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## Rising Sea Level and the Coming Coastal Challenge, presented by John Englander

2 pm, Sunday, March 12, 2017  
at the Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center  
Free and open to the public

(Virginia Beach, VA) Sea level rise is a reality which poses a great risk to our community. Hampton Roads is second to New Orleans as the area to most vulnerable to sea level rise in the country. But what do scientists really know about sea level rise, its causes, and ways we can best prepare?

Hear bestselling author John Englander explain the latest science, and identify potential solutions to help us create resilient communities. During this ***Eleanor and Henry Watts Conservation Speaker Series presentation, "Rising Sea Level and the Coming Coastal Challenge,"*** Mr. Englander will share sea level rise projections for the coming decades, and will elaborate on ways communities, business and individuals can start planning and adapting.

This engagement is part of the Eleanor and Henry Watts Conservation Speaker Series on ***Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Virginia Aquarium's National Geographic 3D Theater.*** Admission is free, although seating is limited. Mr. Englander will be available to sign books immediately following the presentation.

John Englander is an oceanographer, consultant and leading expert on sea level rise. His broad marine science background coupled with explorations to Greenland and Antarctica allows him to see the big picture of sea level rise and its societal impacts.

Today, Mr. Englander works with businesses, governmental agencies and communities to understand the financial risks of increased flooding due to rising seas, extreme tides, and severe storms, advocating for "intelligent adaptation." He is also the founder of the new non-profit, the International Sea Level Institute.

For over 30 years, he has been a leader in both the private sector and the nonprofit arena, serving as CEO for such noteworthy organizations as The Cousteau Society and The International SeaKeepers Society. As the Founder of the Rising Seas Group, he works with businesses, government agencies, and communities helping them to understand, plan and adapt to the financial risks of rising sea levels. Recent media appearances include MSNBC, ABC, Fox Business Channel, The Weather Channel, PBS, and National Public Radio (NPR). He has been featured in USA Today, Huffington Post, the San Francisco Chronicle, and Publisher's Weekly.

His bestselling book, *High Tide On Main Street: Rising Sea Level and the Coming Coastal Crisis*, clearly explains the science, the impending economic effects and the opportunity to design for a more resilient future including the "intelligent adaptation" that all businesses and coastal communities must consider today. He believes that along with the tremendous risks in the coming decades there will also be enormous economic opportunities that will allow us to thrive if we begin now to plan and adapt for a more resilient future.

Photos of John Englander are available for [download](#).

*The Virginia Aquarium Foundation is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring conservation of the marine environment through education, research and sustainable practices. The Foundation was formed in 1981, three years before construction on the Aquarium even began. Over the years, the Foundation's role in support of the Aquarium has not only included garnering financial support to pay for the Aquarium's exhibits,*

*but it has expanded to include funding of education programs, and research and conservation efforts such as the Virginia Aquarium Stranding Response and Sensible Seafood™ programs.*

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