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Informational Meeting Scheduled for Aug. 26

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire Marine Docent Program is looking for people with a fascination for the sea who want to learn about marine resources and then share their discoveries with others.

An informational meeting will be held Thursday, Aug. 26, at 1:30 p.m. at the NH Sea Grant office at Kingman Farm on Route 155 in Madbury.

Marine Docents are volunteer guides to the marine world who present SeaTrek programs in schools and throughout the community, guide students in marine experimentation at sea, teach aboard the UNH research vessel Gulf Challenger, and give tours of UNH marine laboratories.

Now in its 26th year, the program offers scientific and historic training about our marine world on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning in September. Marine Docents are taught topics ranging from aquaculture to zooplankton by university faculty, extension educators and other experts in the marine field.

No prior experience is required to become a docent. Ideal candidates have a keen interest in the ocean, a sense of stewardship for the marine world, and a desire to be an enthusiastic guide in exploring that world with others.

The Marine Docent Program is sponsored by NH Sea Grant and UNH Cooperative Extension. For more information or directions, contact Sharon Meeker or Barbara Pinto-Maurer (603)-749-1565, barbara.pinto@unh.edu or sharon.meeker@unh.edu.