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MEDIA ADVISORY
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Monitor National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council to meet in Newport News, Va.

Monitor National Marine Sanctuary will hold a meeting of the Sanctuary Advisory Council on December 10 in Newport News, Va. The meeting is open to the public and will be held at the sanctuary's office.

The meeting agenda can be downloaded from the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary website, <http://monitor.noaa.gov>. For further information, please contact Shannon Ricles, sanctuary advisory council coordinator, by e-mail at shannon.ricles@noaa.gov or by phone at 757-591-7328 or 757-869-1370.

- WHAT:** Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting
- WHEN:** December 10, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Public Commenting Period scheduled for 11:00 a.m.
- WHERE:** Monitor National Marine Sanctuary conference room
100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23606

The meeting will update members of the Council and the public on the burial of two USS *Monitor* sailors in Arlington National Cemetery, education and outreach activities, exhibits and artifact conservation, and research endeavors.

The advisory council was established in 2005 to assure continuous public participation in the management of the sanctuary and to provide advice to the sanctuary superintendent on cultural resource protection, critical issues involving sanctuary use or resources, sanctuary research objectives, and education and outreach programs. The volunteer council represents a variety of local user groups, the general public and state and federal government agencies.

Specifically, the council's role is to provide advice to the sanctuary superintendent on cultural resource protection, critical issues involving sanctuary use or resources, sanctuary research objectives, and education and outreach programs.

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, N.C. in 1862.

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