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### MEET THE REEF-RAFF!

#### *Atlantis Marine World Hosts Northeast Reef Aquarium Conference (NERAC)*

Atlantis Marine World (AMW) will host the second annual Northeast Reef Aquarium Conference (NERAC) on Saturday, March 11 and Sunday, March 12 from 9am to 3pm.

NERAC is designed to be an intimate conference with seminars from at least six world-renowned speakers covering all of the latest techniques, information, and research on marine aquarium fish, coral, and invertebrates. This year's speakers include:

**Sallie S. Boggs, Ph.D.:** Self-named the “Jane Goodall of the basement” for breeding fish, Boggs has kept fish as a hobby for more than 50 years.

**Anthony Calfo:** Hobby Author and Mentor, Calfo actively volunteers to share information and experiences on Aquatic Science.

**Tullio Dell Aquila:** Head of New Product Development and Founding Partner of Aquatic Research and Development (ARAD), located in Utica, NY.

**Todd Gardner:** Atlantis Marine World Aquarist, Gardner's area of study is in seahorse nutrition observations, as well as hypotheses about seahorse survival and health in captivity.

**Ron Hessing:** Reef Keeper, Photographer, Author, Forum Administrator, Hessing has been involved with the Marine Aquarium hobby for more than 16 years.

**Julian Sprung:** Author, Photographer, Aquarium Design Consultant, and Vice President of Two Little Fishes, Inc., an Aquarium industry manufacturing and publishing company.

“NERAC is unlike any other reef-keeping conference,” explains Aquarium Curator and Co-Founder Joe Yaiullo. He continues, “while most lecture series are held in a hotel conference room, NERAC offers a world class conference set in a world class Aquarium, with the largest all-living coral reef display in this hemisphere. Attendees will be immersed and surrounded by all things reef.”

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The fee to attend both days of the conference is \$75.00 (one day registration is \$50.00), and is limited to the first 300 registrants. There will be a cocktail reception held on Saturday, March 11 from 6 to 11pm; the fee is \$50.00. Please visit [www.lireef.org/registration.htm](http://www.lireef.org/registration.htm) or call 631.208.9200, ext. 275 to register, or for more information.

Atlantis Marine World, Long Island's newest Aquarium, is located in downtown Riverhead on 3.2 acres along the scenic Peconic River. By capturing our visitors' imaginations and emphasizing the importance of marine life and environmental conservation and preservation, Atlantis Marine World's mission is to provide visitors with an interactive and exciting educational experience. Atlantis Marine World 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.

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