



CLEARWATER MARINE AQUARIUM

PRESS RELEASE

Clearwater Marine Aquarium to Release Green Sea Turtle, Katniss

Clearwater, FL (August 11, 2014) – Clearwater Marine Aquarium will release a rehabilitated Green sea turtle, Katniss, this Tuesday morning, August 12 at 10.45am on Honeymoon Island.

Katniss was brought to Clearwater Marine Aquarium this year on May 24 by a boater who saw her around Caladesi Island. She had suspected buoyancy issues as her body cavity was full of air. She was also quite malnourished.

The medical care team at CMA was able to remove the air from her body cavity and also provide enough nutrition for her to gain a bit of weight. Katniss is a small turtle, weighing 4.4 lbs upon admittance into CMA and now bulked up to 6.17 lbs. She preferred solid food over tube feeding, building up her nutrition through a diet of capelin, shrimp and squid.

Media are invited to join the release and farewell of Katniss on Tuesday. As quoted similarly in *Hunger Games*, “May the odds be forever in her favor.”

Please contact Amy Binder if you are interested in attending. The release will take place right before the entrance to Honeymoon Island State Park, turn right on the dirt road.

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About Clearwater Marine Aquarium:

Clearwater Marine Aquarium 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 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*, will premier 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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