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North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher

Location: 15 miles south of Wilmington on U.S. 421, just beyond Kure Beach and north of the Fort Fisher ferry terminal. Info: 910-458-8257 or visit www.ncaquariums.com.

Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Admission: \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors (62 and over), and \$6 for youth 6-17. Free admission for children 5 and under, registered groups of North Carolina school children, and members of the North Carolina Aquarium Society. Other group discounts are available.

Discounted admission tickets for all three NC Aquariums may be purchased in advance at area military installations participating in the Military Voucher Program. Tickets are available to Active Duty and Retired Military, Active Reserve and National Guard, DOD Civilian employees, and family personnel with valid ID.

All visitors are admitted free on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Veterans' Day.

A gift shop, operated by the N.C. Aquarium Society, is open during all regular visiting hours. A snack bar, serving yogurt desserts, popcorn, hot dogs, etc., is open March through September, and operates on an abbreviated schedule at other times of the year.

Rentals: The aquarium is available for after-hours rentals, for weddings, receptions, meetings, reunions, catered dinners, etc. For information, call 910-458-8257 Ext. 218 or go to RENTALS & SPECIAL EVENTS at www.ncaquariums.com.

For details, contact Amy Kilgore or Donna Moffitt at (910) 458-8257. For complete information and program schedules, visit: www.ncaquariums.com.