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**PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Fresno Aquarium plans 2013 Fundraiser Cruise to the World's Second Largest Barrier Reef**

FRESNO – Aquarius Aquarium Institute and Avoya Travel announce the Fresno Aquarium's Western Caribbean Cruise to visit the 2nd largest barrier reef in the world.

Sailing January 27– February 3, **2013** on Royal Caribbean's *Mariner of the Seas* to the Western Caribbean, guests will be departing from Galveston, Texas and cruising to Roatan, Bay Islands, Honduras; Belize City, Belize and Cozumel, Mexico.

Tom Lang, executive director, will be presenting an informational multi-media talk on the fish and marine life of the region.

Royal Caribbean is donating \$50 per cabin back to the nonprofit Aquarius Aquarium Institute and early sign-ups are encouraged due cabins filling fast. There will be a free Aquarium 2012 Event Launch Party on Saturday, January 28, 2012 at ApCal Wine Tasting & Visitor Center, 32749 Avenue 7, Madera, CA 93637 from 3:00 – 5:00 PM where the public may sign-up for the cruise.

A \$250 per person deposit secures your cabin.

Please call Karen Lima 559-297-1598 for more detailed cruise information. To make your reservation for the Launch Party call the Fresno Aquarium at 559-490-3474.

### **ABOUT AQUARIUS AQUARIUM INSTITUTE**

**Aquarius Aquarium Institute** (the Institute) is a Fresno-based nonprofit 501(c)(3) California Public Benefit corporation providing educational programs to schools and the public in the central San Joaquin Valley regarding our planet's aquatic resources. The Institute is also working to build Phase One of its educational Fresno Aquarium facility on its 10-acre campus donated by the Roy and Betty Jura family in 2006 overlooking the San Joaquin River adjacent to Highway 99 in Fresno County.

Currently, the Fresno Aquarium is completing its engineering for the 6,000 sq. ft. basement of its Phase One building, which will serve as the future Aquarium's Life Support System facility and larval laboratory.

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