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Maritime Aquarium Offers Thank God It's Friday Boat Cruises Starting May 5

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Sometimes, at the end of a long hard work week, you just want to go for a boat ride.

So, beginning Fri., May 5, The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk is obliging.

The Aquarium is offering new "TGIF Cruises" each Friday at 6:30 p.m. Educators will be onboard to point out sights and wildlife, but there's no structured program.

"These cruises are nothing more than a relaxing, 90-minute trip out to the Norwalk islands; a fun chance for families and friends to unwind during a Friday evening out on the water," said Dave Sigworth, the Aquarium's publicist.

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Get back at 8 p.m. in time to enjoy a late dinner or an evening out just steps away in the restaurants and nightspots of SoNo.

Food and drink are not available for purchase on the boat, but you may bring food and beverages in a small bag or soft-sided cooler. Glass bottles are prohibited.

Tickets are \$29.95 (\$19.95 for Aquarium members). The "TGIF Cruises" are open to all, including children. But participants must be at least 42 inches tall to come aboard.

Cruises occur aboard R/V Spirit of the SoundTM, a 64-foot catamaran that is the only research vessel in the country with quiet hybrid-electric propulsion. She has a climate-controlled cabin but guests should dress for weather out on deck.

Advance reservations are strongly suggested. Reserve tickets online at www.maritimeaquarium.org or call (203) 852-0700, ext. 2206.

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