



SEAKEEPERS CELEBRATES EARTH DAY

YOT Dockbar Event

On Thursday, April 22nd, the SeaKeepers team and industry partner, YATCO hosted an exclusive social gathering in celebration of Earth Day. The evening took place at YOT Dockbar where guests learned more about SeaKeepers programming and engagement opportunities. It was a limited capacity event held at the docks of Lauderdale Marine Center.

[View Event Gallery, here.](#)



Morningside Park Cleanup

In celebration of Earth Day, SeaKeepers held a weekend cleanup at Morningside Park on April 25th. Approximately 50+ volunteers attended and cleaned the park and its shoreline collecting 94.8 pounds of trash. Data was also collected and uploaded via the CleanSwell app in support of the ongoing study conducted by Ocean Conservancy. We are so thankful for everyone who came out to spend this beautiful Sunday with us. [Learn more, here.](#)

HIGHLIGHTS

At Sea & Shoreline Programming



Coral Reef Surveys February 2021

SeaKeepers assisted The Surfrider Foundation and Conservation Key in utilizing a commercial grade submersible/ROV to do coral reef surveys at the RJ's Ledge reef aboard DISCOVERY Yacht Isabel.

[Learn more](#)



Whale & Dolphin Survey February 2021

Dr. Jeremy Kiszka of Florida International University conducted visual identification on whale and dolphin activity in the waters off of Key Largo, FL aboard DISCOVERY Yacht Blue Pearl.

[Learn more](#)



ROV Deployment & Testing

March 2021

Blue Latitudes Foundation completed two open ocean deployments with the Deep Trekker DTG3 ROV to gather marine life data on artificial reefs and onshore oil platforms aboard DISCOVERY Yacht Cabrillo.

[Learn more](#)



S.A.R.A.H. Initiative

March 2021

DISCOVERY Yacht Zephyr deployed a plastic sample collection net along the coast of Barbuda after a long passage across the Atlantic from the Mediterranean. Partnered with Florida International University.

[Learn more](#)



Park & Kayak Cleanup

March 2021

At Morningside Park, 59 volunteers collected 152.2 pounds of trash from deep into the mangroves. They also kayaked across the Biscayne Bay to an island where they brought back a bunch of trash.

[Learn more](#)



Monthly Beach Cleanup

April 2021

In Virginia Key, Hobie Beach, 51 volunteers collected 9 trash bags with a total of 92.5 pounds. Each bag averaged out 10 pounds with most of the items being bottle caps, cigarette buds and soda cans.

[Learn more](#)

Educational Outreach



Floating Classroom

March 2021

Miami Waterkeepers' Junior Ambassadors performed water quality tests to analyze properties using Secchi discs on Biscayne Bay and Little Mouth River aboard DISCOVERY Yacht Julia.



Ocean Alliance Presentation

February 2021

SeaKeepers joined Ocean Alliance Girl's STEM Club in a virtual talk about ocean conservation through the study of sharks, research and conservation with a total of 8 students.

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BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Sensor Development in Piney Point, Florida

April 2021

DISCOVERY Yacht Three Graces, owned and captained by SeaKeepers Board member and Scientific Advisory Council Chairman, Mark Luther, assisted a team from the University of South Florida College of Marine Science (USF CMS) to study the environmental impacts of a wastewater breach at Piney Point, a retired fertilizer processing plant in Manatee County, FL.

[Learn more](#)

ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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"An unlikely duo - the amiable Gray Whale and the (typically) standoffish Risso's Dolphin. In all honesty, this interaction had never even crossed my mind as being possible... but what's the ocean good for if not for surprises." - Amazing caption and 🐳: @seataceans

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Fortunately, DISCOVERY Yacht Zephyr's (@sailing.zephyr) is a positive one. Last month, they deployed our S.A.R.A.H. Net, in partnership with @fiucase, along the coast of Barbuda. After a long passage across the Atlantic from the Med, we are glad to see this vessel safely in the Caribbean and are excited to see the results of their sample tows throughout their journey.

D/Y Zephyr is a sailboat that joined the S.A.R.A.H. Initiative at the end of 2020 and is currently sailing around the world. 🌍



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Meaning, here at SeaKeepers, we recognize #EarthDay every day! 🌱 This week we've celebrated our planet by land and sea - beginning with this past weekend's dive cleanup 🤿, week-long educational trivia's, an exclusive event tonight with our supporters, and this weekend's upcoming beach cleanup! 💙

We encourage everyone to spend a little extra time outdoors this week and show your appreciation - whatever way you can! Join a beach cleanup, reduce your carbon footprint by using reusable

IN THE NEWS



Venu Magazine | March 2021 | Building a global movement to help restore and protect the world's oceans. Begin your search for an ideal vessel to host an expedition or submit your project for vessel support, by visiting: <https://vessels.seakeepers.org>. [Find out more.](#)



American Sailing Association | April 2021 | ASA announces their new partnership with SeaKeepers to promote ocean research and conservation. ASA also shares the first episode: SeaKeepers Mission. [Find more.](#)



Blue Latitudes Foundation | April 2021 | BLF was able to make their first open ocean voyage possible due to new partnership with SeaKeepers aboard DISCOVERY Yacht Cabrillo. [Find out more.](#)



YATCO | April 2021 | YATCO, the Official MLS and Ultimate SaaS Platform of Yachting™, has partnered with The International SeaKeepers Society by listing its donated yachts on YATCO.com to help drive the marketing of its yacht donation program. [Find out more.](#)

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