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“Ollie the Octopus”



What has eight arms, is purple and is a popular character at the Norfolk AquaVenture Water Park this summer? It's Ollie Octopus, the new furry mascot of the park who makes his way around the pool once a day to high five and give hugs to patrons.

“Our thought was to have Ollie occasionally attend birthday parties held at the water park. When we took him out around the pool one day he was mobbed with kids so now we have him get out a little more. Even the parents love him,” said P.J. Evans, aquatic manager.

The octopus' entrance is announced with the “Ollie the Octopus” song on the loudspeakers. Ollie then walks around the park, doing a jig or two and even leading an octopus dance (involves a lot of arm waving). Plans are to have him at times lead a parade around the pool.

“We're seeing good crowds at AquaVenture already and lots of people are buying season passes. It's fun to see the excitement of the kids and adults now that we have Ollie at the park too,” said Evans.