



## EXPEDITION PROFILE

### July 12 & 13, 2016 on DISCOVERY Yacht Shredder

The International SeaKeepers Society partnered with the University of Miami Shark Research & Conservation Program (SRC) aboard Fleet Miami's 54-ft DISCOVERY Yacht *Shredder*. The expedition consisted of two, day-long trips in shallow, nearshore regions and deeper water further off the coast of North Miami. Shark researchers had the opportunity to tag and release sharks while Save Our Seas Foundation visually documented the research.

Multiple sharks were caught, tagged, and then safely released. When the sharks were caught, morphological and biological data - such as gender, length, and bloodwork – were collected and recorded for each animal. Specialized satellite tags were attached to the dorsal fins where they will transmit information about the location of the individually tagged animals. Hydrophones placed in the water identify tagged sharks and the lab is able to track behavioral and migratory patterns over long periods of time. All of the sharks caught during this expedition were nurse sharks.

The International SeaKeepers Society has partnered with SRC for previous expeditions onboard D/Y *Shredder* and other DISCOVERY Yachts. These have included other shark tagging trips and hydrophone deployment and retrieval both locally and in the Bahamas. This is the first SeaKeepers expedition with Save Our Seas Foundation.

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