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Splashdown! Mermaids Make a March Return

Mermaid Mondays opens on Monday, March 5 at the Virginia Aquarium

(Virginia Beach, VA) One of the Virginia Aquarium's most popular events returns for a swim in a new month with even more mermaids! Beginning on March 5 and continuing on Monday evenings through April 2, this 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. series is sure to thrill even the staunchest mermaid non-believer.

Mermaid Mondays, the after-hours event featuring real mermaids swimming in the Aquarium's Red Sea Tunnel, kicks off in March for 2018. The mermaids return with even more friends for special encounters all over the Bay & Ocean Pavilion. In addition, King Neptune will greet guests and activities will be spread throughout the Aquarium.

Guests will also be able to visit with a mermaid at the Ray Touch Pool, Norfolk Canyon Aquarium, and, new for 2018, a mermaid at the Chesapeake Bay Aquarium. This year's event also includes story time with a mermaid, a mermaid puppet show, live musical performances by the C-Shells, and other activities and photo opportunities in the Aquarium's Bay & Ocean Pavilion.

Reservations for this limited engagement are required. Tickets are \$22.95 for Aquarium members and \$32.95 for non-members. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://tickets.virginiaaquarium.com/shows/mermaid%20monday/events> or by calling Guest Services at (757) 385-FISH (3474) with a credit card reservation. To enable full viewing of the mermaids by guests, strollers are discouraged for this event.

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 whose mission is conservation through education. The Aquarium is located at 717 General Booth Boulevard, just south of Rudee Inlet in Virginia Beach. For more information on exhibits, movies, boat rides and special events, call (757) 385-FISH (3474), (TDD 385-4305) or visit www.VirginiaAquarium.com.

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