hand. www.neaq.org/tours

The Aquarium has launched two interactive multimedia tours that give ocean fans an exciting new perspective on their favorite animals. You can view each chapter online or download them onto an iPod or other mobile device to experience at the Aquarium. Here's what you'll find in each tour.

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impact

Climate change is real and it's already having an effect on ocean ecosystems. See how rising temperatures are affecting your favorite ocean animals.

Tour Highlights

- See how high Boston's harbor waters will rise.
- Watch sea turtles recover from hypothermia.
- Discover how your choice of lobster can help right whales.

What People Are Saying

"Not only does it cover how global warming is changing sea levels and food supplies, but also uses animations to illustrate what the impacts look like, both locally and globally."

—treehugger.com

"The seriously entertaining tour can be downloaded to your cell phone and MP3 player."

—The Green Blog from The Boston Globe

NEAq Insider

How do the divers take sharks out of the Giant Ocean Tank? What sound does the goliath grouper make? Find out with this free and exclusive tour of the Aquarium. Experience unique behind-the-scenes content, expert interviews and fun stories about the animals.

Tour Highlights

- Hear the Aquarium's talking harbor seals.
- Find out how the giant Pacific octopus plays with its food.
- Learn how the Aquarium helped form the world's largest Marine Protected Area.

What People Are Saying

"Visitors can experience a true behind-the-scenes tour that reveals much fresh and unusual information about the animals, the staff that care for them, and the conservation work that the Aquarium does to protect the aquatic world."

—greenthinkers.org

Why do we live blue?

People from all walks of life and all corners of the country are pledging to protect the blue planet on the Live Blue Initiative. Read their stories and join them at www.LiveBlueInitiative.org.

Ian Bowles

Massachusetts Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs



I live blue because I was lucky enough to grow up by the sea and want to make sure my daughter can also enjoy its natural beauty and bounty.

Why do you care about the environment?

The natural environment sustains mankind – economically, nutritionally and spiritually.

How has your environment affected your career/education decisions?

It has been my focus for my whole career. I studied economics and public policy because they are major influences on environmental protection.

What are some things you do in your life to live blue and protect the environment?

My job is to serve as chief steward of the Commonwealth's natural resources. In my personal life, I spend a lot of time swimming, poking around in tidepools and boating with my wife and young daughter. At home, I've invested in simple retrofits that save energy and water—such as a new washing machine, programmable thermostats and super efficient windows.

Secretary Bowles's plot of ocean is in the Bay of Fundy.

Two major ocean conservation legislative efforts have marked milestones at the Aquarium. The Oceans Bill was signed here in May of 2008, and on June 30, 2009, discussions began on the draft Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan in the main building.

Keith Ellenbogen

Underwater Photographer



I live blue because I believe under the clear blue seas there are many stories to share about the marine environment.

Why do you care about the environment?

The ocean has given me many hours of pure enjoyment as well as inspiration for artistic expression. Given the current environmental challenges, my hope is that future generations will also be able to experience the thrill of being surrounded by water.

How has your environment affected your career/education decisions?

It all began with curiosity about life beneath the sea and a big start as a high-school volunteer at the New England Aquarium. Fast-forward—a Masters in Fine Arts, US Fulbright Fellowship and currently an educator in the Photography Department at Parsons School of Design, New York.

What are some things you do in your life to live blue and protect the environment?

As an underwater photographer on expeditions with environmental organizations, I slowly approach the marine animals by focusing my underwater lens on their elaborate patterns, shapes, textures and behaviors to create an emotional connection that will inspire social change toward protecting our marine environment.

Keith's plot of ocean is in Fiji.

View his photography at www.blureef.com and on the Fiji expedition blog at www.neaq.org/blogs.

Peter J. Etnoyer

Marine Biologist, NOAA Center for Coastal Environmental Health and Biomolecular Research (CCEHBR)



I live blue because the oceans sustain me, physically, spiritually and intellectually.

Why do you care about the environment?

I care about the environment because my idea of a good time is to go bodysurfing, to walk in the woods, or paddle on a river. I want to share the joy with my kids. I see pollution and say we can do better, but first we must care. A healthy environment is a choice.

How has your environment affected your career/education decisions?

I decided to drop out of the film business because I felt like Earth was being destroyed by mundane and irresponsible behavior. The hole in the ozone layer frightened me. Dynamite fishing disturbed me. Nature was vanishing before my eyes. I felt a sense of immediacy, and returned to school.

What are some things you do in your life to live blue and protect the environment?

I use canvas bags when I go shopping, avoid plastic containers and blog about ocean conservation issues at Deep Sea News. In my career, I work to support our national marine sanctuaries, and I write scientific papers that help to improve management of oceanic resources.

Peter's plot of ocean is in the Phoenix Islands.

Until recently, he wrote for the ocean blog www.deepseanews.com.

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www.LiveBlueInitiative.org



Share your live blue story and get your own plot of ocean.

Rob Nixon

Chairman, Surfrider Foundation South Texas Chapter



I live blue because my life revolves around the ocean—from surfing to fishing.

Why do you care about the environment?

Simple. Without a healthy ocean, we as a species don't survive. It gives us 70 percent of the air we breathe, sustains us with its pelagic bounty, entertains us with its wind and waves and scares us with its immense power of influence over the Earth's weather.

How has your environment affected your career/education decisions?

I continue to self educate myself by reading anything I can get my hands on and talk to anyone who will meet me to find out as much as I can about the ocean and beach processes that affect our world and how we affect them.

What are some things you do in your life to live blue and protect the environment?

I volunteer my time with the Surfrider Foundation South Texas Chapter and Friends of Isla Blanca Park on South Padre Island, Texas. My wife and I recycle and have cut most single use plastics out of our lives. I also have visited schools to talk with students about our watershed and am continually "unlittering" our beaches by picking up trash every day.

Rob's plot of ocean is in the Phoenix Islands.

Read his blog at <http://robnixon.blogspot.com/> and visit the Surfrider Foundation at www.surfrider.org.

Zoe Fahy

New England Aquarium Teen Intern



I live blue because I want my generation to fully comprehend that water will be the determining factor in our planet's future and as a global community we cannot afford to take it for granted.

Why do you care about the environment?

I care about the environment because it is my home. In fact, as humans we are just one species and we share this home with millions of other species. I believe that we have a shared responsibility to every living thing to treat our environment with respect.

How has your environment affected your career/education decisions?

It is hard not to care deeply about the environment once you learn about it. My world opened up once I started working at the Aquarium, and now I want to study biology, anthropology and environmental studies so I can work to strengthen our relationship with the environment that sustains us.

What are some things you do in your life to live blue and protect the environment?

The past three years of my life have been dedicated to my school's climate change group, which educates youth about the key role that earth's water plays in climate change and the social justice issues that spring from it. Personally, I conserve water and use my own reusable water bottle.

Zoe's plot of ocean is in the Bay of Fundy.

Visit the organization she helped start to promote climate change awareness at her school, the Boston Latin School's Climate Action Network at www.blsyouthcan.org.

Give the Gift of Blue

Get the perfect gift for all the eco-friendly friends and family on your holiday list. You can find all sorts of pretty and practical gifts at the Aquarium Gift Shop or neaq.org/gifts.

Live Blue T-Shirt

This comfortable casual wear features the slogan "I'm protecting our blue planet," a Live Blue logo and a school of tiny fish swimming across the front. It's a strong statement of support for the environment (and for looking good). Made from organic cotton.

Live Blue Cap

Tip your hat to protecting the blue planet with this navy blue baseball cap with the Live Blue logo. Made from organic cotton.

Live Blue Water Cup

The navy blue transparent plastic cup comes with a lid and a straw, making it a perfect reusable cup for water, iced coffee or juice. Made from BPA-free plastic.

Live Blue Water Bottle

If you've got an active Live Blue lifestyle, this navy blue water bottle is a great companion. Made from stainless steel.

Metal Turtle

This multicolored turtle can be a toy for kids or a piece of funky-looking sculpture for adults. Made from recycled cans.

Glassware

Plates, bowls and votives made of light-blue glass with white swirls are a lovely addition to a holiday table. Made from recycled glass.

—Ann Cortissoz

Deep Sea Trick or Treat?

The deep sea is a very dark place and in order to survive, you have to remember to never take candy from strangers... especially if they have fangs! Check out these unusual suspects.

—Hannah Stinson and Sunnye Dreyfus



Goblin shark

The goblin shark may look like something out of a horror movie, but you can't always judge a book by its cover. This predator hunts crabs, squid and fish using electromagnetic sensors found on its very unusual rostrum. It is then able to protrude its jaw and suck fish into its mouth as fast as you can say "BOO!" This shark has see-through skin, so the blood vessels just under the surface give it a unique pink color.



Coffinfish

Coffinfish, like many deep sea creatures, look like cartoon characters! You might notice from the flattened underside that this character dwells on the sea floor. The coffinfish responds to stress and defends itself in the same way a pufferfish responds. Can you guess? That's right! It will inflate itself by gulping large amounts of water, which might make it harder for a predator to make it into a midnight snack.

Photo/Kelvin Aitken/V&W/imagoequestmarine.com



Fangtooth

Although the Fangtooth (a.k.a. the ogrefish) sounds scary, it is only about 6 inches long and is harmless to humans. These fish usually make their home 6,000 feet below the surface of the ocean, but they have been found as deep as 17,000 feet! As you might have guessed from their name, they have extremely large, fang-like teeth. In fact, relative to the body size, the Fangtooth has the largest teeth of any fish in the ocean!

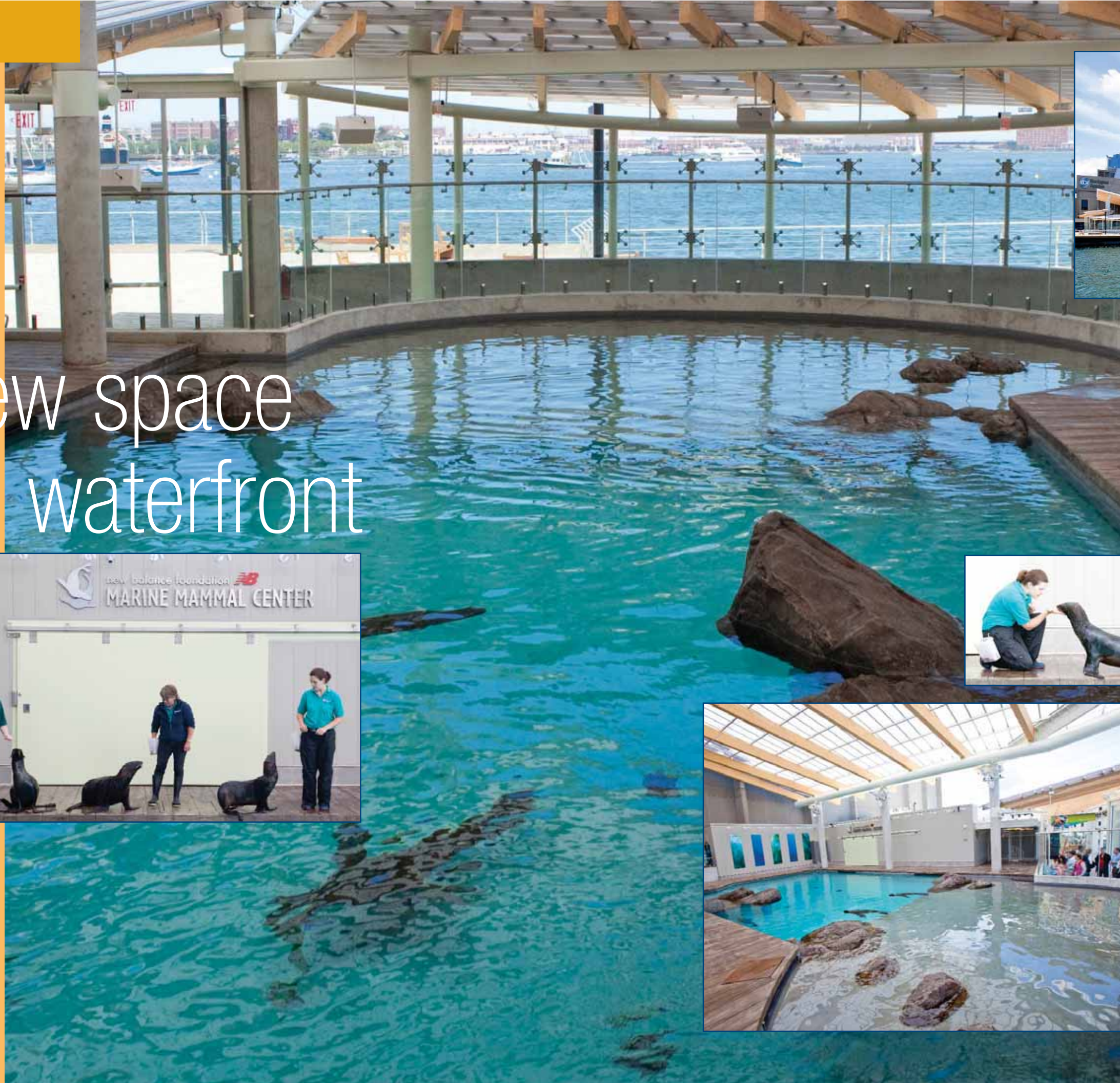
Are you afraid of the dark?

If you were an animal living in the deep, dark ocean, what would you look like? What special adaptations would you have to help you "trick" your prey? How would you avoid becoming a "treat" for your predators? Would you have horns, feet, claws or spines? What color would you be? Would you have eyes? How would you move? What would your name be?

Draw a picture of your animal and, with your parents' permission, send us a copy at kids.ed@neaq.org. You may get your picture on our website!

Draw Your Animal Here

A new space on the waterfront



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Photos/Nathan Fried Lipski



Opening of the



Aquarium friends and supporters gathered on July 9 to celebrate the opening of the newly constructed New Balance Foundation Marine Mammal Center and the new Harborwalk. Guests were treated to an up-close look at the new exhibit and a fur seal training session followed by dinner on the waterfront featuring spectacular views of the harbor.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees R. William Burgess and Aquarium President and CEO Bud Ris welcomed the evening's guests. New Balance Vice President of Marketing Chris Quinn and Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino recognized the Aquarium for recent accomplishments including opening the new marine mammal center, made possible by a generous gift from the New Balance Foundation and major gifts from more than 50 individual and foundation donors. The program also recognized members of the Navigator Society, who make annual leadership gifts that provide operating support for the Aquarium.

1. Aquarium President & CEO Bud Ris, Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino and Aquarium Chairman of the Board of Trustees Bill Burgess with fur seal Cordova
2. New England Aquarium Principal Founder and Overseer David B. Stone and Margot Stone
3. Aquarium Trustee Og Hunnewell and Nina Hunnewell
4. Aquarium Trustee John Cohen & Bette Cohen
5. Aquarium Overseer Katie Fagan (left), and Greg and Sheila Burkus
6. Aquarium Chairman of the Board of Trustees Bill Burgess & Aquarium Overseer Barbara Burgess
7. Aquarium Overseer Alex Leventhal with Meghan Daugherty
8. John McManus, McManus Architects, Inc.; Jim Duffey, Aquarium Director Design & Project Management; Walter Flaherty, Aquarium Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and Treasurer; Lisa Ballantyne, Turner Construction Company, Special Projects Division; Peter Kuttner, Cambridge Seven Associates, Inc.; Bud Ris, Aquarium President & CEO

More photos of the event can be found at: www.neaq.org/about_us/center_opening.php



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Photo/Dianne DeLucia



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Photo/Jessica Hosman



Photo/Dianne DeLucia

Happy Birthday to You!

Congratulations to our friends who celebrated their birthdays with us this summer.

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| Alexandra, 3 | Jillian, 7 |
| Will, 7 | Chase, 6 |
| Lily-Grace, 2 | Owen, 7 |
| Cailyn, 2 | Bianca, 3 |
| Anthony, 3 | Joey, 5 |
| Brendan, 3 | Luke, 4 |
| Johny, 5 | Jake, 2 |
| Cora, 5 | Trevor, 5 |
| Leela, 5 | Charlotte, 4 |
| Henry, 4 | Fiona, 7 |
| Eloise, 3 | Bridget, 4 |
| Erika, 6 | Bennett, 5 |
| Jack, 3 | Hayden, 1 |
| Joe, 65 | Logan, 4 |

To take advantage of the special members-only privilege of hosting a birthday party at the Aquarium, please call 617-973-5206.



On Thursday, August 6, over 300 corporate supporters and their families came together to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Aquarium.

Families wore festive blue attire for the evening and enjoyed food, music, dancing and special presentations in the newly opened New Balance Foundation Marine Mammal Center. Aquarium President and CEO Bud Ris thanked this year's Signature Corporate Sponsors, most which

Free Aquarium Evening Lecture Series Fall 2009

Join us for any of the following programs and explore the blue planet with world-renowned thinkers and researchers. All programs start at 7 p.m. in the New England Aquarium's Harborside Learning Lab unless otherwise noted. Programs last approximately one hour, and a reception follows.

Monday, Oct. 13

A History of Marine Mammals at the New England Aquarium

Jenny Montague, *Assistant Curator of Marine Mammals*

How has the Aquarium's marine mammal program changed over the years? Find out why we train, how we train and what dictates the style of presentations for visitors.

Thursday, Oct. 27

Prickly Pickles: The Fascinating World of Sea Cucumbers

Tim Werner, *Conservation Biologist, New England Aquarium*

Despite sea cucumbers' commercial value, they remain one of the most poorly studied groups of marine animals. Learn more about these fascinating creatures.

Monday, Nov. 2

Rising from the Ashes: The Phoenix Islands Protected Area

Randi D. Rotjan, Ph.D., *New England Aquarium Research Scientist*

Hear firsthand about a recent expedition to the remote Phoenix Islands. Dr. Rotjan shares scientific talks about her adventure to this newly protected coral reef ecosystem.

Monday, Nov. 9

Jacques Cousteau: The Sea King

Brad Matsen, *Biographer*

Brad Matsen discusses his recent biography of the world's most famous oceanographer, conveying the people, the adventure, the science and the lure of the sea that shaped Jacques Cousteau.

Thursday, Nov. 18

An American Tail: The Life and Science of the American Lobster

Anita Metzler, *New England Aquarium Lobster Facility Manager*

Learn about lobster life history and the ups and downs of raising these animals. The lecture will also cover lobster shell disease and its impact.

Thursday, Nov. 23

Minimizing Vessel Strikes to Endangered Right Whales: A Crash Course in Conservation Science and Policy

Moira Brown, Ph.D., *New England Aquarium Right Whale Team*

The North Atlantic right whale is one of the most endangered of all large whales: Only about 400 remain. Species recovery is, in part, contingent on reducing vessel-strike mortality.

For more information and to register, visit www.neaq.org/lowellprograms.

All lectures are subject to change.



joined in the celebration, including representatives from Cabot Corp, EMC, Liberty Mutual, New Balance Foundation, National Grid, PerkinElmer Foundation, Polar Beverages, Shaw's Supermarkets, State Street, GDF Suez Energy and Verizon.

Many events during the evening showcased the New Balance Foundation's *Move It!* Program. The Aquarium's new fitness mascot Splash got kids up and moving with a new fitness dance. In addition, guests got to take a copy of the song home with them to practice!



Seals and Cardio Critters. Each session is designed to feature our animals as nature's ambassadors, encouraging us all to live healthier and more active lives.

The Aquarium's new fitness programming is designed to inspire people through the strength, power and agility of the Northern fur seals. This year's Corporate Appreciation Night also showcased a special Fitness Friday session. The Aquarium offers a variety of these sessions, including *Food Fitness and Flippers*, *Stretching with the*



10/17

**Family Field Trip—
Hike Ponkapoag Bog, Blue
Hills Reservation, Canton
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

After a short hike, we will investigate the carnivorous plants, reptiles and amphibians that make their home in this quaking bog.

**Fee: \$15 per person for members,
\$18 for non-members**



10/23

**Fish, Fun & Fright
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

Our annual Halloween-themed party features treats, creatures from the deep and special spooky fun. Costumes are encouraged. Reservations are required; please call the membership office at 617-973-6564.

For more information on tours, classes, camps and members' nights, please call Central Reservations at 617-973-5206 between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., seven days a week. Reservations are required for most programs, unless otherwise noted. Space is limited, so sign up early! Some fees and restrictions may apply.



Seal Programs Trainer for a Morning

Learn what it's like to work with marine mammals while you observe and/or participate in training sessions behind the scenes at our harbor seal exhibit. Discover the individual personalities of the seals and learn how different training techniques create a successful learning environment.

**Fee: \$125 for members,
\$150 for non-members
(includes Aquarium admission)**

Come Play with the Seals!

Our seals love to have fun. Entertain your newest friends with fish popsicles or a water massage and get up close to watch them splash around in the water. No two sessions are alike!

**Fee: \$35 for members,
\$45 for non-members
(does not include Aquarium admission)**

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**What do you think of the stories,
activities and information in *blue*?**

Share your opinions to tell us what you like and help us make improvements at www.neaq.org/survey.

**11/7–11/8 and
11/21–11/22**

**Family Sleepover
7 p.m. to 9 a.m.**

Enjoy an evening full of fun fishy activities in the Aquarium's Harborside Learning Lab. Then head to the West Wing to explore the Amazing Jellies exhibit and sleep over. The next morning see the Aquarium before it opens to the public. A light evening snack and breakfast are included. Each guest receives a ticket to the Simons IMAX Theatre. Please book in advance by contacting Sunnye Dreyfus at 617-973-6596 or sdreyfus@neaq.org.

Fee: \$45 for members, \$50 for non-members

Celebrate Seafood Dinner Series

Celebrate Seafood with the Aquarium!

The Celebrate Seafood Dinner Series provides a delicious three-course meal, paired with wines, as well as informative and fun cooking demonstrations by Aquarium chefs and special guest chefs. Guests also receive printed recipe cards for all featured dishes of the evening. Reservations are required. Call 617-973-5206.

**Fee: \$65 for members,
\$75 for non-members**

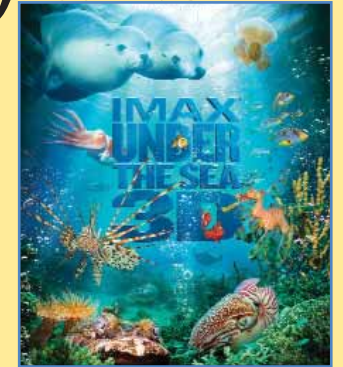
Upcoming dinner

**November 10 with Guest Chef Andy
Husbands of Tremont 647, highlighting
Dungeness crab, rainbow trout and opakapaka**

Visit www.neaq.org/celebrateseafood



Films



**12/29 or
12/30**

**First Night Family Art
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Recommended for families
with children ages 5 to 13.**

Celebrate the New Year by creating costumes and puppets with your family that highlight coral reefs. Then present your work by wearing or carrying these larger-than-life creations in the First Night Grand Procession on December 31. Please contact Family Programs at 617-226-2149 for more information.

**Fee: \$13 for members,
\$16 for non-members**

Under the Sea 3D

• 45 minutes
Transport yourself to some of the most exotic and isolated undersea locations on earth, including Southern Australia and New Guinea, and experience face-to-face encounters with some of the most mysterious and stunning creatures of the sea. Narrated by Jim Carrey, *Under the Sea 3D* offers a uniquely inspirational and entertaining way to explore the beauty and natural wonder of the oceans, as well as the impact of global climate change. In IMAX 3D, the images will literally leap off the screen and float around, putting the audience in the movie.

Dolphins & Whales 3D: Tribes of the Ocean

• 44 minutes
Dive into a highly emotional adventure with Jean-Michel Cousteau's *Dolphins and Whales 3D*, which will take you from the dazzling coral reefs of the Bahamas to the warm depths of the waters of the exotic Kingdom of Tonga for a close encounter with the surviving tribes of the ocean. Stunning images captured for the very first time in 3D will allow you to discover their lives and habitats as they have never been seen before. An unforgettable voyage with these graceful, majestic yet endangered sea creatures, narrated by Daryl Hannah.

Members receive discounts on ticket prices!

Purchase member tickets at any Aquarium ticketing location or by phone at 1-866-815-IMAX (4629).

Films, prices and showtimes are subject to change.

- Private screening and facility rentals, call 617-720-5104.
- IMAX birthday parties, call 617-973-6508.

11/14

**Navigator Society
Families & Friends Night
6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

To thank members of the Navigator Society for their generous financial support, the Aquarium hosts a night of fun activities for the whole family. This November the special evening celebrates the Aquarium's 40th Anniversary and features animal presentations, an IMAX movie, dinner and more. Reservations are required; you must be a member of the Navigator Society to attend. Please call Amy Whitehead at 617-226-2143 for more information. Visit www.neaq.org to join the Navigator Society now!

Give Your Kids a Learning Adventure! Exciting programs with Aquarium educators

Family Explorers

Ages 2 - 4

*Learn about the world of water
alongside your young child.*

- Each hour-long play program focuses on developing motor and language skills
- Encourages early science skills
- Includes free play, songs, stories, activities, art projects and games

Classes are held in the Aquarium's Ocean Center. Toddler Explorers is offered for 2-year-olds, and Preschool Explorers is offered for 3- and 4-year-olds.

Fall Theme: Motion Ocean Ocean Detectives

Ages 5 -12

*Children will work with parents and peers
to unlock the secrets of the deep.*

- During each class, participants develop math, science and literacy skills
- Track turtles, study crab movement or look for trends in penguin behavior

Programs take place across the plaza from the Aquarium in the Harborside Learning Lab. Junior Detectives is offered for 5- to 7-year-olds. Advanced Detectives is offered for 8- to 12-year-olds.



SAVE!

Sign up for three or more series at one time and receive a \$2 credit per session.

Upcoming Theme Classes

Junior Detectives: Octopus; Horseshoe Crabs; Aqua Vets

Advanced Detectives: Care and Feeding at the Aquarium; Fishery Fun; Changing Climate, Changing Oceans

Visit www.neaq.org/family for program details, dates, prices and more! Call Central Reservations at 617-973-5206 to reserve your space.