

Activity themes for 2011

The Discovery Zone

The Discovery Zone is open school holidays and weekends. Here each theme is brought alive with free art and craft activities to keep your children entertained and enthralled – take something home to remind them of their visit.



Feb half term

Slime!

The goo that helps you move - fun and sticky mess

Easter

Turtle Trek

Make your own turtle egg and follow the trail

May

Deep Sea

Find out what lurks in the deep and make a deep sea mask

June half term

Ocean Giants

We'll show you just how big marine creatures can grow!

Summer

Monsters, Myths and Mermaids

Are you a believer? Play our fact or fiction game

Oct half term

Big Draw – the Sea and Me

Come and create with a free sketch pad

December

Santa's Little Helpers

Who helps who under the sea



99% of Earth's living space is in the sea

New exhibits for 2011

Eddystone Reef

A major landmark for centuries, the Eddystone lighthouse guards the treacherous rocks 14 miles off the Plymouth breakwater.

Proposed as a Marine Conservation Zone by the MCS, the reef is a shining example of the diversity of life in British waters – kelp forests sway in the surface waters above rocks cloaked in a dazzling array of anemones and corals. Resident Wrasse and visiting Bass make a living from the rich supply of food on this British coastal reef.

Interactive dives

Our daily dive show gives you the chance to talk directly to our divers – and for our divers to talk back – all under water. Hearing is believing.

Saving Seahorses

Our native seahorses are under threat due to the destruction of their natural habitat by outboard motors and the growing popularity of jet skis. The centre will be a hub for breeding seahorses and monitoring their behaviour in collaboration with the Seahorse Trust.

National Marine Aquarium conservation in action

Our mission is to drive marine conservation through engagement. We're committed to conserving the marine environment and encouraging others to do the same. This moulds our exhibits and education programmes. It also drives our conservation projects.

For example, we work with the Shark Trust to promote a Code of Conduct for Basking Sharks, the second biggest fish in the world. We also support the Lobster Hatchery in Padstow and are campaigning for ornamental fish to be imported sustainably.

Our business is run in an ethical manner, minimising our consumption of natural resources. We encourage our suppliers and customers to do the same.



80% of Earth's living organisms are in the sea

Your Aquarium for parties and functions

Children's parties

– *inspired fun with a splash of learning*
Our parties ensure that your group will be inspired whilst having oodles of fun.



Sleeping with Sharks

– *don't forget your toothbrush*
Are you brave enough to sleep in front of our Eddystone tank?



For more information on parties and sleepovers visit our website or call 01752 275214.

Corporate Events

– *Stunning views in a relaxing environment*
If you're looking for an exciting and unique venue for an event, function or party then the National Marine Aquarium is the perfect place for you. Experience an underwater world full of vibrancy and colour; with a fine dining experience and relaxing surroundings for meetings.

For more information call our functions manager on 01752 275202 or email: functions@national-aquarium.co.uk



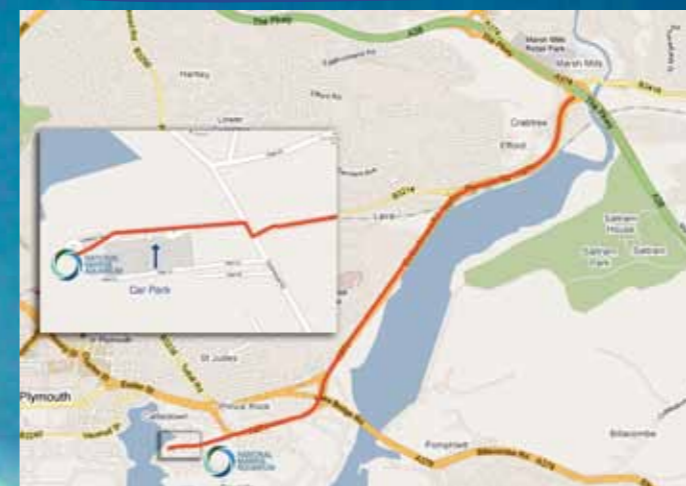
– *Our new learning Centre for students of all ages.*

Facilities available will include a wet lab, science theatre, a TV studio and production suite, a marine resources centre and new seminar rooms.

For more information on the centre and to book your school visit call Lauren Humphrey in our education team on 01752 275206. Opens Easter 2011.

62% of the human body is water

All you need to know



How to get here

We are situated on Plymouth's historic Barbican - use postcode PL4 0DX for sat nav. Follow the brown tourist signs from the A38. From Plymouth train station we are a 20 minute walk – follow the signposts. The No. 25 bus stops 3 minutes walk away. Visit www.plymgo.com for up to date local travel information.

Parking

There is no parking on site. Please use the pay and display Barbican car park situated one minute's walk away. It's £3.60 for 3 hours.

Green Aquarium

If you arrive by train or bus, produce your ticket and receive a 10% discount on entry.

Access

The aquarium is accessible by ramps and lifts throughout. There is limited disabled parking on site on a first come first served basis.

Opening Times

We are open every day except 24th, 25th and 26th December and the 1st January.

1st April to 30th September.....10am to 6pm

1st October to 31st March.....10am to 5pm

Last entry is one hour before closing.

Subject to change, please check our website.

Admission prices

Family (2 adults and 2 children).....£32.00

Adult.....£11.50

Senior / student.....£9.50

Child (5 to 15 years old inclusive).....£7.00

4D.....£2 per person

Reductions for groups of 10 or more

Remember kids 4 and under are free.

Day Plus Pass

All day tickets are valid for 12 months, terms and conditions apply – visit www.national-aquarium.co.uk

Fast Track – Beat the queue!

Purchase Fast Track tickets online.

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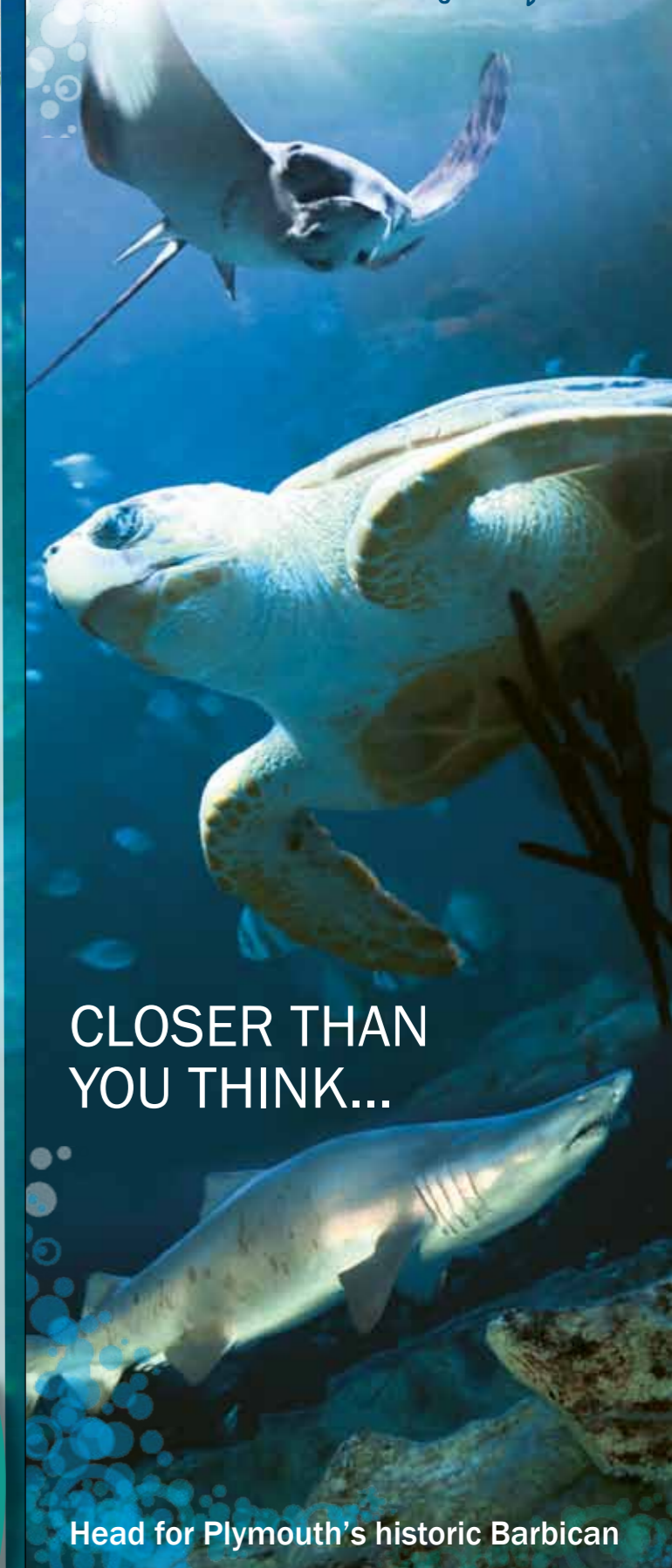
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The National aquarium...

Visit the UK's largest aquarium and be amazed at our fascinating underwater world and how we all play a part in conserving it.

Your journey will take you across the World's oceans from Plymouth Sound to the coral reefs of the tropics. Our hosts deliver action packed talks, including the must see dive show at 2pm daily.

...in a world class marine city

Plymouth's rich maritime heritage and its current place at the forefront of marine science make it the ideal home for the National Marine Aquarium.

A day of water filled adventure

Our glass fronted building gives amazing views of Plymouth Sound filled with yachts, fishing boats, naval vessels and cargo ships. Walk around the historic Barbican and harbour and see the fishing boats unload at the market. Take a stroll around the Hoe and see what you can spot from the coastal walk – maybe a Basking Shark if you're lucky!

The National Marine Aquarium is a charity dedicated to conservation, research and learning



Your journey underwater...



Start with a rock pool ramble around Plymouth Sound, an internationally important marine environment at the heart of our City.



PLYMOUTH SOUND



BRITISH COASTS



BLUE PLANET



The Blue Planet zone completes your journey as we introduce the most beautiful and compelling marine animals from around the world. Remember 72% of our planet is blue – so please help us look after it.



ATLANTIC OCEAN



Now venture into the huge expanse of the Atlantic Ocean which stretches from the freezing Poles to the Caribbean. This expanse connects all corners of our world with no part unaffected by human activity.

72% of the Earth is covered by the seas

Between 1 and 50 million undiscovered lifeforms are estimated to be in the sea

Only 10% of the oceans have been investigated