



SEA LION EXPLORER: An artist's impression of the Sea Lion Explorer, which will take tours to swim with the sea lions at Hopkins Island.

New sea lion experience

GET off shore and see some native sea life up close with Calypso Star Charters.

The renowned shark cage diving experience is being expanded with the company now offering tours to get up close and personal with the sea lions at Hopkins Island in the Memory Cove Wilderness Protection Area.

Visitors will be able to enjoy a one and a half hour cruise from Port Lincoln marina heading southwest through the picturesque Lincoln National Park aboard the Sea Lion Explorer, a

48 foot catamaran.

Here they will be given the opportunity to dive with the Sea Lions and get right up close to the playful creatures.

Instructors and supervisors will be on hand to assist anyone who has never done this before, so it's perfect for everyone from beginners to the more experienced divers.

Weather permitting, half-day tours start at 12.30pm and run to about 5pm, with 12 people at a time being taken on the boat.

Calypso Star Charters manager Andrew Wright said the sea

lion experience was great for families.

"It's a real great experience for families to take on, and it's starting up, just in time for school holidays," he said.

Tours run from now until the end of May and will cease over winter before resuming in spring.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to be one of the first to make the most of this great experience.

For more information contact Calypso Star Charters on 8682 3939.

New boat for shark dives

FOR those wanting the experience of getting close to sharks from the safety of a cage, tours run all year round through Calypso Star Charters.

Follow in the footsteps of Miss Australia 2006 Erin McNaught, Formula One driver Michael Schumacher, golfer Greg Norman, and boxer Danny Green and go diving with one of the biggest managers on the planet.

American tourist Matt Mance said the experience was one of the best things about his time in Australia.

"I spent eight months living, working and travelling Oz and this was hands down one of the coolest and memorable things I did," he said.

Full day tours aboard the MV Calypso Star begin at 6.30am with the boat taking off from the Marina

Hotel, and end around 7pm. Visitors are taken two and a half hours from Port Lincoln to the Neptune Islands.

From there they are sent down in the cage to come face to face with a great white shark.

On board the boat comfort is assured with hot showers, toilets, a reverse-cycle air-conditioned saloon and full bar facilities.

Tours start from \$395 per person as a spectator or \$495 per person to go down in a cage with the sharks.

Watch this space, as Calypso Star Charters is getting ready to unveil a second boat for the shark diving experience.

For the brave and adventurous, or just those wanting to see the sharks up close, contact Calypso Star Charters and organise a tour.



NEW BOAT: An artist's impression of the new boat that will take people out to the Neptune Islands to go diving with the sharks.

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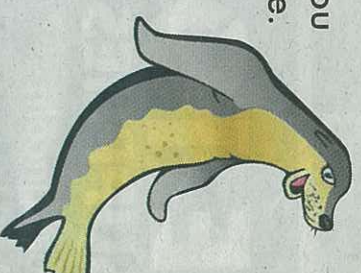
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- Enjoy the comfortable journey on our Magnificent 48ft catamaran Sea Lion Explorer.
- On arrival these playful creatures bound out to greet you inviting you to come and join them.
- Visit the pristine and protected beach of Seal Cove, Hopkins Island.
- Swim and snorkel with the seas most playful & inquisitive creatures in their own playground.

- Marvel at their skills as they somersault, swirl and backflip around you.
- Let them captivate and engage you with their fascinating performance.
- Watch them gracefully move through the water with speed and ease.
- Mask, snorkel, fins and wetsuits provided.

Prices Adult ~~\$140~~ \$70
Student ~~\$90~~ \$45



**Half Day
Tours**

Complimentary tea
& coffee provided.
Soft Drinks & snacks
available for purchase.