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VANCOUVER AQUARIUM SETS SAIL TO THE HIGH NORTH ON ARCTIC EXPEDITION

Vancouver, B.C. – Interested in learning about Canada’s Arctic? Virtually board the Akademik Ioffe with Vancouver Aquarium’s expedition team. Explore the high Arctic and how its changing climate is inextricably linked to social, cultural, political and economic change.

The Aquarium Arctic Expedition blog chronicles the Aquarium’s 2010 expedition to Arctic Canada and Greenland during the height of the polar summer, and is hosted as part of the Aquarium’s new *Canada’s Arctic web portal* (www.vanaqua.org/canadasarctic).

Extending the Aquarium’s on-site exhibit, the online portal is one more way the Aquarium is connecting people to the effects of climate change on Canada’s Arctic. Visitors near and far will learn about the connection we all have with the North and the many issues affecting this fascinating region. With a click of the mouse, explorers can submerge themselves in the wonders of the high North, learning about sea ice in the grip of change, the Arctic people and the hidden world teeming with life underneath the ice.

Vancouver Aquarium president Dr. John Nightingale and team will be blogging during their 17-day journey through Labrador Sea and into Baffin Bay. Follow along as they visit isolated Inuit communities where traditional lives have been transformed with advances in modern technology, and get up-close-and-personal with narwhal, bowhead whales, polar bears and walrus.

Learn more about Canada’s Arctic: www.vanaqua.org/canadasarctic

Follow the Aquarium’s Arctic Expedition: www.vanaqua.org/canadasarctic/blog

About Vancouver Aquarium

The Vancouver Aquarium is a global leader in connecting people to our natural world, and a self-supporting, non-profit association dedicated to effecting the conservation of aquatic life through display and interpretation, education, research, and direct action. Learn more at www.vanaqua.org.

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