



CLEARWATER MARINE AQUARIUM

MEDIA ADVISORY

Clearwater Marine Aquarium “Making Waves” Speaker Series

- **Free educational seminar on Thursday, March 19**
- **Topic: How marine plants adapt and survive in challenging salt water**

Clearwater, FL (March 6, 2015) – Clearwater Marine Aquarium continues its free Making Waves speaker series March 19 with Jennifer Hyder, Ph.D candidate in Biology at the University of South Florida.

Hyder will discuss her research in the Tampa Bay area in relation to marine plant life, which plays a substantial role in the foundation of the entire marine ecosystem. She’ll also address the differences between marine plants and household plants and the unique adaptations they possess in order to survive in their challenging salt water environment.

This free speaker series is geared towards anyone wanting to learn more about marine life and is open to all ages.

6.00pm Welcome and refreshments provided by Costco Wholesale
6.30 – 7.30pm Guest speaker, Jennifer Hyder
7.30 – 8pm Q & A session

Location: Clearwater Marine Aquarium
249 Windward Passage
Clearwater, FL

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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 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 marine life and environment while inspiring the human spirit through leadership in education, research, rescue, rehabilitation, and release.

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