

New England Aquarium 50th Anniversary

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Explore the various sea life in statue form!



Aquarium Guest Policy

The safety and well-being of our guests, staff members and animals are a top priority.

Please note these policies when visiting the New England Aquarium:

Bag Size

Any bag larger than 12" x 12" x 12" will not be permitted, with the exception of diaper bags and carriers for medical supplies. Bags, strollers, backpacks and packages are subject to inspection.

Firearms

Firearms are not allowed on Aquarium property, with the exception of law enforcement and on-duty security personnel.

Prohibited Items

- Weapons
- Signs
- Alcoholic beverages
- Food, drink and gum (in exhibit areas)
- Clothing with offensive or vulgar language
- Illegal drugs
- Laser pens and pointers
- Noise-making devices (horns, whistles, etc.)
- Balloons
- Any other items deemed to be dangerous or inappropriate



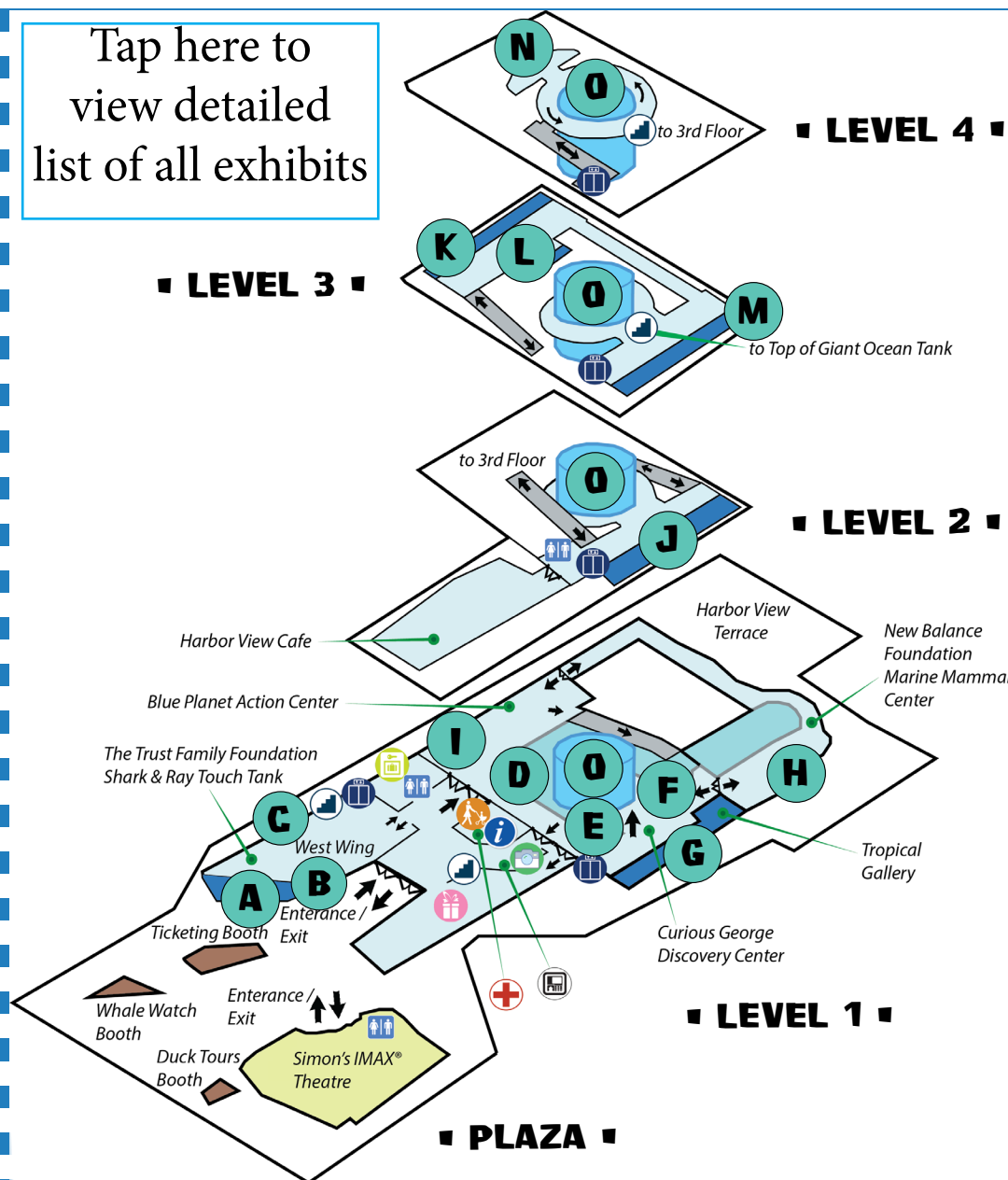
Prohibited Behavior and Code of Conduct

- Distributing any literature or propaganda, soliciting for signatures and/or the selling of any goods and services is not allowed on Aquarium property unless authorized by New England Aquarium.
- All tobacco products and e-cigarettes are prohibited on Aquarium grounds. The Aquarium is a smoke-free environment.
- Courteous behavior is expected of all guests.
- Unruly or unsafe behavior that endangers people or animals, disrupts other guests' ability to enjoy their visit or interferes with business operations will not be tolerated and can result in ejection without a refund and/or prosecution to the full extent of the law*.

**Such behavior includes, but is not limited to, attempting to enter the building with prohibited items listed above; smoking; offensive or disorderly conduct; throwing any object; entering or attempting to enter pools or exhibits; failure to follow the instructions of Aquarium personnel; actions that might harm or endanger people or animals; and any other conduct that is deemed inappropriate in a public setting.*



Tap here to
view detailed
list of all exhibits



New England
Aquarium

■ LEVEL 1 ■

- A HARBOR SEALS**
- B SHARK & RAY TOUCH TANK**
- C SCIENCE OF SHARKS**
- D AFRICAN PENGUINS**
- E LITTLE BLUE PENGUINS**
- F ROCKHOPPER PENGUINS**
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- M NORTHERN WATERS GALLERY**
- LEVEL 4 ■
- N YAWKEY CORAL REEF CENTER**
- O GIANT OCEAN TANK**

Map Key & Information

- Information Desk
- Member Services
- Elevator
- Stairs
- Lockers
- Stroller Check
- First Aid
- ATM
- Photo Pickup
- Gift Shop
- Restrooms



Elevators are accessible by anyone including parents with strollers and the handicapped.

Assistive listening devices are available at the IMAX Theatre Box Office and Information Desk. Sign language interpretation is available the first Sunday of the month.

In the event of an emergency, visitors will be evacuated through exists on the ground level of the building. Staff will assist and direct visitors to the exits.

Aquarium Presentations & Shows

Level 1

Penguin Feedings (9 – 10 AM, 2:30 – 3:30 PM)

Watch our biologists feed the penguins.

Penguin Presentations (11 AM, 2 PM)

Learn more about our feathered friends.



Front Plaza

Harbor Seal Training Sessions (9:45 AM, 11:45 AM, 3:45 PM)

Watch our family of fun harbor seals interact with our trainers.

Marine Mammal Center

Fur Seal Training Sessions

(weekdays: 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 2:45 PM; weekends: 5 PM)

Watch the northern fur seals interact with trainers.

Top of the Giant Ocean Tank

Giant Ocean Tank Divers

(10 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:30 PM, 2:30 PM, 3:30 PM)

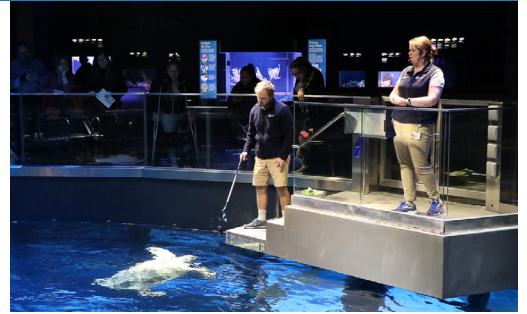
Watch divers feed more than 1000 sea animals!

For the 2:30 PM showing, get a diver's-eye view of the Giant Ocean Tank at this interactive Q&A session.

Giant Ocean Tank Talks

(weekdays: 10 AM, 11:30 PM, 1:30 PM, 2:30 PM, 3:30 PM; weekends: 4:30 PM)

Learn about the sea turtles, eels and more.



Blue Planet Action Center

Live Animal Presentations (10:45 AM, 3:15 PM)

Meet an aquarium animal up close!

Climate Change Activities (12:15 PM, 4:15 PM)

Learn how you can help protect ocean animals from climate change.



Aquarium Presentation & Show Timeline

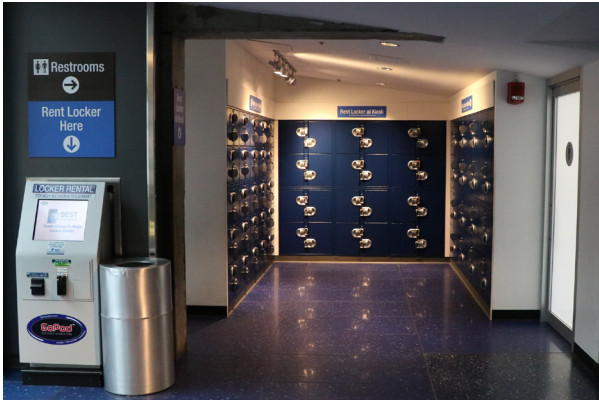
Times	Aquarium	IMAX Theatre
Morning Schedule		
9:00–10:00 AM	Penguin Feeding	Great White Shark
9:45 AM	Harbor Seal Training Session	
10:00 AM	Giant Ocean Tank Divers / Talk	
10:30 AM	Fur Seal Training Session	
10:45 AM	Live Animal Presentation	Turtle Odyssey
11:00 AM	Penguin Presentation	
11:30 AM	Giant Ocean Tank Divers / Talk	
11:45 AM	Harbor Seal Training Session	
Midday Schedule		
12:00 PM		Oceans: Our Blue Planet
12:15 PM	Climate Change Activities	
12:30 PM	Fur Seal Training Session	
Afternoon Schedule		
1:00 PM		Great White Shark
1:30 PM	Giant Ocean Tank Divers / Talk	
2:00 PM	Penguin Presentation	Turtle Odyssey
2:30 PM*	Giant Ocean Tank Divers / Talk	
2:30–3:30 PM	Penguin Feeding	
2:45 PM	Fur Seal Training Session	
3:00 PM		Oceans: Our Blue Planet
3:15 PM	Live Animal Presentation	
3:30 PM	Giant Ocean Tank Divers / Talk	
3:45 PM	Harbor Seal Training Session	
4:00 PM		Turtle Odyssey
4:15 PM	Climate Change Activities	
4:30 PM**	Giant Ocean Tank Talk	
Evening Schedule		
5:00 PM**	Fur Seal Training Session	Great White Shark
6:00 PM**		Oceans: Our Blue Planet

* Interactive Q&A session, ** Weekend Schedule (Saturday and Sunday only)

Facilities & Shopping



The **information desk** is located conveniently upon entering through the main entrance. **first aid, lost & found** and **membership services** are accessed here. To the sides of the desk (after the entry line and after leaving the main exhibits) is stroller drop off and pick up.



Lockers and **restrooms** are located on the first floor after exiting the line on the way in. **Family restrooms** are on the second floor near the cafe, accessed either by stairs or elevator.



Check out the **gift shop** on the first floor and take home a piece of the aquatic world. For money options, there is a **cash to coin dispenser** and **ATM machine** found next to the first floor bathrooms and photo checkout area respectively.



Come see your aquatic-themed photos here! Upon arrival to the Aquarium, photos will be taken at a greenscreen and saved on a pass. This pass can be taken to **photo check out** (next to the gift shop) to view the photos edited fully with some cool backdrops featuring sea wildlife and ocean scenery!

Front Plaza Services & Eateries

Set sail for the **Whale Watch** experience of a lifetime. High speed catamarans takes visitors to see the whales in about an hour and every trip is narrated by certified New England Aquarium naturalists, providing everyone a captivating learning experience!



Boston Duck Tours depart here from the New England Aquarium where tours of the city last for 80 minutes, rain or shine. There are no stops during the tour and once tickets are bought (as early as 8:30 AM), guests are to wait on location 15 minutes prior to departure. Tours leave every 30-60 minutes.



The **Harbor View Cafe** is located on the second floor after exiting the main exhibits and can be accessed by stairs or by elevator on any level. If crowded on busy days, check out the harborwalk for tables and seats outdoors.



Dog 'n Claw and **Ben and Jerry's** are right by the front plaza for fast food (hot dogs, rolls, plus beverages) and dessert respectively to satisfy any cravings while at the Aquarium. *Only open during the summer season.*



Level 1

**A**

HARBOR SEALS

Visit our endearing harbor seals outdoors on the Aquarium Plaza.

**B**

SHARK AND RAY TOUCH TANK

Check out the largest touch tank on the East Coast!

SCIENCE OF SHARKS

Get up close to small but mighty shark species & discover their remarkable adaptations in this new exhibit.



(Both open at 9:30 AM.)

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Shortfin mako shark

Level 1 (Continued)

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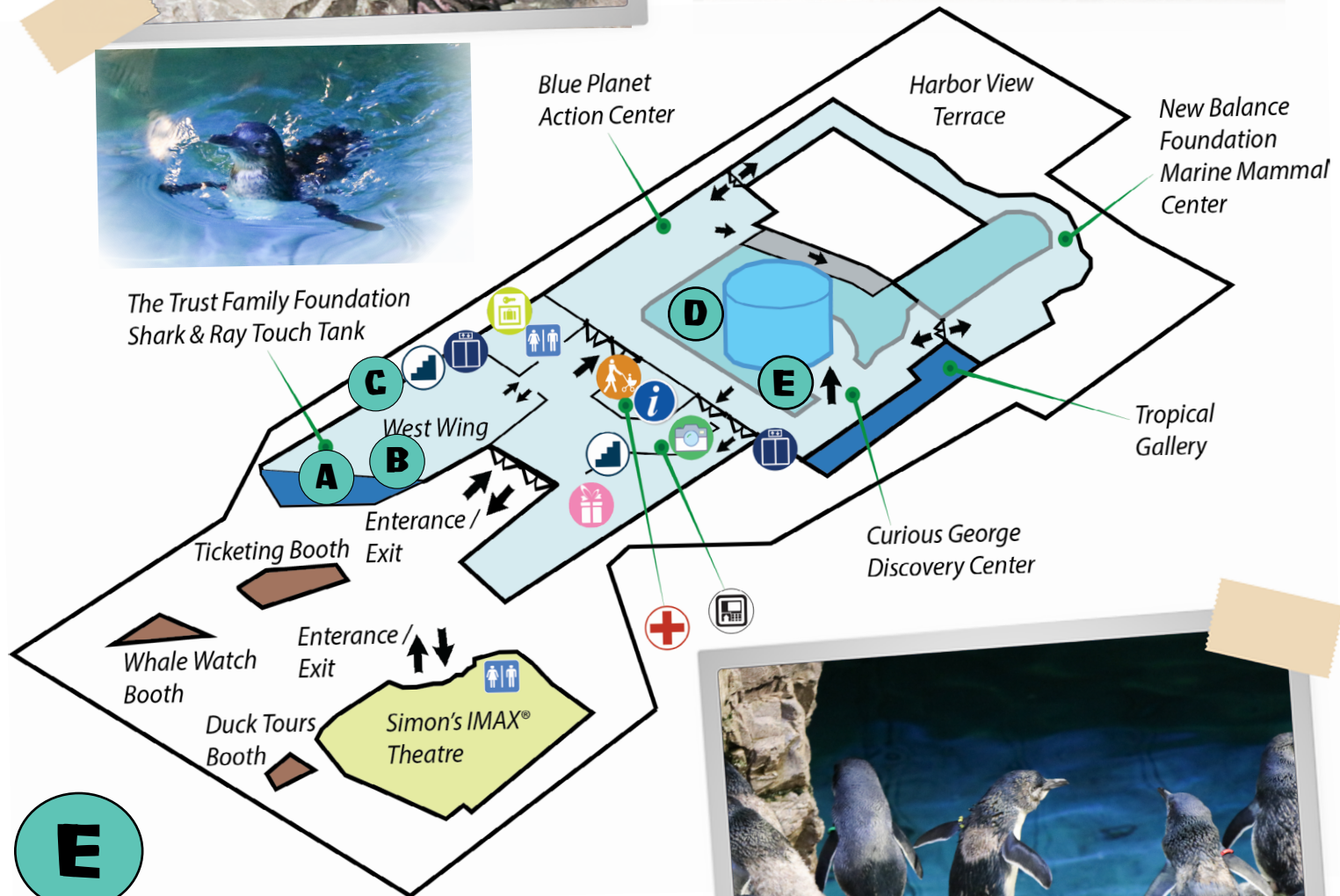


AFRICAN PENGUINS

Watch these charming birds preen and play.



The Trust Family Foundation
Shark & Ray Touch Tank



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LITTLE BLUE PENGUINS

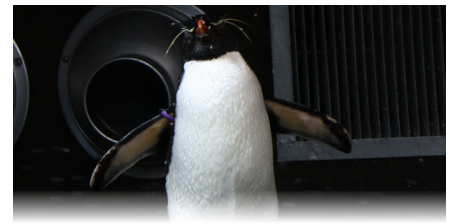
Visit the smallest penguins in the world.



F ROCKHOPPER PENGUINS



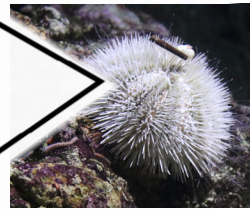
See the penguins with the yellow crests.



Blue Planet Action Center

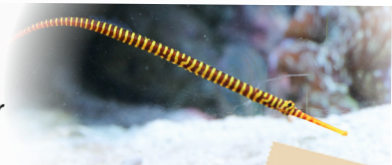
Harbor View Terrace

New Balance Foundation Marine Mammal Center

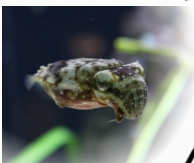


Tropical Gallery

Curious George Discovery Center



The Trust Family Foundation Shark & Ray Touch Tank



West Wing

Entrance / Exit

Ticketing Booth

Whale Watch Booth

Entrance / Exit

Duck Tours Booth

Simon's IMAX® Theatre

G TROPICAL GALLERY

See colorful clownfish, lionfish, and live coral.



Level 1 (Continued)

MARINE MAMMAL CENTER

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Get up close to the northern fur seals and California sea lions.

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BLUE PLANET ACTION CENTER

Learn about the challenges facing the blue planet & the Aquarium's leading role in ocean conservation.



Level 2

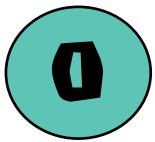


TEMPERATE WATERS GALLERY

See giant groupers and delicate seadragons.



GIANT OCEAN TANK (ALL LEVELS)



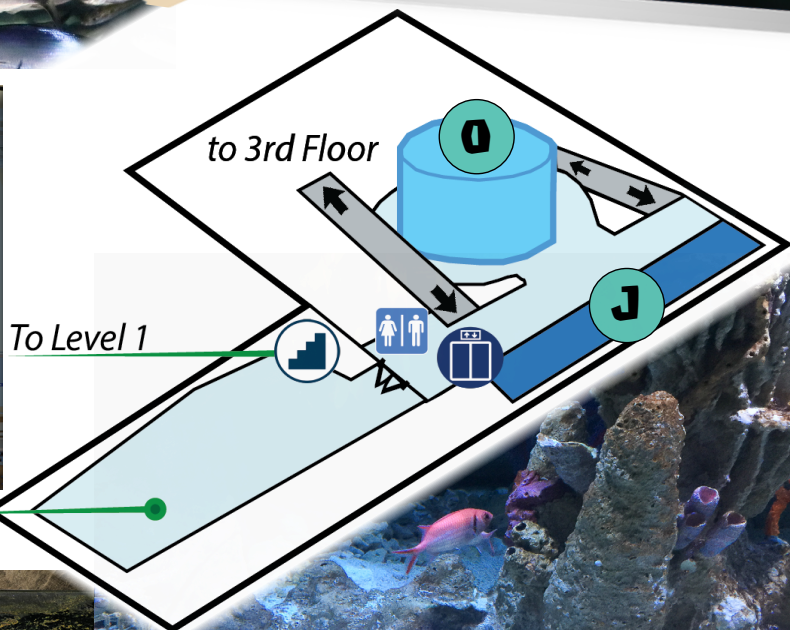
Walk around the spiral ramp to watch turtles, including Myrtle the green sea turtle, & colorful fishes swim around the vibrant coral reef.



Level 2 (Continued)



Harbor View Cafe

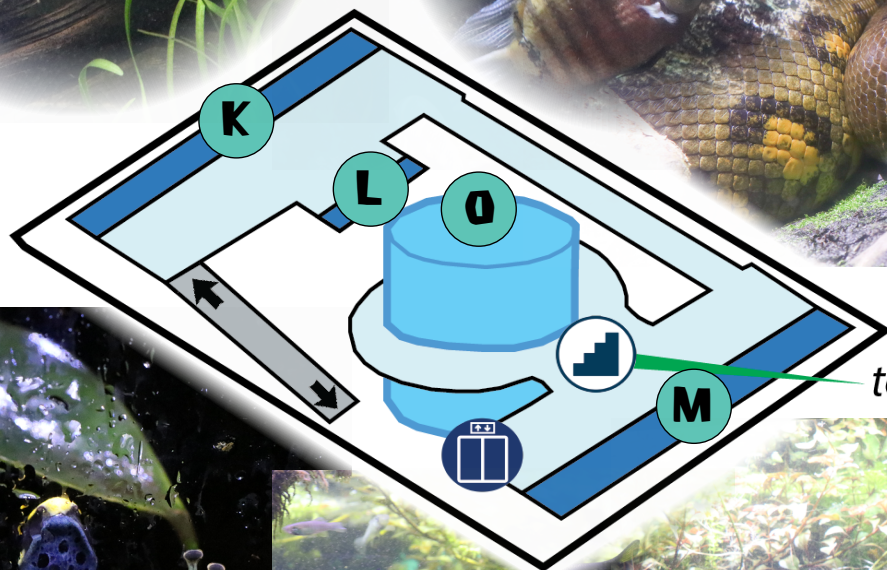


Level 3

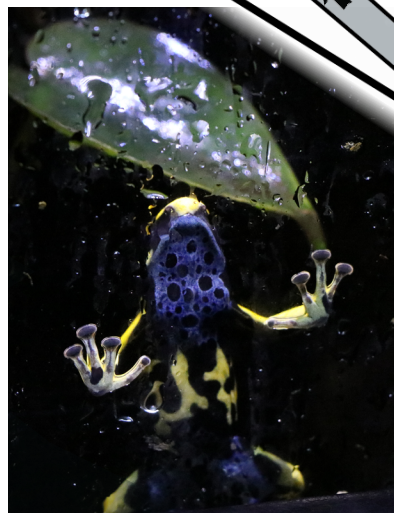


FRESHWATER GALLERY

See piranha, anaconda, salmon, and an electric eel.



to Top of Giant Ocean Tank



Level 3 (Continued)



EDGE OF THE SEA TIDEPOOL

Get your hands wet meeting sea stars, hermit crabs & sea urchins. *Opens at 9:30 AM.*



NORTHERN WATERS GALLERY

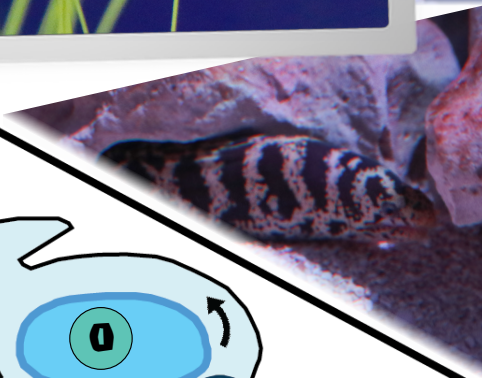
Explore the Gulf of Maine and Olympic Coast exhibits and see the giant Pacific octopus.



Level 4

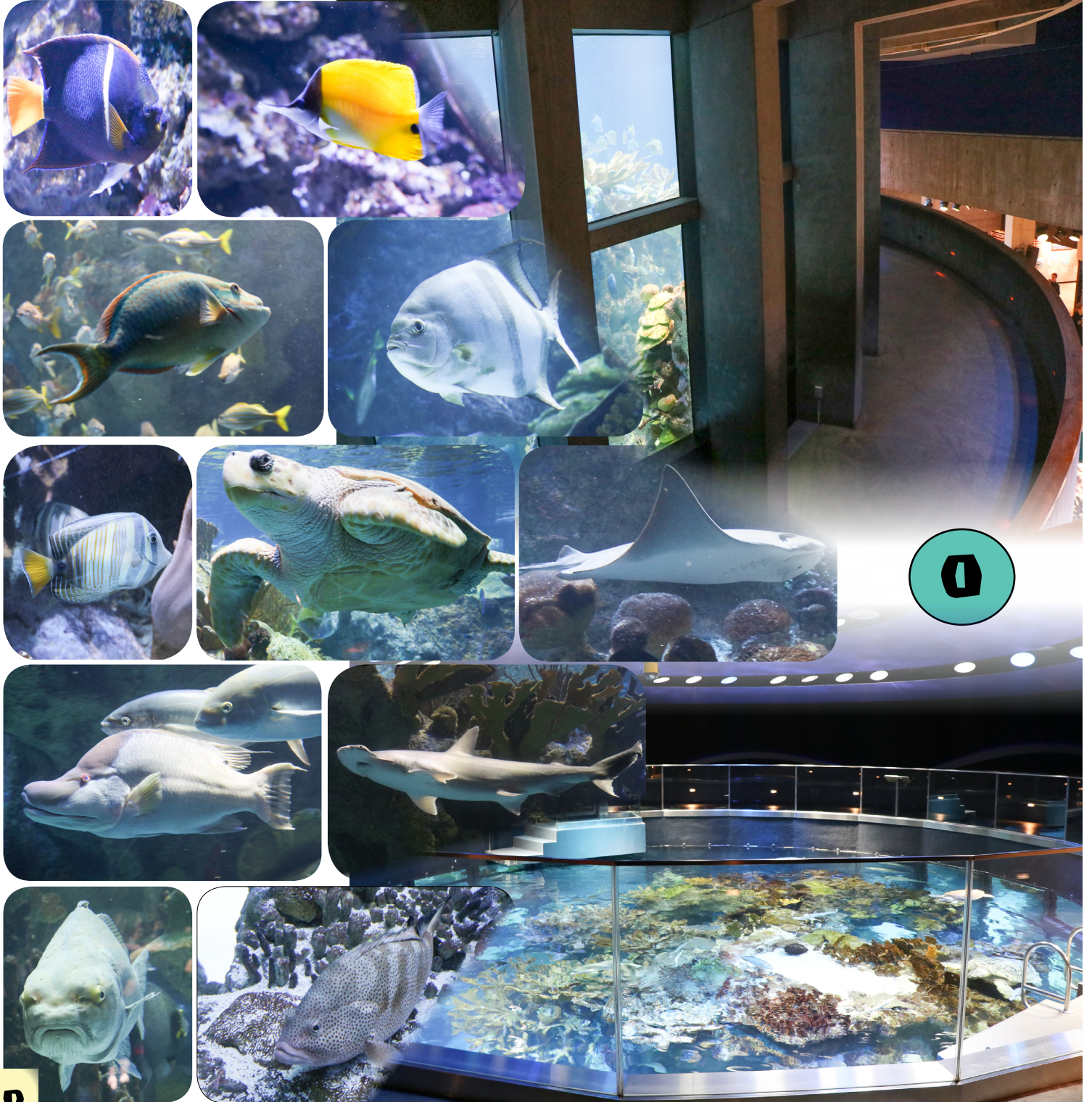
N YAWKEY CORAL REEF CENTER

See a variety of Caribbean species, including gently swaying garden eels.



GIANT OCEAN TANK

Visit the top of the tank to watch divers feed more than 1000 animals and see a presentation on sea turtles, eels, and more.



IMAX Theatre



IMAX Tickets

Adult – \$10

Adult members – \$9

Senior (age 60+) – \$8

Child (ages 3–11) – \$8

Child members (ages 3–11) – \$7

Now Playing

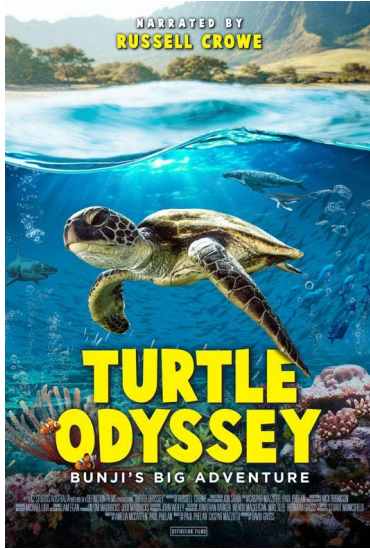
Great White Shark narrated by Bill Nighy (45 minutes)



Get ready for a shark's-eye view as you plunge straight into the underwater world of nature's most renowned predator! See the science at work behind that fearsome toothy grin and discover the importance of this spectacular species. It's an exhilarating view of the blue planet fit for the whole family on the largest screen in New England.



IMAX Theatre (Con't)



Turtle Odyssey: Bunji's Big Adventure narrated by Russell Crowe (45 minutes)

Follow the incredible journey of a spry young green turtle as it traverses thousands of miles of open ocean – and then migrates with mysterious precision back to the very beach where it was born. Researchers trek through these same aquatic wonderlands, encountering the majestic corals of Australia's Great Barrier Reef and breathtaking breaching whales. *Turtle Odyssey* reminds us just how interconnected we all are with the ocean.



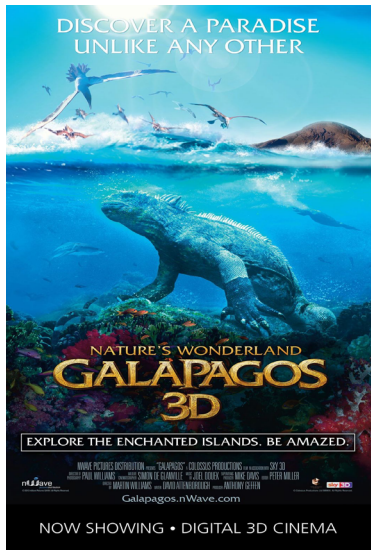
Oceans: Our Blue Planet narrated by Kate Winslet (45 minutes)

Witness dramatic events and the intimate lives of the ocean's most extraordinary creatures – from the ice-crustured Arctic to the crystalline tropics. Discover how we all depend on the health of these dazzling habitants.



Did you know? Our IMAX screen is 85 feet wide, 65 feet high and there are 428 seats available for moviegoers to see nature films both in 2D and 3D.

Former Shows (check them out via streaming services!)



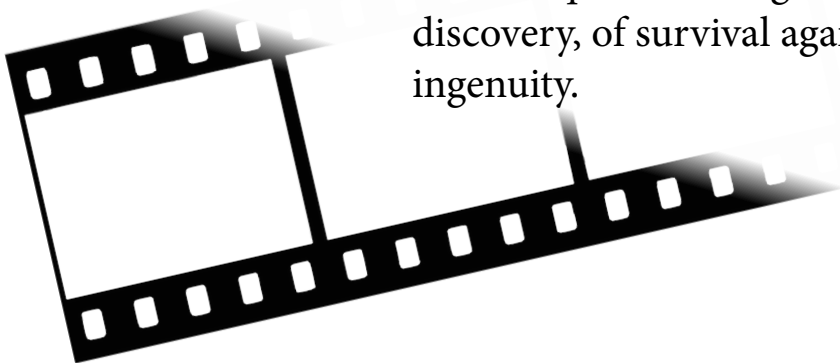
Pandas 3D narrated by Kristen Bell

Pandas 3D is a heartwarming story of survival that puts you among the fluffy black-and-white cubs as they feed and play at China's Chengdu Panda Base. Inspired by black bear rehabilitation work in New Hampshire, a team of scientists from the U.S. and China collaborate on an innovative project to release captive-born pandas into the wild and save this vulnerable species. Stunning IMAX footage captures each charming challenge and success of one young cub during her life-changing journey into the misty mountains of Sichuan.



Galapagos 3D: Nature's Wonderland narrated by Jeff Corwin

Galapagos 3D takes audiences to a paradise unlike any other. Located close to the equator in the Pacific Ocean, these remote volcanic islands have developed over millions of years in relative isolation. The result is a living museum of nature, with an abundance of curious plant and animal species that have adapted to thrive in this unique and challenging environment. Giant half-ton long-necked tortoises lumber among dancing blue-footed boobies and flightless cormorants. Penguins living thousands of miles from their natural habitats share the seas with unique marine iguanas that spit sea-salt. This is a story of discovery, of survival against the odds, and of nature's ingenuity.



For information on our future showings and scheduling, please visit <https://www.neaq.org/exhibits/imax/>

Aquarium Exhibit Showcase

Level 1 (18 exhibits)

Section A (Front Plaza)

(1-1) **Atlantic Harbor Seals**

Section B (West Wing, Main Level)

Shark and Ray Touch Tank

> Main Exhibit:

(1-2) Rays

> Featured Exhibits:

(1-3) Lagoons

(1-4) Mangroves

Section C (West Wing, Lower Level)

Science of Sharks

> Main Exhibit:

(1-5) Sharks

Section D

(1-6) **African Penguins**

Section E

(1-7) **Little Blue Penguins**

Section F

(1-8) **Rockhopper Penguins**

Section G

Tropical Gallery featuring:

(1-9) Living Corals

(1-10) Armored and Venomous Fishes

(1-11) Cephalopods

(1-12) Indo-Pacific Coral Reef

(1-13) Sea of Cortez

(1-14) Western Pacific Deep Reef

Section H

Marine Mammal Center featuring:

(1-15) California Sea Lion

(1-16) Northern Fur Seal

Section I

Blue Planet Action Center featuring:

(1-17) American Lobster

(1-18) European Lobster

Level 2 (5 exhibits)

Section J

Temperate Waters Gallery featuring:

(2-1) Blue Hole

(2-2) Ancient Fishes

(2-3) Australian Temperate Reef Community

(2-4) School Fish

(2-5) Sea Jellies

Level 3 (18 exhibits)

Section K

Freshwater Gallery featuring:

(3-1) Piranha

(3-2) Flooded Amazon Forest

(3-3) South American Frogs

(3-4) Fishery Practices of the Rio Negro

(3-5) Amazon Reptiles

(3-6) Electric Eel

(3-7) New England Seahorses

Section L

(3-8) Edge of the Sea Tidepool

Section K (Continued)

Freshwater Gallery featuring:

(3-9) New England Pond

(3-10) Trout Stream

(3-11) Atlantic Salmon

Section M

Northern Waters Gallery featuring:

(3-12) Gulf of Maine

(3-13) Boulder Reef

(3-14) Sandy Bottom Community

(3-15) Isles of Shoals, New Hampshire

(3-16) Eastport, Maine

(3-17) Octopus

(3-18) Olympic Coast Sanctuary

Level 4 (7 exhibits)

Section N

Coral Reef Center featuring:

(4-1) Caribbean Nearshore Reef

(4-2) Caribbean Morays

(4-3) Caribbean Dwarf Seahorses

(4-4) Caribbean Habitats Up Close

(4-5) Caribbean Frogfish

(4-6) Caribbean Reef Juvenile Fishes

(4-7) Caribbean Deep Coral Reef



Section O

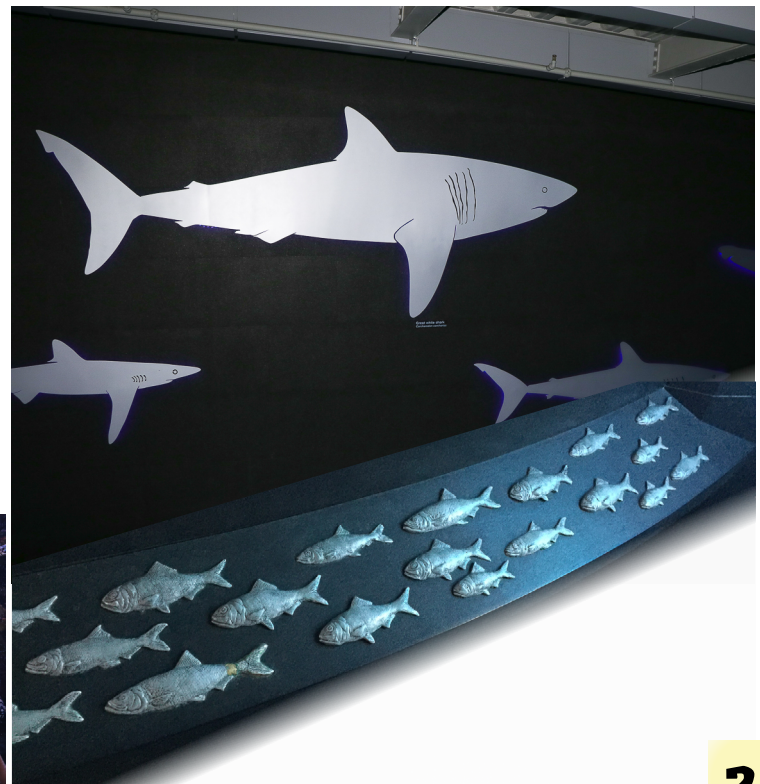
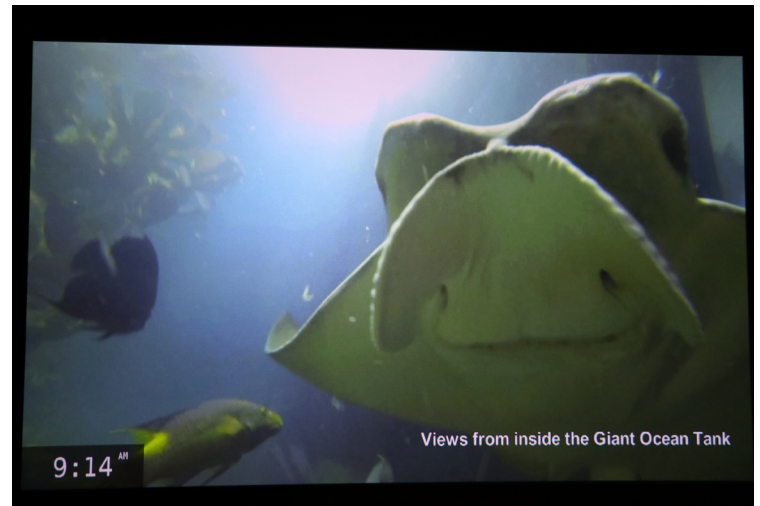
(All Levels) Giant Ocean Tank

(Level 4) Top of Giant Ocean Tank

Interactive Areas

(Level 1) Aquarium Larval Program

(Level 3) Going Against the Flow



Activities at the Aquarium

Learn Together at the Aquarium!

These science classes at the Aquarium described below will introduce your child to the aquatic world. Each class focuses on developing motor skills, language, and socialization through songs, art projects, and movement activities.

Sea Squirts Preview

Ages 12 to 24 months (1 to 2 years)

Mondays at 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, and 2:30 PM

Sea Squirts

Ages 2 to 4 years

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays at
9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 2:30 PM

Explore the topics, take a look at the schedule, and
sign up online! neaq.org/seasquirts

The Tide

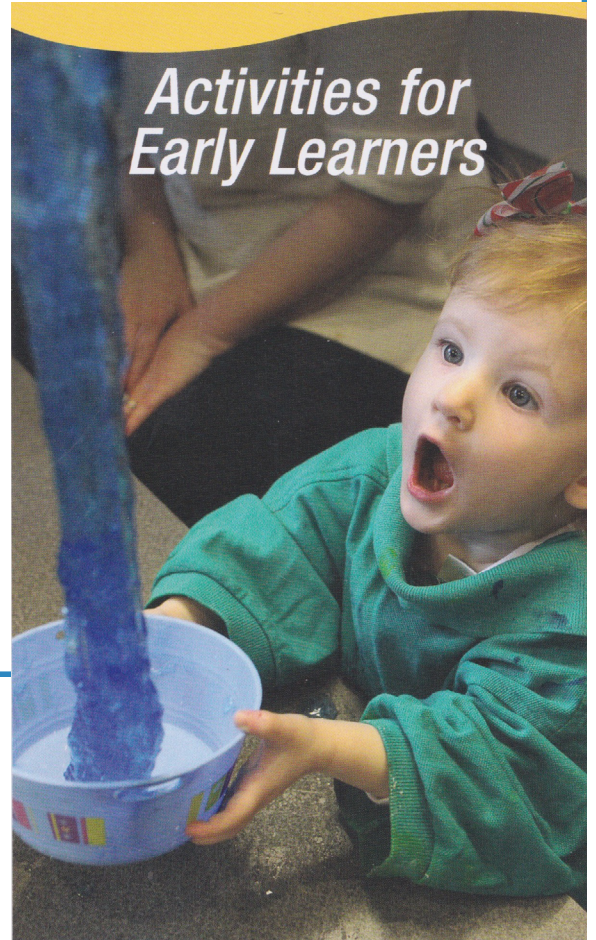
The Tide is a community of young supporters making
a commitment to our oceans and the New England
Aquarium's mission to protect our blue planet.

By joining *The Tide*, you will have access to exclusive:

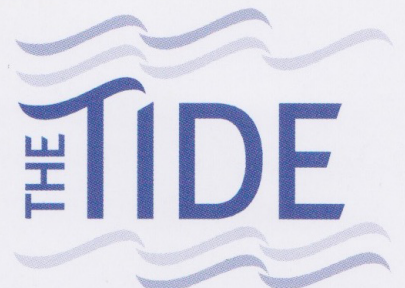
- Networking opportunities with other ocean stewards
- Unique social and educational events
- Volunteer and service programs
- Opportunities to connect with the Aquarium's network of scientists and community leaders

Whether your favorite childhood field trips were to the
Aquarium, you spend your summers on the water, or you
want to take action to protect our oceans, now is the time
to join *The Tide*.

Activities for Early Learners



*Learn about the blue planet
alongside your young child!*



*New England Aquarium
Young Supporters*

Join *The Tide* and make a lasting impact on the health of our oceans.

The New England Aquarium is a catalyst for global change through public engagement, commitment to marine animal conservation, leadership in education, innovative scientific research, and effective advocacy for vital and vibrant oceans.

Member Events

- *Making Waves with The Tide* – annual Aquarium open-house event
- Sunset harbor cruise
- Exclusive lectures and panel discussions with Aquarium experts
- Conservation-focused volunteer projects

For more information and to join, please visit us online at neaq.org/thetide, email thetide@neaq.org, or call [617-973-5224](tel:617-973-5224).

The Tide Membership Levels

Individual Membership – \$175

- Standard 2 Aquarium membership benefits for one named adult and guest
- Two complimentary tickets to an Aquarium *Fin & Tonic* event
- Invitations to complimentary and ticketed events for *The Tide* for one named adult (option to buy additional tickets)

Dual Membership – \$275

- Standard 4 Aquarium membership benefits for two named adults and two guests*
- Four complimentary tickets to an Aquarium *Fin & Tonic* event
- Invitations to complimentary and ticketed events for *The Tide* for two named adults (option to buy additional tickets)

**Excludes the one-time use Simons IMAX® Theatre Passes*

The Tide is a community of Aquarium young supporters age 21 and older. It is led by a group of dedicated volunteer committee members connecting the Aquarium with our young supporters. Donations to The Tide are fully tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.



Activities at the Aquarium (Con't)

Private Events at the Aquarium



Whether your event
is large or small,
formal or casual,
the Aquarium is the
perfect setting.



Plan your next corporate or social celebration at the New England Aquarium. Experience one of Boston's most unique venues set against a backdrop of awe-inspiring ocean creatures and with a scenic view of Boston Harbor.

Main Exhibit Gallery

Mingle and dine as penguins, sea turtles, and thousands of tropical fish swim beside you.

Harbor View Cafe

The floor-to-ceiling views of the city skyline and Boston Harbor will captivate you while you enjoy an intimate dinner.

The Reef Tent (seasonal)

Relax by Boston Harbor while sampling cocktails and New England fare.

West Wing Gallery

Gather alongside sharks and rays as you enjoy a cocktail or dinner reception.

Harbor View Terrace and Tent (seasonal)

Enjoy cocktails near the seals and sea lions in this seasonal terrace and tent.

Simons IMAX® Theatre

This is a great venue for product launches, film screenings, and presentations.

For more information about hosting an event with us, contact the Special Events Department at [617-973-5205](tel:617-973-5205) or events@neaq.org.

Aquarium Membership

The New England Aquarium combines education, entertainment, and action to address the most challenging problems facing the oceans. We aim to create a new generation of ocean stewards, while providing regional, national, and global leadership in marine conservation.

The New England Aquarium, the only Boston-based cultural institution with a mission focused primarily on the environment, promotes the importance of protecting the blue planet through innovative exhibits and educational programs. *Join now to begin your adventure!*

Membership Has Its Perks

In appreciation of your support, we are pleased to offer the following benefits to our valued members:

Free

- Express Aquarium admission for a full year*
- Member magazine and e-newsletter

Discounted

- Aquarium admission for additional guests*
- Parking at several nearby facilities
- Aquarium Whale Watch tickets*
- Dining, gift shop purchases, and birthday parties
- Educational programs and summer camps
- *Animal Encounters* and *Behind-the-Scenes Tours*

Plus

- Invitations to our family friendly *Dive In!* evenings and *Fish, Fun, and Fright* Halloween party, and adults-only evenings *Fin & Tonic* and *That's A-Moray*.

Delve deep with our Premium levels

Premium members also receive invitations to exclusive events, priority registration for ticketed member events, and other perks.

Take your membership to the next level and join the Aquarium's donor societies to enjoy additional privileges, special events and recognition in our Annual Report. Please call [617-226-2622](tel:617-226-2622) or visit neaq.org/givingsociety for more info.



Join now to begin your aquatic adventure!

Aquarium Membership (Con't)

Sign Up for SeaMail

By providing your email address, you will receive our monthly members' e-newsletter, *SeaMail*. It's a great way to stay on top of late-breaking news and member-exclusive opportunities.

Join the Dive Club

As an Aquarium member you also have the option of joining the New England Aquarium Dive Club, one of the oldest and most active dive clubs in the world. One small fee covers your entire household. *For more information, visit online at neadc.org.*

Choose the Membership Level That's Right For You!

Standard 2 (\$109)

- Admits 2 every day (1 member + 1 guest)
- 10% off IMAX tickets*

Standard 4 (\$159)

- Admits 4 every day (1 member + 3 guests)
- 2 free one-time IMAX passes
- 10% off additional IMAX tickets*

Standard 6 (\$209)

- Admits 6 every day (1 member + 5 guests)
- 4 free one-time IMAX passes
- 10% off additional IMAX tickets*

Standard 8 (\$259)

- Admits 8 every day (1 member + 7 guests)
- 6 free one-time IMAX passes
- 10% off additional IMAX tickets*

Premium 2 (\$135)

- Admits 2 every day (1 member + 1 guest)
- 2 free one-time IMAX passes
- Additional IMAX tickets \$5*

Premium 4 (\$195)

- Admits 4 every day (1 member + 3 guests)
- 4 free one-time IMAX passes
- Additional IMAX tickets \$5*

Premium 6 (\$255)

- Admits 6 every day (1 member + 5 guests)
- 6 free one-time IMAX passes
- Additional IMAX tickets \$5*

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- Admits 8 every day (1 member + 7 guests)
- 8 free one-time IMAX passes
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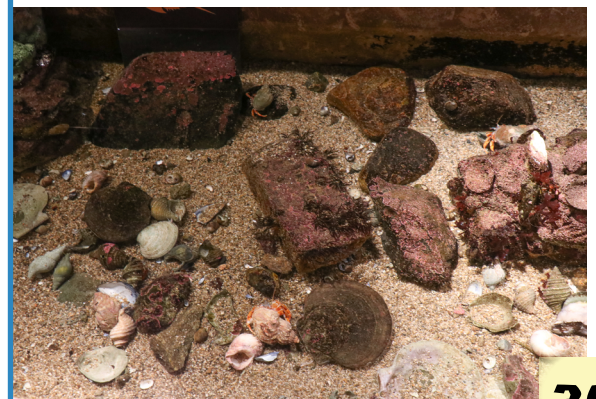
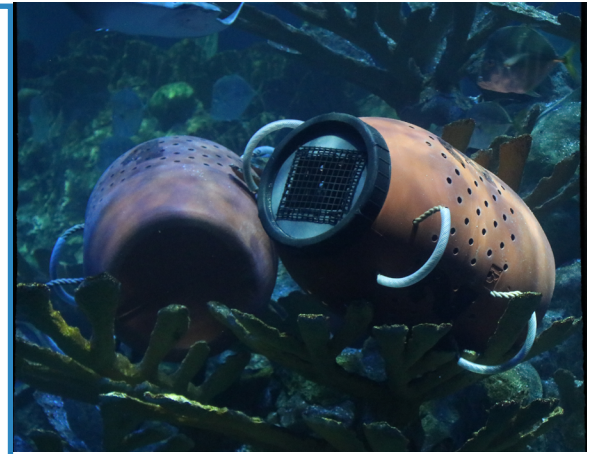
At Your Aquatic Leisure

What is Living Blue?

Living blue means making daily changes – big and small – that help protect the environment. Oceans cover 70% of the world, so ultimately the actions we take in our daily lives will affect the health of our oceans. Below are actions you can take as a family to help protect our blue planet.

Family *Live Blue*[™] Action List

- Turn the lights off when you leave a room.
- Reduce water use by turning faucets off and taking shorter showers.
- Eat local, organic food.
- Recycle your plastic, metal and paper.
- Reuse paper whenever possible before recycling it.
- Bike, skate, walk or use public transportation when possible.
- Use a reusable lunch box instead of paper or plastic bags.
- Use a reusable water bottle instead of juice boxes.
- Get outside! Go on walks, hikes, play in the dirt...
- Compost food waste.
- Talk to your family, friends and teachers about what you are doing to protect our planet.
- Form a club with your friends and neighbors and decide what you can do as a group to *Live Blue*[™].
- Pick up litter and dispose of it properly. Less trash on the ground means less trash that makes it to the ocean.
- Ask questions! Where does your food come from? What plants and animals are your neighbors? What do they need to live healthy lives?
- Eat ocean-friendly seafood.



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Family *Live Blue*™ Activities

See how much you can reduce your waste by recycling and composting. Keep track week to week, month to month:

- Eat a vegetarian meal once a week.
- Plant a windowsill or outdoor garden.
- Host neighborhood swap parties for toys, clothes and other items, instead of buying new ones.
- Learn about local plants and wildlife by creating supportive environments near your home (bird feeders, bird baths, etc.).
- What can you make out of trash? See how many items you can use from your recycling bin or trash can to create a sculpture. Is there anything in there that you might be able to use for something else?
- Buy food in bulk instead of individually wrapped portions. Each week set aside time to divide bulk food items into reusable containers to use during the week.
- Mix your own household cleaners – kids love to measure and pour, and there are many effective recipes that will clean your house and won't hurt the environment.
- Learn about the environment around you! Sign up for family classes at www.neaq.org/family or with other local environmental organizations.



Try These Activities at Home

Sorting Like a Seal:

Seals often sort objects for fun. Gather 25 objects from around your home and spread them on a table.

Sort the objects that are:

- green like a green sea turtle
- spiky like an urchin
- noisy like penguins
- hard like a snail shell

Measure Up:

Grab a measuring tape and string. Then lie on your back and stretch a string from your toes to the top of your head. Now measure pieces of string as long as ocean animals and compare the strings. Who is bigger, you or the animal?

- Giant Pacific octopus: 10 feet (120 inches)
- Epaulette shark: 3 feet (36 inches)
- Little blue penguin: 1 foot (12 inches)
- White shark: 14 feet (168 inches)



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