



## EXPEDITION PROFILE

### July 27, 2016 on DISCOVERY Yacht Lady Jo

Students from Deyi Secondary School in Singapore participated in a DISCOVERY Yacht Educational Outreach Program aboard the *D/Y Lady Jo* on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July, initiated by SeaKeepers Asia.

Students climbed on board the *D/Y Lady Jo* after attending a safety briefing by the marina manager from the Republic of Singapore Yacht Club. On the vessel, scientists Dr. Toh Tai Chong and his team from the National University of Singapore facilitated a unique learning excursion for these students geared toward maximizing their engagement with real science.

Participants were provided plankton nets to collect samples from the water around the marina after an informative lesson on Singapore's marine biodiversity and the effects of its changing coastline. Many interesting organisms were collected and brought back aboard the vessel to identify and further examine using a microscope. Finally, the students finished their first "floating classroom" experience by enjoying a crash course on ocean navigation from the DISCOVERY Yacht owner which left them curious to learn more about marine protection and navigation.

In April 2016, the International SeaKeepers Society established SeaKeepers Asia. This expansion is under the leadership of Julian Chang, a SeaKeepers Board member. As an active member of the yachting and shipping industry in Singapore and China, Mr. Chang will expand the success of SeaKeepers' programs in that region.

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