

The Design of the Georgia Aquarium



“If I was going to do something, I was going to do the very best I could.” By most accounts, Bernie Marcus has kept that promise by putting together what he calls *“the most complete aquarium in the world.”*

The Georgia Aquarium is billed as the largest aquarium in the world. It is home to over 100,000 animals and 8.2 million gallons of water.

Seasafe was favored with this project because of the vast experience of its employees working on aquariums and water parks. Seasafe began a review of the project and negotiations with the contractor (Brasfield & Gorrie) for over a year before being awarded the contract.

A high profile project like this attracted all of our competitors in the fiberglass structural fabrication industry. After several jobsite visits and meetings with the contractor, Seasafe personnel set themselves apart from the crowd by exhibiting the most thorough comprehension of the scope of work required. Seasafe’s track record of successfully completed projects of this nature spoke for itself. Seasafe has been involved with

thirty-seven (37) aquariums and water parks in the past few years.

Brasfield & Gorrie realized this project would require the structural fiberglass supplier to fast track the design and fabrication. It was clear that a close working relationship would be needed between the companies. In reality, the relationship between Seasafe and Brasfield & Gorrie developed into more of a friendship than a client/supplier relationship. The project managers for Brasfield & Gorrie have offered their personal and professional letters of recommendation for Seasafe’s performance and have recommended Seasafe be considered on all future fiberglass requirements.

Matt Johnson, exhibits project manager with Brasfield & Gorrie, complimented Seasafe . . . *“We cannot stress what a wonderful job you all did.”*

Seasafe’s scope of work included custom fabrication of FRP structures and grating supports:

- (21) Maintenance Platforms
- (39) Tank Support, Aquarium and Protein Skimmer Stands
- Aeration Baffle Walls
- Architectural Handrail Systems
- Sumps and Skimmers
- 1406 Hours of CAD Engineered Drawings
- Design Calculations Stamped by our In-House P.E.

From the date of the purchase order to the last shipment of material took 9 months. We shipped on time and on budget.

