

THE INTERNATIONAL SEAKEEPERS SOCIETY EMPOWERS YOUNG OCEAN ADVOCATES WITH THE INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR SEAKEEPERS PROGRAMME



JUNE 2025 – The International SeaKeepers Society (SeaKeepers) is proud to announce the global launch of the **International Junior SeaKeepers Programme**, an expansion of its successful U.S. chapter initiative. Now reaching students in New Zealand, Singapore, and the United Kingdom, this hybrid programme invites English-speaking youth ages 14 to 18 (grades 9 to 12+) from around the world to dive into the world of ocean conservation. Through hands-on experience in oceanographic research, science communication, and environmental advocacy, students are empowered to become proactive ocean ambassadors in their own communities and to connect with a global network of future marine leaders.

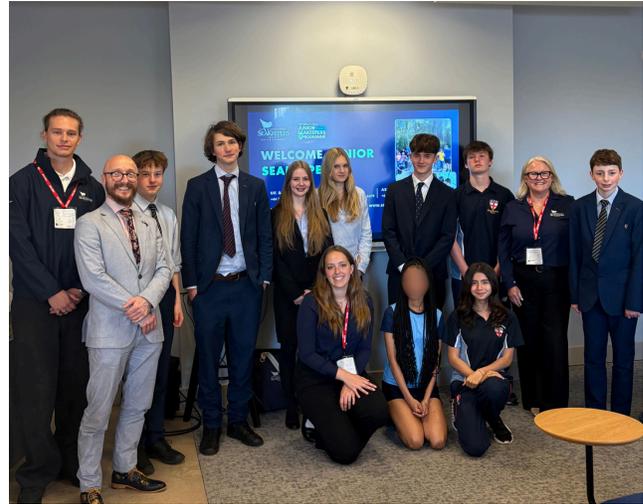
WHY THE INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR SEAKEEPERS PROGRAMME STANDS OUT

The **International Junior SeaKeepers Programme** is a globally focused initiative designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to become leaders in marine conservation. Through direct mentorship from global marine science experts, participants gain an in-depth understanding of critical ocean issues and the scientific and policy-driven approaches to addressing them. The programme fosters scientific research, public speaking, and leadership skills, ensuring students are well-prepared to engage in environmental advocacy. Beyond theoretical learning, participants take part in real-world conservation activities, where they collect and analyse marine data, contributing valuable information to global research efforts.





Albany Senior High School International Junior SeaKeepers
South Pacific Chapter



King Edwards Witley International Junior SeaKeepers
United Kingdom Chapter

A key component of the initiative is the Science Communication Project, which challenges students to transform complex marine science topics into powerful messages for public audiences. This focus on science communication empowers participants not only to understand pressing environmental issues, but also to inspire awareness and action within their communities.

The programme also offers valuable networking opportunities with professionals in marine science, sustainability, and advocacy, fostering meaningful connections that support students' future academic and career paths. Upon completion, graduates will join the growing Junior SeaKeepers alumni network, connecting them to a global community of young ocean advocates.

Offered at no cost to participants, the programme solely requires a commitment of time, curiosity, and a passion for protecting the ocean.

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP PERSPECTIVES

"Inspiring the next generation of ocean stewards is the heart of SeaKeepers' Educational Outreach. We are pleased to launch the International Junior SeaKeepers Programme in the UK with students from King Edward's School Witley, providing a unique opportunity to enhance their understanding of the ocean through international communication, collaboration and education."

— Gill Rodrigues, Director of International Relations, The International SeaKeepers Society

"We're proud to support the launch of the International Junior SeaKeepers Programme. In the South Pacific, the ocean shapes our culture, livelihoods, and identity, and it's inspiring to see the next generation stepping up to protect it."

— Melissa White, Director of South Pacific, The International SeaKeepers Society



EXCLUSIVE SEAKEEPERS ASIA CHAPTER OPPORTUNITY

In collaboration with Kaia Initiative, two selected applicants from Asia will receive a sponsored opportunity to experience the Kaia Initiative Youth Diver Course, earning their PADI Open Water Certification.



NUS College Learning Field Trip
Asia Chapter



Divers at the Kaia Initiative
Asia Chapter

"We are pleased to collaborate with the Kaia Initiative to offer participants the chance to learn new skills and gain direct ocean experiences."

— **Gail Tay, Operations & Programmes, The International SeaKeepers Society Asia**

"We strongly advocate for immersive experiences and by participating in the Junior SeaKeepers Programme, we are opening the door to a lifetime of ocean advocacy to protect our oceans."

— **Isabelle Ho, Founder of Kaia Initiative**, a community of youths dedicated to inspiring and educating today's youth about scuba diving and marine conservation.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The **International Junior SeaKeepers Programme** provides a dynamic and immersive experience for students passionate about ocean conservation. Participants will engage in expert-led webinars and workshops, where leading marine scientists and conservationists share insights into pressing environmental challenges and solutions.

Beyond learning, students will take direct action in their communities and collect valuable data to contribute to global marine research. Through the Science Communication Project, they will transform complex scientific information into compelling messages, ensuring that marine conservation reaches a wider audience. To further support their development, students will have access to special training opportunities and events that align with their interests, refining their advocacy and leadership skills. **The inaugural programme runs from Early May to Late November, 2025.**



WHO CAN APPLY?

This programme is open to English-speaking students aged 14-18 who are eager to:

- ✓ Develop expertise in marine science, communication, and advocacy.
- ✓ Engage in hands-on conservation efforts and community outreach.
- ✓ Take on leadership roles in environmental initiatives.
- ✓ Build connections with marine scientists and sustainability leaders.

RECOGNITION & BENEFITS

Participants will complete the programme with practical experience, professional skills, and global connections. Each student will receive:

- ✓ A completion certificate recognising their contributions.
- ✓ An International Junior SeaKeepers Goody Bag, including a T-shirt and other branded gifts.
- ✓ A volunteering reference, acknowledging their efforts in conservation.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are closed for the 2025 International Junior SeaKeepers Programme. Applications for the 2026 cohort will open in early 2026.

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ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL SEAKEEPERS SOCIETY

The International SeaKeepers Society is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organisation that facilitates oceanographic research, conservation, and education through direct involvement with the yachting community. Providing educational resources and hands-on marine science experiences to students is the primary focus for ensuring the wellbeing of our planet. SeaKeepers enables the yachting community to take full advantage of their unique potential to advance marine sciences and raise awareness about global ocean issues.

Founded in Monaco in 1998, The International SeaKeepers Society has been supporting ocean conservation through direct involvement with the yachting community for more than twenty-seven years. What started as a data collection program aboard select luxury yachts, has evolved to engage thousands of participants annually with at-sea and coastal programming. Today SeaKeepers' mission is focused on the DISCOVERY Programme which is comprised of Scientist-Led Expeditions, Citizen Science, Educational Outreach, and Community Engagement.

As a catalyst working with governments, scientists, institutions, and other marine organizations to further its mission, SeaKeepers supports sensible, achievable marine protection and restoration. Activities take place globally through the efforts of headquarters based in the United States with offices located on the east and west coast, and international representation in Singapore, the South Pacific, and the United Kingdom.

■ VISIT WEBSITE — [SEAKEEPERS.ORG](https://seakeepers.org)

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