**Toast to the stars and stripes at Georgia Aquarium’s Red White & Brew Event**

Experience Independence Day at the coolest location in the city

**ATLANTA** (June 12, 2012) – Celebrate the Fourth of July with a bang and a splash at Georgia Aquarium’s second consecutive Red White & Brew event on Wednesday, July 4 beginning at 6 p.m. The celebration will be held in Georgia Aquarium’s magnificent Oceans Ballroom and on the Aquarium’s parking garage rooftop with the city’s best view of the Centennial Olympic Park firework show.

Spend summer’s favorite holiday sampling great beer, listening to live music from Yacht Rock Schooner and enjoying a classic All-American barbeque provided by Williamson Brothers BBQ. Red White & Brew attendees can anticipate a “summer fun” themed silent auction along with treats by Wolfgang Puck Catering and can also capture the patriotic memories with OMG Booth. Attendees will cap off the festivities by viewing the Centennial Olympic Park fireworks from Georgia Aquarium’s rooftop parking deck. This event is for ages 21 and up. Guests are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance to ensure availability. Tickets are $55 per person in advance and $65 per person the day of the event.

Thanks to Nead Werxs, this year’s event will feature a beer tasting mobile rating system to make it easier for guests to become beer connoisseurs. The mobile website is available on BlackBerry, Android, iPhone and other devices. Features of the mobile website include a real time display of how other attendees rate beer, direct Twitter feeds throughout the event, a list of all auction items and more.

A second event specifically for families with children will also take place. Families interested in participating in Georgia Aquarium’s Fourth of July festivities are invited to view the Centennial Olympic Park firework show from the Aquarium’s parking deck rooftop starting at 7:30 p.m. Kids and parents alike can join the patriotic fun with face painting, desserts provided by Wolfgang Puck Catering and Coca-Cola beverages all included in ticket prices: $10 for kids and $15 for adults. Guests are encouraged to bring chairs and picnic blankets to enhance the fun and maximize the viewing experience.

All proceeds from Red White & Brew benefit Georgia Aquarium education initiatives including SEA: Sponsored Education Admissions. Through the SEA program, students are given free or reduced admission, allowing deserving students across Georgia the opportunity to learn about aquatic life and how to make a difference.

Red White & Brew has been made possible through the hard work of Next Wave Society members and event co-chairs Suzanne Hayes and David Aitken. The Next Wave Society of Georgia Aquarium is comprised of professionals committed to increasing philanthropic support and awareness of the Aquarium’s exhibits, conservation and research initiatives, and educational programs.

For sponsorship opportunities or to donate auction items, contact Maren Wronowski at mwronowski@georgiaaquarium.org. To purchase tickets or find more information on Red, White & Brew, visit [www.georgiaaquarium.org](http://www.georgiaaquarium.org) or call 404-581-4000.

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