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YOU'VE LEARNED ABOUT ASTRONAUTS AND DEEP SPACE—NOW DIVE INTO THE UNEXPLORED OCEAN AT EXPLORERS DAY AT THE AQUARIUM

Meet real-life explorers who have traveled to the deepest part of the ocean, see underwater technology in action, witness live missions, and see new discoveries

WHAT: More astronauts have traveled into space than aquanauts into the deepest part of the ocean. About 95 percent of the ocean is unexplored. The Aquarium of the Pacific and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) invite the public to dive into the unknown, the final frontier of our planet, during Explorers Day on Sunday, July 21.

Guests will have the opportunity to meet and hear from historical and modern-day ocean explorers, see demonstrations of remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) under water, and watch live video feeds from three deep-sea exploration vessels. NOAA and other agencies and organizations engaged in ocean exploration will feature educational booths at this event. Kid's activities, including guest appearances by the Octonauts, will be included throughout the day.

Sylvia Earle and Don Walsh are among the ocean explorers the public can meet at this event. Earle led the first team of women aquanauts during the Tektite Project and set a record for solo diving to a depth of 3,000 feet in 1970. Walsh is one of only three people to reach the deepest part of the ocean—the bottom of the Mariana Trench. He accomplished this in 1960 with Jacques Piccard, recording a depth of 35,886 feet. This feat was not accomplished again until 2012, when Academy Award-winning filmmaker James Cameron became the third person to reach the trench's seafloor and the first solo diver to do so, recording a depth of 35,756 feet. Explorers Day was made possible by generous support from Felix Williams and Susan Slavik Williams.

WHEN: Sunday, July 21, 2013 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

INFO: 562-590-3100 / www.aquariumofpacific.org

COST: Included with general admission: \$25.95 adult (12+), \$22.95 senior (62+), \$14.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members.

AQUARIUM: The nonprofit Aquarium of the Pacific is a community gathering place where diverse cultures and the arts are celebrated and where important topics facing our planet are explored.

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