

# DOLPHIN DOME

## Artificial Dolphin Assisted Therapy



The Dolphin Dome is the world's first ever Artificial Dolphin Assisted Therapy Module for both children & adults, which has been purposely designed and built for use in schools, nurseries, clinics, doctors surgeries, health care centres, children's play groups & children's play areas etc, it can even be used in the home.

Dolphins have been a source of fascination for the human race for thousands of years.

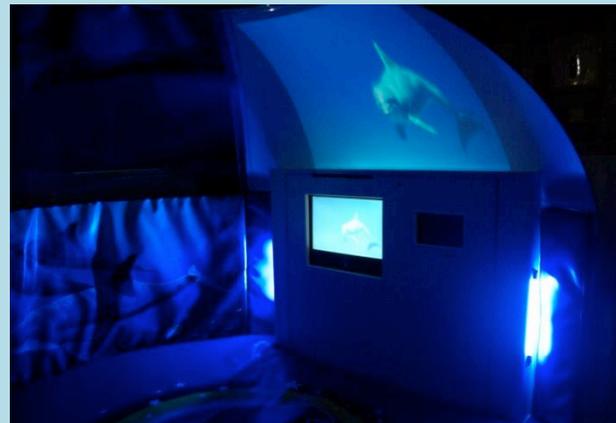
For many people Dolphins evoke the values we humans are striving for especially unconditional freedom and love.

To the Dolphin alone, beyond all other, nature has granted what the best philosophers seek: 'friendship for no advantage', a rare attribute, which man has not yet learned to do with any consistency.

It has been shown that interactions with dolphins both real and imaginary stimulate the human mind in many ways.

A lifting of the spirit and a calming of the mind is almost universal. Some experience unconditional love, often accompanied by the release of suppressed emotions.

In others, the effects are subconscious. The Dolphin Dome now brings the benefits of dolphin encounters in a safe artificial dry environment to countless number of children & adults in both special needs and mainstream facilities.



Using modern technology to stimulate and invigorate the human mind in ways never before experienced in one all encompassing compact facility.

The Dolphin Dome provides artificial dolphin therapy through audio visual media and tactile interactions in an innovative & unique play den enclosure, allowing the child or adult to escape

into the virtual world of the dolphin without distraction in a pleasant, relaxing, playful & serene environment.

Thus providing all children and adults with dolphin assisted therapy on a regular basis for free, a therapy which now becomes available to all children and adults on a long term basis, all be it artificial.



It is believed that children and adults are more responsive to the therapy because they are in a pleasant environment, for them the world of the dolphin is a happy place.



As such they are they are happy, calmer in mind and therefore they pay greater attention to their own therapists' work, they become motivated to

complete tasks or other class activities & lessons. It also offers them a place of escape where they can relax & forget and drift away into the playful & serene world of the Dolphin.

Basically, the Dolphin Dome is where the user finds their happy place. It is this that we are setting out to achieve.

The Dolphin Dome uses various media programmes and animations that encompass a dolphin, whale or aquatic theme. At the heart of the Dolphin Dome experience is the most beautiful film called Dreaming of Dolphins.

It is Dreaming of Dolphins that provides the primary therapeutic content. Secondary to this is a stunning interactive program called Endless Oceans.

Dreaming of Dolphins was filmed entirely underwater on location in the azure blue waters of the Bahamas Ridges and Banks in July 2009. This film entices the viewer to relax and immerse them self in the liquid realm of these beautiful, gentle and graceful, spirited, wild and free Atlantic Spotted Dolphins.

Dreaming of Dolphins has been edited to very carefully selected soundtracks and poetry so as to stimulate the viewer's emotions with the end result of the viewer becoming very relaxed and content within themselves.

Endless Oceans is a truly interactive media game run on a Nintendo Wii, where the user becomes a dive guide and scientist in the coral gardens of a tropical lagoon. The user gets to dive with Dolphins Manta rays and many different types of tropical fish as well as explore this beautiful underwater world.

It is an immersive program where it is very easy to while away the hours without realising the time that has past. Endless Oceans is very soothing and relaxing and has good educational content. It also helps with hand to eye co-ordination.

## Benefits of the Dolphin Dome

Dolphin Assisted Therapy at no cost to the user

An experience that can be achieved on a regular basis over the long term thus providing long term benefit to all

A totally calm relaxed unhurried thoroughly enjoyable experience

Unlike live Dolphin therapy sessions, the Dolphin Dome can be enjoyed by anyone & everyone; regardless of their physical disability

The session can be for as short or as long as the user wants it to be. There is no time constraint as is found with commercially driven programs.

A facility that provides educational content options and capability

A facility that provides interactive escapism

A totally dry environment and experience

Can be either an individual or shared experience

No more financial pressures placed on parents in order to give their children Dolphin Assisted Therapy

It is an environmentally friendly and humane way of providing dolphin assisted therapy

## The Mission

The Dolphin Dome along with two other forms of providing Artificial Dolphin Assisted Therapy was conceived, designed, developed and built by Paul Obernay.

Paul believed that with modern technology, the correct environment and the correct content an artificial environment could be created to achieve the desired stimulus and effect. A stimulus and effect that could regularly be repeated over the long term.

It is Paul Obernay's intention that Dolphin Assisted Therapy (all be it artificially) be made globally available to all children and adults who may benefit from it on a regular basis; thus providing to the user long term benefit.

Paul wanted the Dolphin Dome to undergo independent assessment and evaluation by respected organisations that had considerable expertise and experience in working with special needs clients with the diverse medical conditions that the Dolphin Dome was primarily aim at.

This would also negate the need to keep live Dolphins who are an intelligent, free spirited Oceanic mammal captive for such purposes.



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