



CLEARWATER MARINE AQUARIUM™

3 Dolphin Tale Movie Stars Welcome 3 Endangered Sea Turtles Home *Yeti, Gardenia and Honeysuckle Heading Home for the New Year after Rehabilitation*

Clearwater, FL (Dec. 27, 2017) – Clearwater Marine Aquarium is releasing three endangered sea turtles back to the ocean tomorrow after successful rehabilitation by their Animal Care Team. Cozi Zuehlsdorff, along with fellow *Dolphin Tale* actors Nathan Gamble and Austin Highsmith, will welcome home Yeti, a critically endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle, as well green sea turtles Gardenia and Honeysuckle.

"The release of three turtles on the same day is heartwarming for us" says David Yates, CEO. "Having the Dolphin Tale stars with us for the release makes it extra special."

Media interested in attending the event or interviews with the stars, please contact Julia Anderson at janderson@cmaquarium.org or 727-686-3499

Additional Details:

- When: Thursday, Dec. 28, 2017 @ 10:30 am.
- Where: Honeymoon Island State Park, 1 Causeway Blvd, Dunedin, 34698
- Three turtles being released after successful rehabilitation:
 - **Yeti** - A critically endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle arrived to CMA on January 28, 2017, rescued with a broken jaw.
 - **Gardenia** - An endangered green sea turtle arrived just after Hurricane Irma on September 13, 2017, wrapped in fishing line and already missing the rear right flipper.
 - **Honeysuckle** - Another green sea turtle entangled in fishing line, arrived on September 23, 2017.

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 an 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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