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## **Shark cage diving is coming to Halifax this year**

**HALIFAX** – You will be able to cage dive with sharks this summer off Halifax, while also contributing to critical scientific research, with Atlantic Shark Expedition’s second season on the water.

“We’re incredibly excited to be operating off Halifax this summer. There are lots of sharks offshore Halifax, including blue sharks, mako sharks, and even the occasional great white. People will have an opportunity to experience these powerful creatures up close, while contributing to our research aimed at understanding and conserving sharks,” said Dr. Neil Hammerschlag, a marine biologist and the President of Atlantic Shark Expeditions.

The team is excited to build on the success of their inaugural season last year off Liverpool that saw them encounter hundreds of blue sharks and 36 different Great White sharks.

To get ready for the new season, the shark cage is being upgraded with the help of Atlantic Welding and Millwright Services Ltd in Bridgewater. In addition to cage upgrades, guests will also enjoy the experience from a new vessel, using upgraded diving gear including a hookah system that delivers air to divers in the cage.

“When Neil first approached our company about welding a shark cage, I was intrigued. We’ve built all sorts of cages in the past for many different applications; however, a shark cage was a new and definitely cool idea,” said Ricky Wentzell, Owner of Atlantic Welding and Millwright Services Ltd. “This year we will be adding additional upgrades to the cage for an even greater shark viewing experience.”

Shark expeditions are a full day at sea, and guests may want to book more than one day to maximize the chances of seeing the species of shark they are interested in.

“Many people tell me that cage diving with sharks has always been on their bucket list. It’s wonderful that our science helps make people’s dreams coming true. There will be near daily expeditions starting in July and we expect to sell out this season, so if you want to dive with sharks this is your chance,” said Dr. Hammerschlag.

Atlantic Shark Expedition’s tickets are on sale now at <https://atlanticsharkexp.com>. The season begins in July 2024. Atlantic Shark Expeditions new boat and cage will arrive in Halifax at the end of May, with more details available then.

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A digital press kit, including photos and video of sharks that the media can freely use with attribution to Atlantic Shark Expeditions is available at: <https://atlanticsharkexp.com/digital-press-kit>

Media are welcome to view or record the shark cage being welded, if so, please reach out to arrange to see this work happening.

Dr Hammerschlag’s research centers on the behavioral ecology of sharks under global change. He has published over 150 scientific articles and has projects currently underway in Nova Scotia, Florida, Bahamas, South Africa, and the Galapagos Islands.