



## First Floating Classroom in Thailand

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This weekend was very special thanks to Captain Haizi and his wonderful crew aboard the Discovery Yacht Nymphaea and scientists Dr Lalita Putchim (Nan) and Ms Tipwimon Rattanawongan (Praew) from the Phuket Marine Biological Centre, who all worked together to host the first SeaKeepers "floating classroom" in Thailand!

This "floating classroom" is part of the International SeaKeepers Society, Asia Educational Outreach Programme: Introduction to Marine Science and Conservation programme. In collaboration with Phuket Has Been Good to Us Foundation, it was open to 20 residential students from the Rajaprajanugroh 36 School who are keen to study science, marine life and ocean conservation. The students were nominated by the English and Thai teachers with hopes that they may be inspired to pursue a career related to those areas in the future.

The kids learned about and gathered data on ocean water salinity and temperature, and even collected marine organisms like plankton to examine under microscopes! The children were thrilled to see living plankton and other organisms in water samples! The day was complete with a tour of the yacht and lunch away from campus.

Special thanks to the Kamala District Office for providing the transport for the children to the Marina!

Contributed by Sarah Dorman, Communications Office Fellow, Phuket has Been Good to Us Foundation Expedition Gallery

### Partner Sites

Phuket has Been Good to Us Foundation: <https://phukethasbeengoodtous.org/>

Phuket Marine Biological Centre: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pqI6NFVskIM&feature=youtu.be>

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