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THE INTERNATIONAL SEAKEEPERS SOCIETY

KEEPING SEAS PRISTINE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



On 27 and 29 July, members David and Jo Haines hosted students from Deyi Secondary School and Ang Mo Kio Secondary School respectively on board the D/Y Lady Jo as part of an Educational Outreach Programme Initiated by the International SeaKeepers Society.

As a US-based non-profit organisation, The International SeaKeepers Society actively promotes education, oceanographic research, and conservation through direct involvement with the yachting community.

Following a safety briefing by Marina Manager Mr Tasrin, the students climbed on board the D/Y Lady Jo where scientists Dr Toh Tai Chong and Dr Ng Ngan Kee and their team from the National University of Singapore facilitated a learning encounter for the students which they would not have been able to experience in their own classrooms.

After a brief but informative lesson on Singapore's marine biodiversity and the effects of our changing coastline, participants were provided plankton nets to collect samples from the water around the Marina. They collected many interesting organisms, which were then brought back on board, to be identified and further examined under a microscope.

At the end of the first "floating classroom" session, the students enjoyed a crash course on navigation by David Haines, which left them interested and curious to find out more about marine protection and navigation.

Goodie bags were distributed and the students were grateful for the snacks and refreshments they had received on both afternoons.

A big thank you to all members and guests who took time off that Friday evening to join us for the dinner.

MORE ABOUT SEAKEEPERS SOCIETY

The International SeaKeepers Society is a USA-based non-profit organization focusing on the health of the world's oceans and climate.

Founded in 1998 by a small group of yacht owners who were alarmed by the deterioration of our natural environment, the organisation's initial focus was the development and use of instrumentation on yachts to monitor marine conditions throughout the world's oceans.

Today, the primary focus of SeaKeepers' efforts is the DISCOVERY YACHT (D/Y) Programme. DISCOVERY YACHT (D/Y) are privately owned vessels which facilitate programming by providing access to the ocean for research, scientific discovery, community outreach

and artistic inspiration.

From hosting learning excursions for youth groups to facilitating scientific research, these yachts are the platform to enable SeaKeepers' accomplishments. The International SeaKeepers Society Programming team works to bring together interested yacht owners, educators, scientists and various parties in order to achieve the objectives.

The motto of SeaKeepers – Research, Educate, Protect and Restore

In April 2016, the International SeaKeepers Society established the International SeaKeepers Society, Asia in Singapore. This expansion with a new chapter in Asia will be under the leadership of Julian Chang. As a Board member, Julian Chang being an active member of the yachting and shipping industry in Singapore and China has been tasked with expanding the success of SeaKeepers' programmes to our region.

The DISCOVERY Yacht Fleet membership is only available for those who have devoted their yacht to science through a SeaKeepers expedition, drifter deployment or outreach programme. If you are interested to be a Discovery Yacht member, please contact julian@seakeepers.org or gail.tay@seakeepers.org.

For more information on SeaKeepers please visit: www.seakeepers.org and the SeaKeepers Asia Webpage.

















