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Explore Your Inner Ecologist At Adventure Aquarium Adventure Aquarium To Host World Ocean's Day



CAMDEN (CBS 3) ?Coming face to face with some of the world's most fascinating creatures may be easier than you think. With Adventure Aquarium just minutes over the Ben Franklin Bridge in Camden, getting up close and personal with marine and animal life can be done just minutes from home.

The aquarium houses everything from sharks and sea turtles to hippos and penguins.

"People will come to us almost confused saying is this an aquarium or is this a zoo? So, we have the best of both worlds," said Birds and Mammals Supervisor Ann-Marie Bisagno.

The aquarium also hosts several unique exhibitions like the African River Experience, a beautiful setting that includes African landscape, birds and 3,000-pound Nile Hippos.

"You can see the hippos interact with each other, they interact with the guests. You can see them come right up to the window," said Bisagno.

If dangerously massive hippos aren't your idea of fun, head to Penguin Island where you'll meet 21 African penguins.

Bisagno explained, "You can see them on land and in water. We have public feedings."

This Sunday, the aquarium will host "World Ocean Day" in an effort to raise awareness about the problems facing the ocean. In addition to fun displays and activities, giveaways, and an appearance by actor/comedian Joe Piscopo, the aquarium will lower and position a 530-pound artificial reef ball.

"It's an effort to stimulate growth off the coast. These reef balls act as magnets for fish and invertebrate life. When you have a healthy reef, you have a healthy ecosystem and that translates into society," explained Adventure Aquarium Biologist Michael Grassmann.

All guests will receive a free World Ocean's Day gift and the chance to do their part to protect the ocean.

For more on Adventure Aquarium and Sunday's World Ocean Day, [click here](#).

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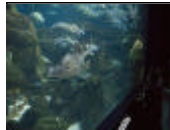
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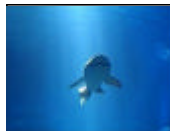
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A penguin at the Adventure aquarium in Camden, Nj, swims in the enclosure. Photo by Chelsea Zimmerman. Chelsea Zimmerman



A shark spooks visitors at the Adventure Aquarium in Camden Nj, walking through the shark tunnel. Photo by Chelsea Zimmerman. Chelsea Zimmerman


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