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Tidewater Dental Supports the Calvert Marine Museum

SOLOMONS, MD – June 20 – Tidewater Dental is the proud sponsor of Calvert Marine Museum’s newest *Megalodon Jaws* exhibit. On display soon, *Megalodon Jaws* is a reconstructed jaw of the extinct mega-tooth shark *Carcharocles megalodon* (aka megalodon).

The fiberglass jaw is over 5 feet wide with 135 authentic fossil teeth ranging from 4 ½” in length (anterior teeth) down to 1 ½” (posterior teeth). The teeth are layered in 3 rows. The upper jaw contains 24 teeth per row and the lower jaw contains 22 teeth per row. Megalodon lived here 8-18 million years ago during most of the Miocene epoch. This shark would have been about 40 feet long.

The teeth were collected and the jaw was assembled by the late fossil hunter, Vito Bertucci. He spent his life and was famous for finding large megalodon teeth and reconstructing their jaws.

A long-time supporter of the Calvert Marine Museum, Tidewater Dental generously supports the Waterside Concert Series and SHARKFEST. They have been serving Southern Maryland for over 40 years with locations in Lexington Park, Solomons Island, Lusby, and Prince Frederick (Lanham & Dunkirk opening soon!) offering on-time, state of the art dentistry close to home.

“Very few of these jaws are on public display; this is super cool for the museum and we are honored to now have *genuine* Megalodon teeth in a reconstructed jaw,” said Dr. Stephen Godfrey, CMM’s Curator of Paleontology.

Photo 1: Left: Dr. Richard Friedman and behind is Dr. Stephen Godfrey. Right: Sherrod Sturrock and behind is Sarah Lewis.

Photo 2: Front row left to right: Elicia Foley, Daniela Anthes-Spears, Kelly Musket and Megan Bell
Back row left to right: Karen Diamond, Dr. Richard Friedman, Sarah Lewis, and Joanna Parker

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Explore how the prehistoric past, natural environments, and maritime heritage come to life and tell a unique story of the Chesapeake Bay. The Calvert Marine Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$9.00 for adults, \$7.00 for seniors, military with valid I.D., AAA and AARP members, and \$4.00 for children ages 5 - 12; children under 5 and museum members are admitted free. For more information about the museum, upcoming events, or membership, visit the website at www.calvertmarinemuseum.com or call 410-326-2042. Like us on [Facebook](#), follow us on Instagram and Twitter.