

MEDIA ADVISORY

Clearwater Marine Aquarium “Making Waves” Speaker Series: Sea Turtle SOS

- Free educational seminar on Thursday, August 18th
- Featured Subject: Sea Turtle Rehabilitation

Clearwater, FL (August 10, 2016) – Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA) will highlight their sea turtle rehabilitation work for the August session of the free Making Waves Speaker Series. Cassie Seebart, one of the sea turtle biologists at CMA, will lead the session.

During this session, guests can learn about the most common patients in our hospital: sea turtles. There are seven species of sea turtles in the world, five of which call the Gulf of Mexico their home. The sea turtles treated at CMA require a tremendous amount of resources and specialized care, as many of them are battling highly contagious fibropapilloma tumors. Cassie will discuss sea turtle stranding procedures, rehabilitation, and what the public can do to help protect these endangered reptiles.

This free speaker series is geared toward anyone wanting to learn more about marine life and conservation and is open to guests of all ages. To learn more about upcoming sessions, visit our website here:

<http://www.seewinter.com/educate/educational-events/making-waves-speaker-series>

6.00pm	Welcome and refreshments provided by Costco Wholesale
6.30 – 7.15pm	Sea Turtle SOS with Cassie Seebart
7.15 – 8.00pm	Q & A session

Location: Clearwater Marine Aquarium
249 Windward Passage, Clearwater, FL

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About Clearwater Marine Aquarium:

Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit working marine rescue center dedicated to inspiring the human spirit through leadership in education, research, rescue, rehabilitation and release. CMA is home to rescued dolphins, sea turtles, river otters, stingrays, nurse sharks and more. Winter the dolphin's story of survival, after the injury that caused her to lose her tail, has impacted millions of people around the world. A major motion picture, Dolphin Tale, highlighted her life story in 2011. The sequel, Dolphin Tale 2, was released in September 2014 and features the incredible story of Hope, a young resident dolphin of CMA. The mission and potential to change people's lives differentiates Clearwater Marine Aquarium from any other aquarium in the world.