

Vessel Donor Program

THE INTERNATIONAL SEAKEEPERS SOCIETY | GLOBAL NON-PROFIT



INTRODUCTION

About SeaKeepers

For over twenty-five years, **The International SeaKeepers Society** has facilitated oceanographic research, conservation, and education by engaging the yachting community in marine science. Founded by yacht owners who recognized the potential of their vessels to support research and exploration, SeaKeepers bridges the gap between private enterprise and scientific discovery.

Through partnerships with government agencies, academic institutions, NGOs, and schools, SeaKeepers facilitates research expeditions, citizen science projects, and educational outreach worldwide. The organization's programs are made possible by the generosity of yacht owners who contribute their time and vessels to advance understanding and protection of the ocean.



Shark Tagging Expedition Aboard D/V ORCA
Scientist-Led Expedition

Program Highlights

Our flagship initiative, the **DISCOVERY Program**, links the yachting community with scientists and conservationists conducting ocean research around the world. Through these collaborations, privately owned vessels serve as research platforms — supporting projects that range from water sampling and marine life monitoring to coral restoration, and equipment deployment. Each expedition contributes valuable data and discoveries that deepen our understanding of the ocean, turning time at sea into opportunities for science, conservation, and global impact.

89K+

STUDENTS INDIRECTLY &
DIRECTLY IMPACTED

1140+

RESEARCHERS
SUPPORTED

317+

CITIZEN SCIENCE
ENROLLMENTS

350+

VESSELS REGISTERED IN
THE DISCOVERY FLEET

923+

AT-SEA RESEARCH
DAYS SINCE 2012

35+

PUBLISHED SCIENTIFIC
PAPERS FROM 2012- 2025

What We Do

Headquartered in the United States, SeaKeepers operates internationally with chapters in the United Kingdom, South Pacific, and Asia. Together, these regions represent a global effort to foster collaboration between scientists and the yachting community — turning passion for the sea into measurable impact.

- **Facilitate Ocean Research:** Connect scientists and conservationists with privately owned vessels to conduct critical studies at sea.
- **Advance Marine Conservation:** Support global efforts to protect marine ecosystems through fieldwork, data collection, and restoration projects.
- **Inspire Ocean Education:** Deliver hands-on learning experiences for students and communities to build awareness and stewardship for our oceans.
- **Unite the Yachting and Science Communities:** Foster collaborations that transform the passion of yacht owners into tangible contributions to ocean discovery.

Frequently Asked Questions

In a saturated market where vessels can be difficult to sell, yacht donations can be a viable option. Below are some key points to determine whether this may be a good choice for you.

What size vessel can be donated to SeaKeepers?

All types of vessels and sizes can be accepted.

Contribution Benefits:

1. You will be relieved of the considerable expenses, including storage, maintenance, insurance and depreciation.
2. The tax reduction benefit to the donor is often greater than the potential cash sale price.
3. You will help to support the health of the oceans.

Would it be advantageous for my corporation to contribute their vessel?

The government allows a charitable deduction against a corporation's taxable income. We would be glad to discuss your particular situation with you or your tax advisor.

How long does the donation process take?

Unless there are complications, the donation closing happens within two months.

The International SeaKeepers Society is a registered 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization. Tax ID #58-2385869. Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have specific federal income tax requirements as a donor?

Generally, if you claim a charitable deduction of more than \$5,000 for any item of property (other than money or publicly traded securities) or for a group of similar items of property, you must:

1. Obtain a qualified appraisal.
2. Attach a fully completed appraisal summary to the tax return on which you first claim the deduction.
3. Maintain records required by IRS regulations to document the gift.

How much can I claim as an income tax deduction?

You can claim a deduction equal to the appraisal value of your vessel. In general, the contribution base for determining the maximum amount you may deduct in a particular year is your gross income. Charitable gifts to a qualified tax-exempt organization may enable you to claim charitable deductions in an amount up to 50% of your contribution base.

Getting Started

SeaKeepers recommends that any vessel owner considering making a contribution consult their tax advisor.

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DISCOVERY PROGRAM

Why Donate to SeaKeepers?

SeaKeepers facilitates the donation from working out the paperwork to picking up the boat, and donors can be sure that their donation will go towards programs that help scientific research, education and ocean conservation.

For details on all our programs, visit WWW.SEAKEEPERS.ORG/DISCOVERY-PROGRAM/.

SeaKeepers Has Accomplished 925+ Activities Since 2014

89,000+

STUDENTS INDIRECTLY &
DIRECTLY IMPACTED

35,240+

POUNDS OF DEBRIS
COLLECTED

200+

PROGRAMME PARTNERS
ENGAGED IN PROJECTS

900+

TOTAL DAYS OF
FIELD RESEARCH

202+

SCIENTIST-LED
EXPEDITIONS

1,140+

RESEARCHERS SUPPORTED
THROUGH MISSION

\$1.6M+

PROJECTED RESEARCH
COST SAVINGS

150+

EDUCATION ACTIVITIES
COMPLETED

400+

EDUCATORS
ENGAGED

140+

SCHOOL GROUPS
ENGAGED

8,760+

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
VOLUNTEERS

441+

CITIZEN SCIENCE
SIGHTINGS

350+

VESSELS REGISTERED IN
THE DISCOVERY FLEET

290+

TOTAL GLOBAL
CLEANUPS

220+

DISCOVERY FLEET
MEMBERS

280+

MARINE ANIMALS
OBSERVED

35+

PUBLISHED
SCIENTIFIC PAPERS

Mission Statement

The International SeaKeepers Society promotes oceanographic research, conservation, and education through direct involvement with the yachting community. Providing educational resources and hands-on marine science experiences to students is the primary focus for ensuring the future wellbeing of our planet. SeaKeepers enables the yachting community to take full advantage of their unique potential to advance marine sciences and raise awareness about global ocean issues.

SeaKeepers Digital Toolkit

Explore SeaKeepers' programs, initiatives, and resources through our Digital Toolkit. Scan the QR codes with your phone or open the links in your browser to access detailed information, stay up to date, and discover ways to get involved with our ocean research and conservation efforts.

DISCOVERY Program Overview

SeaKeepers connects the yachting and boating community with the scientific world by using privately owned vessels as platforms for ocean research. Through these collaborations, projects focus on marine conservation, data collection, and exploration — turning time at sea into meaningful contributions to global science and ocean stewardship.



[SEAKEEPERS.ORG/SCIENTIST-LED-EXPEDITIONS/](https://seakeepers.org/scientist-led-expeditions/)

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EXPEDITIONS**



[SEAKEEPERS.ORG/CITIZEN-SCIENCE/](https://seakeepers.org/citizen-science/)

**CITIZEN
SCIENCE**



[SEAKEEPERS.ORG/EDUCATIONAL-OUTREACH-PROGRAM/](https://seakeepers.org/educational-outreach-program/)

**EDUCATIONAL
OUTREACH**



[SEAKEEPERS.ORG/DISCOVERY-PROGRAM/](https://seakeepers.org/discovery-program/)



[SEAKEEPERS.ORG/COMMUNITY-ENGAGEMENT/](https://seakeepers.org/community-engagement/)

**COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

Program Opportunities

This page highlights current opportunities for vessel owners, captains, crew, and volunteers to support ocean research projects submitted by scientists around the world. Updated weekly, it reflects the latest project proposals, deadlines, and areas where contributions are needed — making it easy to connect time at sea with meaningful scientific impact.



[SEAKEEPERS.ORG/PROGRAM-OPPORTUNITIES/](https://seakeepers.org/program-opportunities/)

Vessel Donation Program

Yacht owners can make a lasting impact on ocean science by donating their vessels. Proceeds from donated yachts fund research, conservation, and education initiatives, turning a passion for the sea into tangible support for marine programs around the world.



[SEAKEEPERS.ORG/YACHT-DONATION-PROGRAM-DETAILS/](https://seakeepers.org/yacht-donation-program-details/)

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