

October 2016 | Dive Team Newsletter

Dive News

Fish or Treat – October 27 (Please be here by ~ 5 PM)

We have a great team signed up for the costume dive night! (Thank You)

Pumpkin Carving

October 21 Still looking for a few more divers – (8-12 shift)

October 28 Still looking for a few more divers - (8-12 shift)



ERT Training

We are going to push back out ERT drills that were originally scheduled for this month. Time will be focused on cleaning the exhibit (and others) over the next few weeks. We will reschedule this training soon.

GOT News

We have had a very eventful few months with the GOT.

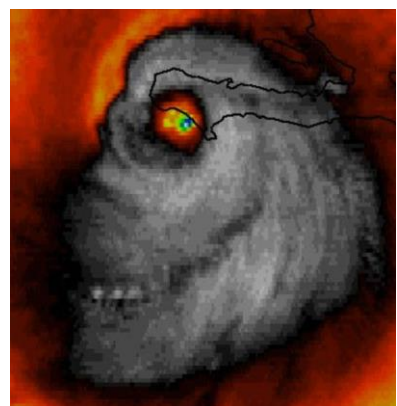
- Bermuda chubs eating the silicone from around the windows
- Bio balls randomly appearing in the exhibit
- Full life support system computer malfunction
- Hurricane Mathew

Good news though, things are getting back to normal. We have a great team of staff and volunteers that are incredibly dedicated to helping the aquarium and out animal collection. Thanks for all you do!

Aquarium News

Hurricane Mathew

The aquarium fared well through the hurricane. We had our ride-out team here for 5 days watching over the animal collection and other building needs. Recovery team members arrived on Sunday to relieve the ride-out team and start to put the building back in working order. There was some damage to the glass railing outside the building, and a few other areas, but all exhibits and animals were ok. We were very fortunate through the event.



AZA

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The aquarium will have our AZA accreditation inspection on October 31, Nov 1, and Nov 2. Three inspectors will be here looking at our facility, talking with staff and volunteers, and reviewing our full business plan. Anybody could be stopped and asked to speak with the inspectors. Don't worry! Be honest and if you don't know an answer that is ok! Just think about who you would ask for the answer or where you could find it!
It would be good if everyone is familiar with our mission statement.

Our mission is to inspire conservation of the natural world by exhibiting and caring for animals, by excelling in education and research, and by providing an exceptional visitor experience. The South Carolina Aquarium is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. We rely on the support of our paying guests, members, foundations and the generosity of our donors.

Fun Facts

How much air is in a Scuba Tank?

About **150** party balloons for an AI 80.

This is assuming your normal 12in diameter party balloon holds 0.5 cu.ft of air. For fun reference, an AI 80 actually holds 77.4 cu. ft of air. It's one of a couple odd scuba cylinders in common usage that doesn't hold its marketed volume designation.

Source: <http://www.acethepartyplace.com/master.html?http://www.acethepartyplace.com/info-p/volume.shtml>

Association of Dive Program Administrators (ADPA)

If anyone wants to learn more about the zoo and aquarium Dive Safety Officer profession, visit the ADPA webpage. We have a quarterly newsletter that is public access. <http://www.adpaonline.org/> - Look under the resources-*Bottom Times* link on the left.

Message from the Dive Office

We hope everyone's family and homes were minimally impacted with Hurricane Mathew. If anyone is in need of assistance, please reach out and let us know. The aquarium family is always very generous and willing to help when possible. Events like this really make you appreciate what is important in life.

Take care and thanks for supporting SCA!

- Dive Ops

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