

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **TAKING THE PLUNGE – FOR REAL! *Couple Chooses Underwater Wedding at Aquarium.***

**RIVERHEAD, NY** (June 1, 2010) – [Atlantis Marine World Aquarium](#) (AMW) holds traditional [weddings](#) nearly every weekend. But on Sunday, June 6 at 7:00pm, the Aquarium will play host to a unique, once-in-a-lifetime ceremony when Holbrook, New York residents, April Pignataro and Michael Curry, take the plunge – literally – into the Aquarium’s largest exhibit, the 120,000-gallon [Lost City of Atlantis Shark Tank](#).

Both certified divers, the couple could have chosen a more traditional dive location as their backdrop, but instead chose Long Island Aquarium, Atlantis Marine World, after hearing about its unique [Shark Dive](#) wedding. “We both love the ocean...we love the water...and yes, the idea of an underwater wedding, not to mention one surrounded by sharks at an Aquarium, is different and unique, but that is also exactly who we are,” gushes bride, Pignataro.

New in June 2006, AMW’s [Shark Dive](#) is one of the few programs in the world where adventurers can enter the ocean’s top predators’ environment wearing an underwater helmet that allows normal breathing and communication underwater.

“When April and Michael told us they were looking for something different, I knew immediately they would love our Shark Dive wedding” explains Director of Food Services, Robert Lanieri. “It’s exciting that Atlantis Marine World is able to offer them such an unforgettable experience and animal interaction.”

The Shark Dive ceremony may be viewed online in real time by visiting the Aquarium’s Live [AquaCam](#) at <http://www.atlantismarineworld.com/exhibit-indoor-atlantisharkcam.html> at 7pm on Sunday, June 6.

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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](http://www.atlantismarineworld.com).