

Clearwater Marine Aquarium Releases 175-pound Sea Turtle, Announces Florida Resident Reopening Special to Celebrate

Stormy the sea turtle's release will be celebrated with a Florida resident reopening special for all CMA guests

Clearwater, FL (May 21, 2020) – On Thursday, May 21, Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA) released “Stormy,” a 175 lbs. sub adult loggerhead, back into the wild on Honeymoon Island in Pinellas County, Florida. Found entangled in a crab trap offshore of Sand Key Beach, the US Coast Guard helped bring “Stormy” in to CMA for evaluation on Sunday, May 10.

- [View footage and photos of Stormy's rescue, rehab, and release.](#)

“Upon intake, Stormy exhibited very energetic behavior,” said Dr. Shelly Marquardt. “After further assessment, it was determined that she had sustained minor injuries from the entanglement with the crab trap and is a healthy turtle,” Dr. Marquardt continued, “we’re excited to return her to the wild with such a short rehab visit with us.”

“Stormy” was cleared for release by Clearwater Marine Aquarium’s veterinarian and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

To celebrate the successful rescue, rehabilitation and release of another sea turtle, Clearwater Marine Aquarium is offering restless Floridians another reason to visit the working marine hospital. Beginning Friday, May 22, CMA is running a Florida Resident Reopening Special. Through May 31, adult admission is \$19.99 and kids 3-12 are \$15.99.

All guests are invited to enjoy special reopening pricing for the educational and relaxing 60-minute Dolphin and Wildlife eco-boat tours at \$14.99.

“At Clearwater Marine Aquarium, we are proud to offer a safe, fun, and educational place where guests can bring family and friends to enjoy the fresh air and connect with marine life,” said CEO Frank Dame. “We are excited to be reopened,” Dame continued, “making this offer will encourage Floridians to take a much needed break to come meet our knowledgeable staff and adorable rescued animals.”

Clearwater Marine Aquarium reopened to guests after being closed for 60 days. CMA has implemented significant additional safety precautions to protect staff, animals, and guests while ensuring a fun and educational visit with limited guests.

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The changes include:

- Limiting attendance to 25% of normal capacity
- Using touchless transactions
- Advanced reservations where guests are required to select an arrival date and time and purchase admission online prior to visiting
- Signs and floor decals to promote social distancing
- Barriers at transaction areas
- Requiring all guest-facing staff to wear face masks
- Daily temperature checks for all staff
- Highly recommending that guests wear masks and offering disposable masks to those who do not have one but would like one

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About Clearwater Marine Aquarium:

Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit working marine rescue center dedicated to preserving our marine life and environment while inspiring the human spirit through leadership in education, research, rescue, rehabilitation and release. CMA is home to rescue dolphins, sea turtles, river otters, stingrays, nurse sharks and more. Winter, the dolphin's story of survival after 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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