



Undersea Voyager Project

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MEDIA ALERT/PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

**NEW SUBMERSIBLE TO EMBARK ON OCEAN VOYAGE AROUND
THE EARTH TO UNEXPLORED DEPTHS**

Visit the new sub, and meet the “aquanauts” of this ocean expedition during its debut at the Aquarium of the Pacific on Dec. 15 at 10 a.m.

WHAT: The ocean is the last and largest unexplored place on our planet. Less than two percent of the ocean has been explored. To shed light on this last blue frontier, diver and researcher Scott Cassell is launching the Undersea Voyager Project (UVP). As part of the project Cassell and his “aquanaut” team will travel around the world ocean, circumnavigating the Earth in a two-person submersible. Along the way, they will interact with students on the surface via live satellite connection. The public is invited to explore the “Great White” sub during its debut at the Aquarium of the Pacific on December 15 at 10 a.m. The sub will be on display in the Aquarium’s Great Hall. Cassell will discuss the details of his mission and a short video of The Great White’s tests and sea trials will be shown.

When: **Monday, December 15, 2008 at 10 a.m.-11 a.m.**

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

Who:

- Captain Scott Cassell, UVP founder & president
- Commander Robert Oberto, UVP Vice President
- Ildiko Nemeth, UVP foreign affairs advisor
- Aquarium of the Pacific biologists

UVP: The Undersea Voyager Project aims to circumnavigate the globe at the 100-1,000’ ocean levels in a quest for new knowledge. Working with scientists from around the world, these depths will be studied for effects of pollution and threatened extinction of certain fish species. For more information on UVP, visit www.underseavoyager.org

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Aquarium: For information on the event at the Aquarium, the public may call 562-590-3100 or visit www.aquariumofpacific.org

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