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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire Marine Docent Program is looking for volunteers who love the ocean and want to help others learn about it.

For more than 25 years, the program has offered volunteers the chance to learn about the marine environment and then share their knowledge with students, teachers and the community. Docents present SEATREK programs to schools and community groups, work at the Seacoast Science Center in Rye and the Discovery Center on Great Bay, give tours of UNH marine laboratories, and teach aboard the UNH research boat, the *Gulf Challenger*.

No prior experience is required. New docents attend classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning in September, and they are educated by university faculty, extension educators and other experts in the marine field. After completing their training, new docents can begin assisting with programs and presentations.

The Marine Docent Program is sponsored by NH Sea Grant and UNH Cooperative Extension.

Those interested should plan to attend an informational meeting at the NH Sea Grant office, located at Kingman Farm on Route 155 in Madbury. The meeting will take place Tuesday, August 26, at 1:30 p.m. For more information or directions, please call Sharon Meeker or Barbara Pinto-Maurer at (603) 749-1565 or email sharon.meeker@unh.edu.

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