NEWS RELEASE

717 General Booth Blvd. Virginia Beach, VA 23451



FOR MORE INFORMATION: Kristina Scott | KScott@VirginiaAquarium.com

October 30, 2023



Celebrate the "Holi-Rays" with an Aquatic Twist at the Virginia Aquarium For two nights in December, the Aquarium is hosting their magical holiday event, Holi-Rays

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. – The Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center is decking the halls and exhibits, transforming into a winter wonderland with twinkling lights, carolers, and holiday cheer! Jingle all the way to "Holi-Rays" on December 15 and 16 from 6 to 9 p.m.! The holiday event is presented by PRA Group.

Guests are encouraged to join the festive fun dressed in their holiday best or Christmas pajamas. Along with the usual Aquarium residents including sharks, sea turtles, and harbor seals, guests can also meet Santa and Mrs. Claus, who will be visiting from the North Pole.

Unique and meaningful activities and demonstrations from our animal ambassadors await, a gift all ages will enjoy this season.

Aquarium members can purchase tickets on November 1 and 2, before they go on sale to the general public on November 3. Purchase tickets by visiting VirginiaAqaurium.com. Tickets are \$32.95 for adults, \$27.95 for youth and free for 4 years-old and under. Aquarium members receive a 50% discount on Holi-Rays tickets. Capacity is limited and tickets are only available to purchase online prior to the event.

Thank you to PRA Group for sponsoring Holi-Rays and supporting many Aquarium events throughout the year, including E-Cycling and Ocean Commotion.

Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center

The Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center's mission is to connect people to the marine environment, inspiring a more sustainable future. The Aquarium aspires to be a driver in conservation,

education, tourism, and sustainability, leading the charge to save wildlife and their ecosystems. Owned by the City of Virginia Beach, the Aquarium operates as a city department in partnership with the Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center Foundation. The Aquarium is proud to be an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquarium, and the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

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.

About PRA Group

As a global leader in acquiring and collecting nonperforming loans, PRA Group, Inc. returns capital to banks and other creditors to help expand financial services for consumers in the Americas, Europe and Australia. With thousands of employees worldwide, PRA Group companies collaborate with customers to help them resolve their debt. For more information, please visit <u>www.pragroup.com</u>.

###