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Patty Elkus is a Founding Member and Board Member of the International SeaKeepers Society, serving on the Executive and Nominating Committees. Patty also serves on Tony Haymet's Director's Cabinet of The Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, CA. and the San Diego Board of Directors for Achievement Rewards for College Scientists.

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Isabelle Autissier

Isabelle Autissier is a French sailor, navigator, writer and broadcaster. She is celebrated for being the first woman to have completed a solo world navigation in competition. Isabelle is the current President of World Wildlife Fund for Nature for France.

Annie Avery

Annie Avery is one of the leading international yacht brokers, with Fort Lauderdale-based firm Northrop & Johnson. Annie began her career as one of the first female charter yacht captains in the Caribbean and beyond, over two decades ago. She is a member of the Board of the International Superyacht Society.

Special Guest
Lady Pippa Blake

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Captain Alexia Barrier

Capt. Alexia Barrier founded the ocean research program “4myplanet” which saw her commission and sail a 60 foot sailing yacht around the world single-handedly, while gathering ocean status data and educating school children worldwide via satellite podcasts and in person along the way. She was supported in this endeavor by many Monaco-based ocean groups and by The International SeaKeepers Society.

Wendy Benchley

Wendy Benchley is Chairman of the Board of Shark Savers and the driving force behind the prestigious Peter Benchley Ocean Awards, which were co-founded by Blue Frontier. Wendy has a long career as an environmental activist and elected government office-holder. Her primary passion resides in ocean and shark advocacy with frequent 'field visits' as an avid scuba diver. Her husband was the late Peter Benchley, the author of Jaws and The Deep.

Jill Bobrow

Jill Bobrow is Editor-At-Large for Yachts International magazine. She has had an extensive career in yachting journalism and is the author of more than a dozen books. She is a Director of the International Superyacht Society and on the Board of Ports of Cause, an emerging philanthropic organization dedicated to a variety of ocean advocacy initiatives.

Claudette Bonville

Claudette Bonville is a philanthropist, passionate environmentalist and supporter of the International SeaKeepers Society. Her work as principal of a full service interior design firm is well known in the yacht world.

Marie Bosarge

Marie Bosarge is principal behind MusicDoingGood.org, which supports philanthropy through music. She and her husband Ed enjoy their two sailing yachts, Marie and Tenacious, and her music ensembles have been known to perform while sailing! The Bosarges have created the greenest island retreat in the Bahamas, Over Yonder Cay, which operates entirely off the grid.

Diane Byrne

Diane Byrne is a journalist and publisher in the global yachting industry. Her online magazine MegaYachtNews, is a popular online yacht news resource. She is active in various yachting organizations including her service on the Board of Directors of the International Superyacht Society.

Donatella Di Filippo Campioni

Donatella Di Filippo Campioni is a Member of the Board of the International SeaKeepers Society. She is President of Monaco Aide & Presence, one of Monaco's most established charitable organizations. It endeavors to carry out humanitarian and charitable actions across 5 continents with special emphasis to help children in need.

Denise Cobb

Denise LeClair Cobb, with her husband Brian Cobb, is a Founding Member of the International SeaKeepers Society and a member of its Admirals Club. Denise has had a distinguished career in television as an award winning on-air talent, producer, manager, consultant and station owner: she was one of the original anchors at CNN and the first to speak on CNN Headline News. In addition to her work, Denise is an active philanthropist, serving on the boards of Ave Maria University, Career Transition for Dancers and the Naples Children and Education Foundation, which created the Naples Winter Wine Festival, the most successful charity wine event in the world. She is a partner in NextStep Media.

Celine Cousteau

Celine Cousteau is the founder of CauseCentric Productions which supports the global sharing of stories regarding endangered ecosystems. Her work supports everyday heroes in the fight to protect our fragile planet. She is the grand-daughter of Jacques-Yves Cousteau.

Leslie Dane

Leslie Dane, wife of John Dane, President and CEO of Trinity Yachts, is involved in many philanthropic activities, most notably the Boys and Girls Club of Broward County, Florida and its celebrated Yacht Rendezvous. Leslie's years of racing sailboats has made her a resolute protector of the seas.

Mary Dutoit

Mary Dutoit, through the company National Marine Suppliers, which she owns with her husband Dean Dutoit, has been a longtime supporter and philanthropist in support of various environmental organizations and advocacy groups including the International SeaKeepers Society.

Dr. Sylvia Earle

Dr. Sylvia Earle, "Her Deepness", is a celebrated *Hero of the Planet* and *Living Legend*. She is an oceanographer, explorer, author, and lecturer with experience as a field research scientist. Her work with The Aspen Institute, the Conservation Fund, American Rivers, Mote Marine laboratory, Duke University Marine Laboratory, Rutgers Institute for Marine Science, the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, and Ocean Conservancy is unparalleled. Dr. Earle is a former chief scientist of NOAA and founder of the Mission Blue Foundation. She is an Explorer-in Residence for National Geographic and serves on the SeaKeepers Scientific Advisory Council.

Jenifer Austin Foulkes

Jenifer Austin Foulkes is the Manager of Google Ocean. Her work with Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Lab, the Scripps Institution of Oceanography and NOAA is well known. She led the publication of Google Earth & Maps, the baseline for global ocean exploration. She holds a Ph.D. from Stanford University in Neuroscience.

Cecile Gauert

Cecile Gauert is the Editor-in-Chief of Yachts International Magazine which is the media partner for the International SeaKeepers Society. Through her stories on environmental issues, she keeps her readers informed of ecological concerns, cutting edge green yacht building initiatives, and new concepts in green design.

Melissa Grosvenor

Melissa Grosvenor, with her husband Mark, is a Founding Member of the International SeaKeepers Society and a member of its Admirals Club.

Amy Halsted

Amy Halsted of The Halsted Agency has held a deep dedication to promoting environmental responsibility by encouraging practical individual accountability. Amy's commitment to ocean advocacy has included the creation of the International Superyacht Society's, "Fabien Cousteau Blue Award", where she serves as its Executive Director. She is a founding director of Chesapeake Climate Action Network and the Coastal Conservation Association. She has worked closely with the United States Coast Guard on its Sea Partners Campaign. Amy also serves on the Board for Ports of Cause, and has the honor of doing press work for it.

Dr. Nigella Hillgarth

Dr. Nigella Hillgarth is the Asst. Director at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography and Executive Director of their Birch Aquarium which is their public outreach facility for cutting-edge discoveries. Their mission is to provide ocean science education, interpret Scripps research and promote ocean conservation. Dr. Hillgarth focuses on public awareness and the importance of protecting our environment.

Roxanne Houghton

Roxanne Houghton, with her husband Douglas, is a Founding Member of the International SeaKeepers Society.

Alice Huisman

Alice Huisman, Managing Director of Royal Huisman Shipyard, represents the fifth generation of family ownership and leadership at the company. The only woman to have received the International Superyacht Society's Leadership Award, she has earned the respect of her industry. Alice's business and personal life have been enriched by a relationship with the sea and when not sailing or riding her horses she maintains strong family connections.

Michelle Jones

Michelle Jones is Director of Marketing for Delta Marine, a Seattle based custom yacht builder. She is the daughter of Ivor Jones, one of the company's founders. Delta strives to protect the environment and has adopted many practices within its manufacturing facility that are environmentally friendly. Located on the Duwamish River, Delta has received many accolades from local municipalities or its stewardship to the waterway.

Deborah Kinder

Deborah Kinder, an award winning documentary filmmaker, is the Founder and CEO of the BLUE Ocean Film Festival & Conservation Event. She is co-founder of BLUE's parent non-profit organization, Make A Difference Media. Deborah also consults with other advocacy organizations and helped to establish the Dominican Republic's Environmental Film Festival.

Christina Sorensen Lotter

Christina Sorensen Lotter is a business woman with several international companies which champion sustainability. She is a Director of Danish Yachts, A/S, a shipyard committed to green technology and materials and Ecover which manufactures ecologically sound products. She is a Founding Member of the International SeaKeepers Society.

Jessica Muffett

Jessica Muffett is the Founder of YachtWorld.com and YachtWorldFoundation.org and its Hero Program, recognizing individuals for their ocean advocacy and charitable actions. She began her career in 1980 as one of the first female yacht brokers in Seattle.

Rory Meyers

Rory Meyers, with her husband Howard Meyers, is a Principal of Burger Boat Company and led Burger Yachts to become the first member in the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation's WOOD FOREVER campaign. The Meyers are Founding Members of the International SeaKeepers Society.

Summer Osterman

Summer Osterman is a leading Charter Broker with Burgess. She is also an avid scuba diver, paddle boarder, sailor and overall ocean enthusiast which she expresses through volunteer work with multiple environmental philanthropies including Oceana and the International SeaKeepers Society.

Claudia Potamkin

Claudia Potamkin is a dedicated philanthropist, environmentalist, co-owner and founder along with Captain Sandra Yawn, of Global Oceans, a yachting-based ocean advocacy company. She reports on the yachting world for website genConnect.com.

Pascale Reymond

Pascale Reymond has been a leading mega yacht designer since 1989. She has worked on 45 yachts over 40 meters in length, and with her own company, Reymond Langton Design, has been instrumental in approximately 25 new builds in addition to multiple residential interior projects. In the last year, she has seen 6 new yachts over 60 meters in length delivered to their owners. She is incredibly passionate about design and feels blessed being involved with such a wide-ranging and diverse international community of people.

Lia Riva

Lia Riva of Riva Yachts is the daughter of the legendary Carlo Riva. She is also the current President of Monaco Boat Service and proud supporter and patroness of the International SeaKeepers Society.

Jennifer Saia

Jennifer Saia began her yachting career as a Chief Stewardess, and parlayed her experience into ownership of one of the foremost yacht charter and management organizations. She is currently Executive Director of the Charter Division of the International Yacht Collection, and is very active in various yachting charities and organizations.

Wendy Schmidt

Wendy Schmidt is a philanthropist and President of The Schmidt Family Foundation. She co-founded the Schmidt Ocean Institute in 2009 which provides opportunities to scientists for urgent onboard ocean studies. She is an environmental advocate in the clean energy space and a founding Member of Climate Central, an organization that combines an expert media team with the work of experts using the newest science to measure and describe climate change. Wendy also serves on the boards of The Natural Resources Defense Council, and the California Academy of Sciences.

Betsy Smith

Elizabeth "Betsy" Claggett Smith admits to being best known as the wife of Billy Smith of Trinity Yachts. But to those who know her well she may be best loved for striving to help society's outcasts. Betsy also believes in the divine mandate that all of us are stewards of the Earth's vast but finite resources.

Rachelle Tomlin

Rachelle Tomlin is, with her husband SeaKeepers Chairman Emeritus Don Tomlin, a Founding Member of the International SeaKeepers Society and member of its Admirals Club.

Norma Trease

Norma Trease is a Director of Salamanca Marine (a division of Salamanca Group) and Editor-at-Large with Yachting Matters. She is a Member of the International Superyacht Society Executive Board of Directors and serves on the Governing Council of the Professional Yachting Association. Ms. Trease has been an active supporter of SeaKeepers in its SeaKeepers Professionals Division for many years.

Charlotte Vick

Charlotte Vick is the Strategic Partnership Director of the Sylvia Earle Alliance/Mission Blue and Curator for Explore the Ocean in Google Earth. Ms. Vick serves on the Boards of Savannah Ocean Exchange, Blue Ocean Film Festival and TARA Expeditions USA. Ms. Vick also serves on the Steering Committees for the Sargasso Sea Alliance, High Seas Alliance & the Antarctic Southern Ocean Coalition.

Linda Von Allmen

Linda Von Allmen, and her husband Douglas, were the 19th Founding Members of the International SeaKeepers Society. She has been identified as one of the “100 Outstanding Women in Broward County” and has been involved in numerous philanthropic causes. She is Co-Board Chairman and Admiral of the Boys and Girls Club of Broward County. She and her husband are experienced yachtsmen, and have owned a number of motor yachts over the years.

Janna Wade

Janna Wade, with her husband Jay, is a Founding Member of the International SeaKeepers Society.

Dr. Sandra Whitehouse

Dr. Sandra Whitehouse is a marine biologist who is currently the senior advisor to Ocean Conservancy, a national non-profit organization that educates and empowers citizens to take action on behalf of the ocean and uses science to guide policy that protects the ocean. She is also the former chair of the Coastal Zone Management Agency for Rhode Island and environmental policy advisor to the Rhode Island House of Representatives. She currently serves on the board of Trustees for the Consortium for Ocean Leadership. Dr. Whitehouse has two children and is married to United States Senator Sheldon Whitehouse who represents Rhode Island (the Ocean State) and has been a long-time champion of ocean health and sustainable ocean uses.

Susanne Wiegand

Susanne Wiegand entered the shipbuilding industry ten years ago at ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems. Since 2007, she has been Managing Director of Nobiskrug GmbH and was instrumental in the acquisition of Abu Dhabi Mar Kiel where she assumed the position of Managing Director of that company. Susanne has been a driving force in instituting R & D into new green technologies at both shipyards.

Captain Sandra Yawn

Capt. Sandra Yawn is the only female to win the International Superyacht Society Distinguished Crew Award. Sandra is a well-known charter Captain for international superyachts and a leader of the Professionals Division of the International SeaKeepers Society. She is the co-owner and founder of Global Oceans along with Claudia Potamkin.