

[Booking form](#)

Fiji Regatta Week: OCC BBQ

Musket Cove Marina Island Bar, Tuesday 5th September, around 6pm (Fiji time!).

Please let me know by the end of August if you are planning to attend.

[Email Jonathan Robinson](#)

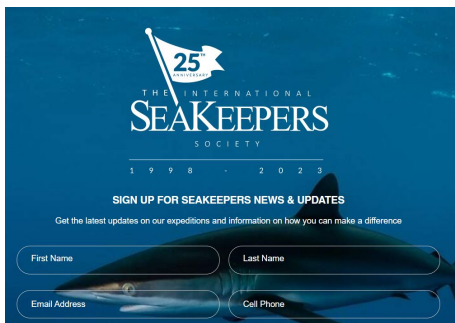
Platinum Anniversary Events



As you enjoy your cruising this summer, it's time to start planning what you will do next summer to celebrate the OCC's 70th Anniversary. That could be an exciting impromptu rendezvous party or two, but if you know a great venue that you want to share, you might want to consider gathering a few more members together for something a little larger. If so then please get in touch. We can help with letting members know about your event and can provide an easy way for members to sign up for it so that you don't have to worry about those details.

Contact [Reg Barker](#) if you would like to know more.

NEWS



The International SeaKeepers Society

Calling all vessels in the South Pacific. SeaKeepers is excited to announce that we have expanded into the South Pacific and we are looking for vessels to participate in scientific expeditions. SeaKeepers is currently



Fastnet Race

A brutal first night at sea in this 50th edition of the Rolex Fastnet Race has seen numerous retirements and many others seeking temporary shelter from the gale force conditions in the English Channel. For example, wind data from the crew on Stuart Lawrence's J/120 Scream

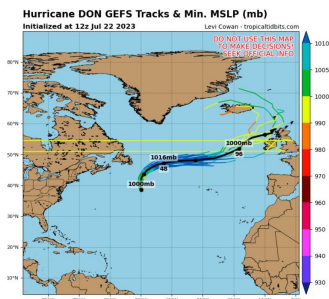
working with Manta Watch New Zealand, Conservation International in *New Zealand* and *Fiji*, and Project Manta in *Australia*. Please read below about current opportunities.

For more information, visit the [SeaKeepers website](#)

II reported 46 knots.

This includes the dismasting of **Tapio Lehtinen's** Swan 55 yawl *Galiana* (due to compete in the Ocean Globe Race shortly).

[Rolex FastNet race](#)



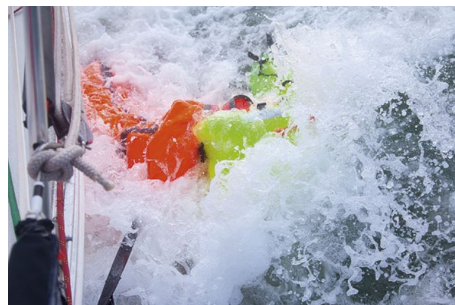
Don Is Downgraded to a Post-Tropical Cyclone

The storm, which posed no threat to land, had strengthened into the first Atlantic hurricane of the 2023 season.

Don was the fifth cyclone to reach tropical storm strength this year. (The Hurricane Center [announced in May](#) that it had reassessed a storm that had formed off the coast of the northeastern United States in mid-January, and that it had determined that it was a subtropical storm, making it the Atlantic's first cyclone of the year.)

2023 is the first year since 1968 that there have been two named storms in the Atlantic Ocean in June, [according to Philip Klotzbach](#), a researcher at Colorado State University who studies hurricanes.

The Atlantic hurricane season starts on June 1 and runs through Nov. 30.



To tether or not to tether!

Perceived wisdom is that if you fall overboard, staying tethered to the boat will keep you safe. But is that the case?

The tragic drowning of the skipper of the *Reflex 38 Lion* 15 miles south of Selsey Bill in 2011 shocked the sailing world. But the subsequent Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) report was truly chilling because it emerged that Mr Christopher Reddish (47) had done everything by the book. He was wearing a lifejacket and he was clipped on with a tether, or safety, line – but when he went overboard from the foredeck on a dark night he was dead by the time the crew could recover him.

[Is it safe to use a tether?](#)

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

