### **DISCOVERY YACHT PROGRAM**

SeaKeepers' foremost initiative in accomplishing our mission and goals.



The International SeaKeepers Society (SeaKeepers) is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that supports marine science and education by utilizing privately owned yachts and vessels as platforms for oceanographic research, educational outreach, and marine conservation. SeaKeepers welcomes the participation of marine industry partners to engage with our programming and join the DISCOVERY Yacht Fleet.

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#### SCIENTIST-LED EXPEDITIONS

Scientific expeditions provide yacht owners, crew, and guests the opportunity to participate in ongoing research while engaging with biological and oceanographic experts. Using member yachts, SeaKeepers works with experts in marine science to promote and facilitate ground-breaking research. Each scientific expedition is unique, and is organized with both the science and yacht in mind.

#### CITIZEN SCIENCE INITIATIVES

Citizen science expeditions offer an opportunity for vessel owners to participate in smaller-scale marine research initiatives. These expeditions may be short or long-term, and allow crew to participate in ongoing research projects without the need for scientists on board. Projects may be as easy as installing a data logger, or may involve collecting and returning samples for scientific analysis with equipment provided to the vessel.





#### **EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH**

SeaKeepers unites educators, scientists, and students in "floating classroom" experiences aboard vessels for students of all ages to participate in marine research, learn about their environment, and interact with scientists. Providing access to a vessel provides hands-on science experience that enhances learning and ignites passion for the marine world.

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Building strong communities that are educated and passionate about ocean conservation is key in creating positive change. Yacht owner or not, we encourage communities to work together to reduce our ecological impact through cleanups of local beaches, parks, and dive sites, and by educating others. In Miami, Florida alone, over 5,700 individuals have joined us to clean our favorite local areas and removed over 24,200+ lbs of trash.



# READY TO USE YOUR VESSEL TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?



#### **BECOME A DISCOVERY YACHT**

Joining the DISCOVERY Yacht Program begins with an easy application, or by getting in touch with programming staff. SeaKeepers staff will work closely to fulfill your interests and get your vessel activated as a member of the fleet.







## LEARN MORE ABOUT SEAKEEPERS & CONNECT

For further information about our ongoing projects and initiatives:

Explore our Press Kit: https://www.seakeepers.org/media/press-kit/or scan the QR code.

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