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LET THEM EAT CAKE!

Two Harbor Seals Celebrate Birthday at Aquarium.

RIVERHEAD, NY (April 23, 2010) – Max and Cecil, two resident harbor seals at [Atlantis Marine World Aquarium](#), both are celebrating a milestone in April – like the Aquarium, they are both turning 10 this year!

Born at Sea World in Orlando in 2000, Cecil celebrates on April 27 and Max on April 29. Both harbor seals continue to eat well, socialize with their peers, interact with marine mammal trainers (and the occasional [guest!](#)), and play with enrichment items daily.

Director of Marine Mammal Training, Ann Yaiullo, along with the Aquarium's mammal trainers, were only too happy to help with the festivities by making a very special birthday cake for the pair to share.

"We were excited to make them an ice cake with 10 capelin 'baked' in it," smiles Yaiullo. "We are happy and proud to have this triple celebration this year at the Aquarium – their 10th, as well as the Aquarium's 10th in June. We are ecstatic and hope to celebrate many, many more."

Aquarium guests are invited to wish the pair a "Happy Birthday" on their next visit, with mammal trainers singing to them during the regularly scheduled [Seal Talk](#) open to the public at 11:15am on both April 27 and 29.

The average male harbor seal can live up to 25 years.

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About Atlantis Marine World Aquarium

Atlantis Marine World (AMW) opened in Riverhead, NY on June 15, 2000, as the first large-scale Aquarium to open in New York State in more than 35 years. Situated on 3.2 acres along the Peconic River, [AMW](#) is open from 10:00am to 5:00pm daily (closed December 25). [General Admission Rates](#) are \$18.50 (plus tax) for Children 3 – 17 and Seniors 62+; \$21.50 (plus tax) for Adults 18 – 61; Children 2 and under are always free at AMW. AMW 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. Atlantis Marine World was recently ranked by *Parents Magazine* as one of the "[Top Aquariums for Kids.](#)" Additional information can be found at www.atlantismarineworld.com.

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Harbor seals, Max, on left, and Cecil, on right, happily celebrate their 10th birthday with a capelin cake at Atlantis Marine World Aquarium in Riverhead, New York.

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