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Media Advisory/Calendar Announcement

NOAA to host free public tours of research vessel

NOAA's Monitor National Marine Sanctuary and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) will host free, public tours of the NOAA research vessel, SRVx *Sand Tiger* on July 18 in Ocean City, Maryland.

Visitors will have the opportunity to meet BOEM and NOAA archaeologists and divers to learn more about their jobs, as well as their most recent mission to identify and characterize potential areas of archaeological interest off of Ocean City, Maryland. Monitor National Marine Sanctuary is working with BOEM to collect data within a proposed wind energy area.

WHAT: Free tours of NOAA's SRVx *Sand Tiger*, a 90-foot-long research vessel

WHEN: Saturday, July 18, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

WHERE: The *Sand Tiger* will be docked at the Governor's Pier, at the corner of Sunset Avenue and Golf Course Road in Ocean City, Maryland.

Managed by NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, Monitor National Marine Sanctuary was designated in 1975 to protect the wreck of the famed Civil War ironclad USS *Monitor*, which sank during a storm 16 miles off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina in 1862.

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