



## CLEARWATER MARINE AQUARIUM

### MEDIA ADVISORY

## Clearwater Marine Aquarium “Making Waves” Speaker Series, Special “Shark Week” Edition

- **Free educational seminar on Thursday, July 16**
- **Topic: Reproductive strategies of sharks and the importance of shark conservation**

**Clearwater, FL (July 6, 2015)** – Clearwater Marine Aquarium continues its free Making Waves speaker series Thursday, July 16 with Brent Winner, Associate Research Scientist at Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

In the celebration of Discovery Channel’s “Shark Week”, the public is invited to attend this session and learn about sharks, with particular focus on the fascinating variations in their reproductive strategies.

The audience will be educated on various informational elements related to shark reproduction and why this science is critical for proper management and conservation of sharks. It will address such topics as how to tell a male from a female shark, how do sharks reproduce and nourish their young, where do sharks give birth, among many others.

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

6.00pm	Welcome and refreshments provided by Costco Wholesale
6.30 – 7.30pm	Guest speaker, Brent Winner
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 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 marine life and environment while inspiring the human spirit through leadership in education, research, rescue, rehabilitation, and release.

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