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### **SUMMER FUN AT ATLANTIS!** *Seasonal Exhibits Now Open at Atlantis Marine World*

Atlantis Marine World is happy to announce that its summer season is in full swing with more than five attractions now open, including: Atlantis Explorer Tour Boat, Saturday Evening Osprey Cruise, Snorkel with the Rays, Trainer for a Day, Summer Adventure Days, Outdoor Ray Bay, Scoops Ice Cream and Candy Shop, and Nemo's Family Fun Center Arcade.

The Atlantis Explorer Tour Boat is a unique two-hour environmental tour boat adventure navigates the Peconic River and Flanders Bay. Conducted by Naturalists, our cruise educates about the abundance and importance of the ecosystems on Long Island. Our "floating classroom" includes hands on activities include trap pulls, interaction with and learning about horseshoe crabs and other marine life, and a stroll along the shore when the Atlantis Explorer beaches itself in a remote region along Flanders Bay. The Atlantis Explorer runs daily at 11:30 am and 2 pm from May through October. Tickets are \$18.50 for adults and \$16.50 for children under 12 and seniors over 62.

Relax and climb aboard the Atlantis Explorer tour boat for an Osprey Cruise. Enjoy refreshments, and the view, as you spend a Saturday evening in July or August cruising the Peconic River and into Flanders Bay. Reception begins at 5:30pm and boat leaves at 6:00pm. Advance reservations can be made by calling 631.208.9200, ext. 106.

Imagine swimming side by side with exotic stingrays, breathtaking tropical fish, and white-spotted bamboo sharks...now do it, right here on Long Island at Atlantis Marine World. We provide everything for this hour-long immersion below the surface - a wet suit, snorkel, towel, and experience of a lifetime. Space is limited, with our season running from July to September. Advance reservations can be made by calling 631.208.9200, ext. 101.

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Have you ever wondered what it takes to work with Seals or Seal Lions? Well, now you can find out, at our Trainer for a Day program, running from April through September. Join our marine mammal staff on a Saturday to go behind-the-scenes. Help prepare food for the marine mammals, participate in a training session of our Harbor Seals, attend our California Sea Lion Training and Feeding Session, and get your picture taken with one of your new friends. Space is limited, advance reservations can be made by calling 631.208.9200, ext. 101.

Summer can be made more special with Summer Adventure Days. Week-long programs for kids ages 6 to 12 begin in August and go through August. Six sessions throughout the summer, from 9am to 2pm, call 631.208.9200, ext. 114 for more information.

Other outdoor attractions, including Ray Bay, Scoops Ice Cream and Candy, and Nemo's Family Fun Center Arcade are also now open.

Atlantis Marine World, Long Island's newest Aquarium, is located in downtown Riverhead on 3.2 acres along the scenic Peconic River. By capturing our visitors' imaginations and emphasizing the importance of marine life and environmental conservation and preservation, Atlantis Marine World's mission is to provide visitors with an interactive and exciting educational experience. Atlantis Marine World is also the home of The Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation, New York's only authorized marine mammal and sea turtle rescue and rehabilitation center.

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