

Nicholas the Dolphin to Predict NCAA College Football Playoff National Championship

Clearwater Marine Aquarium offers half-price admission to college football fans

Clearwater, FL (Jan. 4, 2018) – Rescued dolphin at Clearwater Marine Aquarium Nicholas is famous for his accurate predictions of sporting events. Next, Nicholas will predict the NCAA College Football Playoff National Championship on Friday, Jan. 5 at 11:30 a.m. Clearwater Marine Aquarium encourages all college football fans to visit for half priced admission when wearing their favorite college football team's logo apparel during CMA's Tail-Gate Week. This offer runs through Jan. 8, 2018.

Friday will be the second time Nick picks the NCAA College Football Playoff National Championship winner. This year it's between the University of Alabama Crimson Tide and the University of Georgia Bulldogs. Nicholas accurately predicted Clemson to win last year. Nicholas is currently 5 for 6 in his predictions.

Nicholas is a rescued bottlenose dolphin that was found stranded with severe sunburns. He was orphaned and unable to learn necessary survival skills as a calf, therefore he became a permanent resident at Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Making unbelievable sports predictions is just one of Nick's many talents he has demonstrated and a special part of his animal enrichment.

Media interested in attending Nick's Pick please contact Julia Anderson at <u>janderson@cmaquarium.org</u> or 727-686-3499.

Additional Details:

- When: Jan. 5, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. Media advised to arrive by 11 a.m.
- Where: Clearwater Marine Aquarium: 249 Windward Passage, Clearwater FL, 33767
- Photography and b-roll available upon request.

For further information, contact Julia Anderson at janderson@cmaquarium.org or 727-686-3499.

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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