



EXPEDITION PROFILE

June 2, 2016 on DISCOVERY Yacht *Paraffin*

SeaKeepers Asia hosted fifteen boys from Tasek Jurong Limited aboard D/Y *Paraffin* for an outreach expedition. Participants learned about marine science, research diving, and local marina efforts to minimize pollution.

Researchers from the Tropical Marine Science Institute of the National University of Singapore lead the discussion on board the D/Y *Paraffin*, a 60M built by Feadship. This floating classroom session was made possible through the partnership of The International SeaKeepers Society Asia, Rolls Royce, and ONE°15 Marina Sentosa Cove, Singapore.

The lesson focused on teaching the students about Singapore's changing coastline with its effects on surrounding coral reefs. The 15 boys, aged 9 -12 years old, from Tasek Jurong Ltd. – a non-profit organisation in Singapore – completed plankton trawls and viewed the organisms under the microscope. Participants were shown the workings of the navigational equipment on D/Y *Paraffin* and were given a briefing on how SCUBA dive gear is used as part of marine research performed underwater. The highlight of which was that they had the opportunity to try the dive gear on for size. This half day educational outreach session ended with ONE°15 Marina sharing with the children the measures that they undertake against polluting the surrounding waters via the water discharging services available for vessels berthed at the Marina.

In April, Julian Chang, President of International SeaKeepers Society, Asia announced a key partnership with Rolls Royce to extend the International SeaKeepers Society Educational Outreach Programme for a period of one year. Directed at educating Singapore's youth about the protection, conservation and restoration of our marine life and marine biodiversity, the outreach programme takes place in two different formats. One session is focused on sharing this knowledge at the school premises to allow for deeper facilitation with a wider group of the programme's curriculum. Whilst during the floating classroom session, schoolchildren are invited on board a DISCOVERY Yacht where the students participate in marine science based lessons with experts from the same field.

This was the first SeaKeepers expedition aboard D/Y *Paraffin* and the second educational expedition with students from Tasek Jurong Ltd. The non-profit works to support and uplift disadvantaged and needy community members.

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About The International SeaKeepers Society®

The International SeaKeepers Society is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization focusing on the health of the world's oceans and climate. SeaKeepers works with the boating and yachting community to take advantage of their unique potential in order to further marine research and to raise awareness about the issues our oceans face. The International SeaKeepers Society acts as a global catalyst working with governments, scientists, industry, and other marine organizations to further its mission and to support sensible, achievable marine protection and restoration.

The International SeaKeepers Society established SeaKeepers Asia in 2016. This expansion with a new chapter in Asia is under the leadership of Julian Chang. Operations will run parallel to the headquarters of SeaKeepers in Miami, Florida, with a main focus on expanding the impact of the **DISCOVERY Yachts Program**.

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