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**PSST! THE WAIKIKI AQUARIUM OFFERS ONE OF HAWAII'S BEST-KEPT  
SECRET LOCATIONS FOR WEDDINGS, PARTIES AND RECEPTIONS**

HONOLULU – Located oceanfront on a living reef in Waikiki, the Waikiki Aquarium offers one of Hawai'i's best-kept secret locations for cocktail receptions, sit-down dinners, weddings, parties and more with its manicured lawn, access to Aquarium exhibits, built-in stage and spectacular sunset views. The Aquarium also offers a picture-perfect setting with Diamond Head as its backdrop and the sparkling Pacific Ocean at its doorstep.

The Waikiki Aquarium is able to accommodate groups of 450 to 500 people for stand-up cocktail functions with food stations and 300 to 350 people for sit-down functions. Groups can opt to have their functions under the stars on the Aquarium lawn or they may choose to tent the lawn area. On-site functions include admission to the Waikiki Aquarium's exhibits and galleries, which feature endangered Hawaiian monk seals, reef sharks, living corals, graceful jellyfish, and a plethora of colorful native fishes.

Facility rentals are available from 5:15 to 10:30 p.m. nightly except Wednesdays. There is a \$750 rental charge for groups of 75 people; there is an additional fee of \$6 per person over the minimum 75. In order to rent the facilities, one must become or already be a member of the Friends of Waikiki Aquarium (FOWA). For reservations or more information, contact Events and Membership Manager Raina Fujitani at (808) 440-9008.

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**About the Waikiki Aquarium**

Founded in 1904 and administered by the University of Hawaii since 1919, the Waikiki Aquarium is located on the shoreline of Waikiki Beach next to a living reef and across from Kapiolani Park. The Aquarium – third oldest in the U.S. – showcases more than 500 marine species, and maintains more than 3,000 marine specimens. Public exhibits, education programs and research focus on the unique aquatic life of Hawaii and the tropical Pacific. The Aquarium welcomes more than 320,000 visitors annually, and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except Honolulu Marathon Sunday and Christmas Day. Admission is \$9 for visitors; \$6 for local residents, active duty military with ID, students with ID and seniors; \$4 for youths ages 13-17 and persons with disabilities; \$2 for juniors ages 5 to 12; and free for children 4 and under and Friends of Waikiki Aquarium (FOWA) members. For more information about the Waikiki Aquarium, including membership, please call 808-923-9741 or visit [www.waquarium.org](http://www.waquarium.org).

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