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Local artist and author host story time session to benefit sea turtle program

Clearwater, FL (July, 29 2016) – On Saturday, August 13th, Safety Harbor Public Library will host author David Kinne and artist Dino Kotopoulos for a special reading and signing of *Captain Tortuga and the Treasure of Sand Key* to promote the education and conservation of sea turtles. The event begins at 11:00am and is free to the public.

Author David Kinne has been an employee of Clearwater Marine Aquarium for several years, contributing to multiple departments to increase awareness of the rescue, rehabilitation, and release work conducted by the aquarium's team. His book, *Captain Tortuga and the Treasure of Sand Key*, explains the exciting journey of Lily, a loggerhead sea turtle, and teaches children what they can do to help protect her species. Beautifully illustrated by Dino Kotopoulos, the book is a welcome addition to any family collection.

The story featured in *Captain Tortuga and the Treasure of Sand Key* highlights the diligent work of Clearwater Marine Aquarium's sea turtle team. This year in particular has been especially intense for CMA. During the winter, the marine life hospital took in over 150 sea turtles for rehabilitation due to exceptionally cold weather patterns. The sea turtle nesting season has also been record-breaking, with more than 232 nests now under the watchful eye of the CMA team.

At the reading, *Captain Tortuga and the Treasure of Sand Key* will be available for purchase, with all proceeds benefitting Clearwater Marine Aquarium.

Location: Safety Harbor Public Library, 101 2nd Street North, Safety Harbor, FL 34695

See attached flier for additional details.

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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.

WE BELIEVE in preserving our environment while inspiring the human spirit through leadership in the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of marine life, environmental education, research and conservation.

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