

SMOOTH SAILING

The International SeaKeepers Society honored Fabien Cousteau with its 2015 SeaKeeper Award at the annual Founders' Dinner. The prestigious award was presented to Cousteau in recognition of his influential work as an oceanographic explorer, conservationist and documentary filmmaker.

The event was held at a private, waterfront location in Fort Lauderdale where guests enjoyed an elegant evening of cocktails and dining. Entertainment included presentations highlighting the latest missions undertaken by the SeaKeepers DISCOVERY fleet and celebrating Cousteau's achievements in marine research and conservation. Fabian Cousteau's father, Jean-Michel Cousteau III, attended as a special guest. Jean-Michel was awarded the very first SeaKeeper Award in 1996.

Cousteau's recent accomplishments include Mission 31, the longest expedition to take place at the world's only underwater marine laboratory, Aquarius, off the Florida Keys. Cousteau is also involved in the creation of the Fabien Cousteau Ocean Learning Center in the Florida Keys, a virtual STEM platform allowing children around the world to learn directly from ocean explorers and marine biologists through social media and interactive videos.

The International SeaKeepers Society is a not-for-profit organization working with the yachting community to improve the health of the world's oceans and climate through sensible, achievable marine protection and restoration.

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1/ North dock — 100-ft. Azimut Display Yacht with Champagne Bar 2/ MC Trent Aric (WPLG) 3/ SeaKeepers Board Chair Michael Moore, Jean-Michel Cousteau, Fabien Cousteau and Richard Snow (President, SeaKeepers 4/ Jay Wade (SeaKeepers Board Member) and attending guests 5/ Jenn DuBois, Kaveen Wilgus and Laena Pomeroy 6/ Captain Mike O'Neill and Captain Sally Wilkins 7/ Katia Bates, Jennifer Yosowitz, Erica Thaler and Julie Jones 8/ Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Allen 9/ Mr. and Mrs. Alex Dreyfoos 10/ Dr Neil Hammerschlag (UM) and Dr Leonid Moroz (UF) 11/ 2015 DISCOVERY Yacht Fleet Members 12/ Brian O'Sullivan, Norma Trease and friends

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