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Port Denarau Marina Partners with The International SeaKeepers Society to Advance Marine Conservation Efforts



DENARAU ISLAND, FIJI - June 25, 2024 - Port Denarau Marina, Fiji's premier superyacht marina located in the South Pacific, and The International Seakeepers, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that facilitates oceanographic research, conservation, and education through direct involvement with the yachting community, announce a partnership to advance marine conservation efforts by engaging private vessels in the South Pacific.

As a testament to its dedication, Port Denarau Marina has made notable progress in reducing its carbon footprint with the installation of a new solar energy system. This initiative, along with its accreditation as a Level 3 Clean Marina and Fish Friendly status by the Marina Industries Association (MIA) - the first of its kind in the South Pacific - highlights the marina's leading role in environmental sustainability. Furthermore, Port Denarau Marina has pledged to become a Plastic Free Marina by 2025, reinforcing its ongoing commitment to marine conservation.

"At Port Denarau Marina, our partnership with SeaKeepers and their sustainability efforts aligns perfectly with our mission to offer exceptional value to our guests while championing environmental stewardship. We are excited to support the Seabed 2030 Project's goal to map the entire seafloor by 2030," says Cynthia Rasch, CEO of Port Denarau Marina.

Port Denarau Marina will integrate a kit designed by SeaKeepers, featuring specialized hardware data loggers for bathymetric data collection, enabling privately-owned vessels to gather crucial information. These vessels, often operating in remote areas where data is scarce, play a vital role in this global effort. This initiative enhances our understanding of the oceans and underscores our dedication to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal #14, aimed at conserving and sustainably using the oceans, seas, and marine resources, as well as supporting the "Ocean Decade" flagship program. Together, we are making significant strides towards a sustainable future for our marine environment.



This partnership marks a significant milestone for Port Denarau Marina as the first marina in Fiji to join the SeaKeepers DISCOVERY Yacht Program. Melissa White, Director of the South Pacific for SeaKeepers, expressed enthusiasm for the collaboration, stating, "We are thrilled to welcome Port Denarau Marina as our first marina partner in Fiji. Their dedication to the environment makes them an ideal fit for our program, and we look forward to advancing our understanding of Fiji through collaborative research initiatives."





Since its establishment in 1998, SeaKeepers has expanded from its headquarters in Florida, USA, to include locations in Singapore, the South Pacific, and Europe. The DISCOVERY Yacht Program fosters partnerships with organizations, academic institutions, and government agencies through ScientistLed Expeditions, Citizen Science, Educational Outreach, and Community Engagement. By working with yacht owners, SeaKeepers customizes research and outreach initiatives to align with their unique ocean interests, amplifying their contributions to conservation, research, and education worldwide. Vessels are encouraged to join the program, offering them the opportunity to engage in these impactful activities as they navigate the seas.

The International SeaKeepers Society is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization 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-five 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 Yacht Program 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 United Kingdom, and the South Pacific. For more information, please visit www.seakeepers.org.



Yours faithfully,

Director

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About Port Denarau Marina

Denarau Island in Fiji, about 20 minutes by car from Nadi International Airport, is home to the widely acclaimed Port Denarau Marina. Since it acts as the gateway to the Mamanuca and Yasawa Group, Port Denarau Marina, in the heart of the integrated Denarau Island, serves as the beginning point for visiting our gorgeous, sun-drenched tropical isles off the west coast of Fiji.



In addition to having an international 18-hole golf course and being close to several international hotels, Port Denarau Marina is also a part of the biggest shopping and dining complex in the Nadi region.

The marina complex is the hub of yachting activity in Fiji and is reached by a clearly designated channel that is 5 meters deep at low tide.

The marina has excellent weather protection. The basin has 56 commercial berths, 16 swing moorings, and 56 fully serviced private berths, 20 of which can accommodate superyachts up to 85 meters in length. The dock provides internet, single-phase and three-phase power, fuel, and water. A haulout facility with a 30-ton travel lift, a hard stand area, and marine workshops are also part of the facility.

Provisioning is simple thanks to the grocery, pharmacy, and bakery at the end of the dock and the close proximity of Nadi and Namaka by bus or taxi. Port Denarau is perfectly situated to serve as a stopover for relaxation, entertainment, and resupply while you are traveling through the Fijian Islands.

Port Denarau Marina is a publicly traded company on the South Pacific Stock Exchange. See our Facilities & Services for more detailed information on our products and services (www.denaraumarina.com)