

# THE INTERNATIONAL SEAKEEPERS SOCIETY

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## EVENTS

SeaKeepers invites you to join us in supporting the following causes that we are partnering with.



### The Crossing

On Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, SeaKeepers will participate in **The Crossing for Cystic Fibrosis**, a long-distance endurance paddle challenge. An event inspired by the incredible health benefits the ocean provides for those living with cystic fibrosis. SeaKeepers' Chairman Jay Wade and Vessel Donations Director Dick Seidenspinner will be paddling and fundraising for the cause.

[Learn about The Crossing](#)

### The Maiden Factor Foundation

Join us on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, to honor **Tracy Edwards MBE** and **The Maiden Factor Foundation**, an organization conceived to benefit global educational programs for disenfranchised young women and girls who have little or no access to education. SeaKeepers is supporting the event alongside fellow women in yachting & ocean advocacy. To learn more or purchase tickets, please click the button below.

[Purchase Tickets](#)



## HIGHLIGHTS

### At Sea & Shoreline Programming



SeaKeepers is excited to announce the organization's first dedicated research vessel (R/V) "DISCOVERY". The 49-foot catamaran center console will be used for local expeditions and outings to support Scientist-led Expeditions, Citizen Science, and Educational Outreach.

For availability, please contact [programming@seakeepers.org](mailto:programming@seakeepers.org) to learn more.





### Junior SeaKeepers Floating Classroom

December 2021

Junior SeaKeepers visited the 322' Norwegian tall ship, the *Statsraad Lemkuhl*, as part of the *One Ocean Expedition*. The students participated in panel discussions focused on Ocean Monitoring and Resilience.

[Learn more](#)



### ROV Deployment & Reef Surveys

December 2021

SeaKeepers assisted *Nova Southeastern University* in deploying a remotely operated vehicle to learn about fish communities in Fort Lauderdale aboard *DISCOVERY Vessel Santosha*.

[Learn more](#)



### ROV Deployment & Reef Surveys

January 2022

SeaKeepers assisted *Nova Southeastern University* in deploying a remotely operated vehicle to learn about fish communities in Fort Lauderdale aboard *DISCOVERY Vessel Surface Interval*.

[Learn more](#)



### Beach Cleanup

January 2022

In partnership with *Volunteer Organization*, SeaKeepers hosted a cleanup at Hobie Beach with 49 volunteers who collected 112 pounds of trash and submitted their findings into the [Clean Swell App](#).

[Learn more](#)



### Park Cleanup

February 2022

In partnership with *Awareness Into Action*, SeaKeepers hosted a cleanup at Morningside Park with 44 volunteers who collected 88 pounds of trash and submitted their findings into the [Clean Swell App](#).

[Learn more](#)



### Floating Classroom

March 2022

SeaKeepers partnered *Miami Waterkeeper* and *BJM Rentals* in a floating classroom with 20 students to learn about Biscayne Bay's marine environment aboard *DISCOVERY Yacht River Queen*.

[Learn more](#)



### Floating Classroom

March 2022



### Monthly Beach Cleanup

March 2022



SeaKeepers partnered with *Miami Waterkeeper* and *BJM Rentals* in a floating classroom with 24 students to learn about Biscayne Bay's marine environment aboard *DISCOVERY Yacht River Queen*.

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In partnership with *Miami-Dade County Parks*, SeaKeepers hosted a cleanup at Morningside Park with 35 volunteers that collected 2,400 individual items and submitted them into the [Clean Swell App](#).

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## SEAKEEPERS SPOTLIGHT



### BJM Rentals

A special thank you to [BJM Rentals](#), which is a local supporter of Educational Outreach, providing use of the *DISCOVERY Vessel River Queen* to host Floating Classrooms and island cleanups.

[Learn more](#)

### Oceanology International Conference

On Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, SeaKeepers attended the first day of the conference in London, England and met with new program partners from the *Seabed 2030 Project*, and our 2021 SeaKeeper of the Year, Victor Vescovo.

[Learn more](#)



### Annual Report

SeaKeepers invites you to see what we have accomplished with our SeaKeepers community in 2021.

On behalf of the SeaKeepers board of directors and staff, we thank you for your investment and participation in our ocean.

[View 2021 Annual Report](#)



## SUPPORT OUR MISSION

### Support Ocean Conservation as a SeaKeepers Member.

Calling all ocean and industry activists! [Become a SeaKeeper](#) and join us in saving our beautiful blue planet while receiving year-round benefits. From monthly beach cleanups to scientific expeditions, your support is critical to our mission in turning the tide on pollution and engaging research and conservation efforts.

Join today by visiting us at [www.seakeepers.org/memberships](http://www.seakeepers.org/memberships) or clicking the button below to support our mission!



[Join Today](#)

## ON SOCIAL MEDIA







**seakeepers** It's not every day you get to honor the people who have paved the way for ocean conservationists, scientists, and ocean lovers everywhere to dive deeper into their love for the oceans and protect and explore all its marvels.

The celebration for SeaKeeper of the year CDR Victor Vescovo, NextGen award winner @blueatlitudesfoundation, and the 2020-21 DISCOVERY Yacht Fleet was nothing short of magical, with @drsylviaearle and her enchanting words that inspired everyone in the room to continue their mission to defend our oceans.

Thank you to every yacht owner, sponsor, scientist, and friend for your continued support. It's because of you that all of this was possible. ❤️

Stay tuned for more pics to come!

A huge thanks to @paulsebastianmedia & @wheelhousemedia for capturing the night! 📸

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**seakeepers** We are excited to announce our new partnership with The Nippon Foundation-GEBCO Seabed2030 Project! 🌐

Seabed2030 is a collaborative project to inspire the complete mapping of the world's ocean by 2030. SeaKeepers anticipates involving privately-owned vessels to participate in increasing our knowledge of the ocean by sharing depth measurements from navigation instruments while out at sea. Yachts have the opportunity to explore the world's oceans in areas where data is sparse, non-existent, or of poor quality. These are exactly the places where the contribution of global seafloor mapping efforts can have the greatest impact.

To learn more about this project, please visit the link in our bio. DM us to get involved!

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#oceanconservation #scienceeducation #savetheseas  
#seabed2030 #marinescience #oceanexplorer #sealovers



**seakeepers** Can you guess the distance a mako shark can swim in a month? The answer will have you saying "holy mackerel!" 🐟

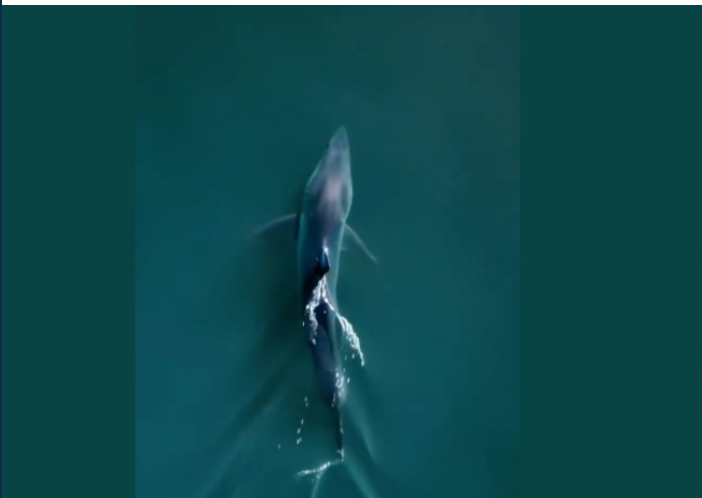
Mako sharks belong to the mackerel shark family and are known to be the fastest sharks on earth, reaching short bursts of up to 80 miles an hour! In a single month, they can travel over 1,242 miles!

They grow twice as fast as most shark species, reaching a maximum length of 14.8 feet and weighing up to 1,100 lbs. 🐟

Amazing 📸: @nuttynulty

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#makoshark #sharksofig #oceanconservation #savthesharks  
#oceanlovers #underwaterworld #divingphotography #uwphoto  
#wildlifeconservation #oceaneducation



**seakeepers** Our first cleanup of the year was a huge success! 🌱♻️

Our volunteers checked out a new stretch of Hobie Beach with us and walked away with 11 bags weighing in at 112 pounds, much of which was documented using Ocean Conservancy's Clean Swell app to keep a record of the different types of trash present on the site.

We are so proud of what our volunteers were able to accomplish despite a late start, and surprised at the varieties of pollution we saw at this site, which included sandals, shirts, and a large amount of glass fragments. We were even paid visits by a few animals like starfish, a stingray, and a cat! 🐾

Can't wait to see what we find at our next cleanup! Hope to see you there. ❤️

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#beachcleanup #plasticocean #oceanpollution #cleanbeaches  
#marinedebris #saveouroceans #cleanuptime #oceanpollution

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