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### Aquatica San Antonio's Newest Waterslide Opens March 10<sup>th</sup>

*Competitive racing waterslide promises high-speed thrills, just in time for spring break*

**SAN ANTONIO** (Feb. 26, 2018) – For those who prefer life in the fast lane, Aquatica San Antonio's newest waterslide - [Taumata Racer](#)<sup>®</sup> - will make its debut on March 10<sup>th</sup>, kicking off spring break in South Texas.

"Taumata Racer will be one of the fastest waterslides in Texas, combining competitive racing with the adrenaline rush of speeding downhill head first," said Aquatica Vice President Byron Surrectt. "It's a thrilling experience that families and friends can enjoy together and gives our guests another fun way to beat the Texas heat."

A high-speed competitive mat ride, Taumata Racer features six riders racing down a staggeringly steep hill, head first. Positioned in six side-by-side lanes, riders will zoom around a 180-degree swooping turn, and in-and-out of a tunnel before racing down the 375-foot slide and across the finish line in under 10 seconds. Manufactured by WhiteWater West Industries, Taumata Racer is located on the north side of the tropically-themed waterpark and has a minimum rider height requirement of 42 inches.

Named for a famous hill in New Zealand, Taumata is short for the 85-letter Maori word "Taumata-whakatangihangakoauauotamateaturipukakapikimaungahoronukupokaiwhenuakitanatahu." Roughly translated, this Guinness Book of World Records word means: "The summit where Tamatea, the man with the big knees, the climber of mountains, the land-swallower who traveled about, played his flute to his loved one."

The South Seas meets South Texas at Aquatica San Antonio for a waterpark experience only SeaWorld could create. Getting ready to set sail on its seventh season, it reigns as the premier water thrill park in South Texas, earning consistently high ratings from TripAdvisor. With attractions from serene to extreme, Aquatica combines up-close animal experiences with the amenities of a beachside resort. Aquatica will open daily

through the week of spring break (March 10-18), as well as weekends throughout the spring, before beginning daily operation on June 1.

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