

New England Wildlife Officials unite to save life of entangled leatherback turtle

“A round of applause for a successful and collaborative leatherback disentanglement! 🍌 🍌

Last week, the Aquarium’s Anderson Cabot Center for Ocean Life scientists and members of the Aquarium’s Animal Health team + Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation staff worked with Center for Coastal Studies’ disentanglement team and the Barnstable Harbormaster’s office to respond to a report of a live, entangled leatherback sea turtle in Cape Cod Bay. The entangled leatherback turtle was estimated to be ~6 ft. long and 400 lb. 🙄

The turtle was successfully disentangled, examined by our Animal Health team, and given satellite and acoustic tagging devices. These tags will allow our Anderson Cabot Center scientists to assess survivorship and long-term behavior of the leatherback. The turtle was then released back into the ocean with cheering onlookers nearby!

Congratulations to all on a successful disentanglement! 🎉

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You can learn more about the Sea Turtle Disentanglement Network [here:](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/marine-life-distress/sea-turtle-disentanglement-network)
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