



EXPEDITION PROFILE

September 25th aboard DISCOVERY Yacht *Shredder*

The International SeaKeepers Society facilitated the deployment of two mini-sailboats, *Kestrel* and *Maurick*, from D/Y *ANGARI* to support an education experience for St. Stephen's Episcopal School in Bradenton, FL.

Students and faculty from St. Stephen's Episcopal School and Maurick College, a 6th-12th grade school, in Vught, The Netherlands, collaborated on the deployment of two mini-sailboats. The vessels are part of Educational Passages, an organization that spreads ocean and environmental literacy through the deployment of GPS-equipped mini-sailboats. Students and educational facilities participate in the deployments and are able to track the vessels as they traverse the ocean and learn about ocean currents and dynamics.

The project has involved the participation of a number of organizations who have helped the deployment and educational efforts, including CARTE of the University of Miami, Biscayne National Park, and the Educational Passages Atlantic Regatta.

The vessels can be tracked at <http://educationalpassages.com/boats/00-179230821/> and <http://educationalpassages.com/boats/00-179230822/>.

This is the first SeaKeepers trip with D/Y *ANGARI* and with both education institutions.

The *ANGARI* Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a global community that is interested, knowledgeable and invested in marine and environmental sciences by directly supporting research initiatives that foster a greater trust and dialogue between scientists and the public. The Foundation also uses innovative technology, film and other media to raise awareness and strengthen science education.

Educational Passages aims to spread ocean and environmental literacy through the deployment of GPS-equipped MiniBoats that follow ocean currents and winds, allowing students of all ages to explore oceanic phenomena while we develop transoceanic classrooms. The goal of Educational Passages is to introduced participants to sailing, engage students in collaborative learning through international cultural experiences, and increase understanding of the value of the hydrosphere as a shared resource through ocean literacy. The program brings the ocean to the classroom, whether you're on the coast or landlocked.

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