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OH, FISH-MAS TREE! A WINTER WONDERLAND AT THE VIRGINIA AQUARIUM HOLIDAY FAMILY FESTIVITIES FOR TWO NIGHTS IN DECEMBER

(VIRGINIA BEACH, Va.) – The Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center is decking the halls and transforming into a winter wonderland during <u>Holi-Rays</u>! Come dressed in your holiday best or festive pajamas for an evening of family fun on December 16 and 17 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus in the workshop as they prepare presents with the elves, or wave hello as jolly ol' Saint Nick scuba dives under the sea. Help the grouchy Grump find his holiday spirit through the power of recycling. Decorate an ornament using recycled material, in keeping with the Aquarium's mission to inspire conservation. Candy canes galore, there will be much for all to explore!

Tickets are \$25.95, and members receive a 50% discount. Online registration and timed tickets are required due to limited capacity. Tickets will not be available at the door. Children two years old and under get in free. A paying adult must accompany children.

PRA Group is the exclusive corporate sponsor of the Virginia Aquarium's after-hours programming this year, including the Fins & Frights, Holi-Rays and FantaSea events. A global leader in acquiring and servicing nonperforming loans, PRA Group prioritizes giving back to the communities in which it operates around the world. As a long-time partner of the Aquarium, the company's generous gifts have funded three years of the Aquarium's education programming, and PRA Group will be the title sponsor of the South Building grand opening and dedication events once renovations are complete.

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The Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center is an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, and the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums. The Aquarium is also a member of World Association of Zoos and Aquariums. The Virginia Aquarium's mission is to inspire conservation of the marine environment through education, research, and sustainable practices. It is located at 717 General Booth Boulevard, just south of Rudee Inlet in Virginia Beach.

The Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, supports the work of the Virginia Aquarium. The Foundation procures and maintains the Aquarium's exhibits, including the animals and habitats. It is also responsible for annual and capital fundraising, administration and funding for the Virginia Aquarium Stranding Response Program, conservation and scientific research efforts, and the Aquarium's mission-related education programs. You can be a part of our mission by making a tax-deductible donation to support our programming.

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