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International Interns On Board at Reef HQ

Reef HQ Intern Becky Twohey is proof that the benefits of the Reef HQ Internship Program extend to not only the student but the aquarium itself.

Twenty two year old Becky hails from Santa Barbara, California and began her internship with Reef HQ in September after hearing about the program from a Marine Lab colleague with whom she worked with in the US.

She holds an undergraduate degree in Marine Biology from the University of California, Santa Barbara and says she decided to apply to Reef HQ in order to gain valuable experience in reef systems and corals.

“I originally applied in order to gain experience in tropical water environments, but I have learned so much in other areas also including reef biology and the mechanics involved in running an aquarium.” she said.

As part of her six month internship, Becky is working on a research project that is helping to determine the causes of coral disease. In particular, the elements of temperature and nutrient concentration levels as forms of physical stress on corals.

The research conducted by Ms Twohey will assist with the development of further studies and knowledge in this area.

Becky will be with the aquarium until March, when she decide whether to continue on to further graduate studies or look for employment in a related field.

Further information on Reef HQ Internships is available at www.reefHQ.com.au or by phoning 47 500 800.

Photo Opportunities:

- Becky at work in Reef HQ Aquarium

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