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***The International SeaKeepers Society's Asia Chapter will host the Asia Awards Dinner 2018 at ONE°15 Marina Club, Sentosa Cove, Singapore on April 13<sup>th</sup>***

Miami, Florida – January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – SeaKeepers Asia will host the Asia Awards Dinner 2018 on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> to present a SeaKeeper of the World Award, the Asia Achievement Award, and DISCOVERY Yacht Presentations to members of the DISCOVERY Yacht Program.

This is the third year for the Asia Awards Dinner which will be held at ONE°15 Marina Club, Sentosa Cove, Singapore. It is hosted every year by Sandra & Julian Chang. Julian Chang is a SeaKeepers Board member and President of the SeaKeepers Asia chapter. Special Guest for the 2018 event is Wendy Benchley. Benchley is an advocate for ocean conservation and shark protection, and received the prestigious 2014 SeaKeeper Award in Monaco.

SeaKeepers Asia Chapter was established in 2016 and has been a crucial component in raising awareness for ocean conservation. In 2017, SeaKeepers Asia hosted eight educational outreach programs, six of which were “floating classroom” experiences aboard vessels in Singapore. While onboard these “floating classrooms” students learned about marine biodiversity and conservation efforts from scientists and participated in research activities including collecting samples, working with microscopes, and learning about scuba diving.

**About The International SeaKeepers Society®** The International SeaKeepers Society is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization focusing on the health of the world’s oceans and climate. SeaKeepers works with the boating and yachting community to take advantage of their unique potential in order to further marine research and to raise awareness about the issues our oceans face. The International SeaKeepers Society acts as a global catalyst working with governments, scientists, industry, and other marine organizations to further its mission and to support sensible, achievable marine protection and restoration. For more information visit [www.seakeepers.org](http://www.seakeepers.org)

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