**YACHTS FOR SCIENCE**

**Yachts for Science matches marine scientists with private yachts to undertake field research.**

**Selection & Implementation:**

1. Submitted scientific projects are reviewed at specific times throughout the year and if suitable are short-listed.
2. The projects are then either matched with available yachts or held on record and matched with vessels if/when they become available.
3. Nekton connects the lead scientist with the yacht team directly to implement the project. Once a favourable match is made, both parties (representative for the boat and lead scientist) must sign a disclaimer before taking the mission further (Disclaimer details attached in the download forms above).
4. Project is undertaken under specific project guidelines – including sharing content and imagery for promotion during and after the project by Nekton and Boat International.

**Project Considerations**

1. 95% of yachts operate in the Caribbean and Mediterranean. Projects are more likely to be matched if it they are in these locations – but all parts of the world’s ocean (not rivers) will be considered.
2. The average length of project if it involves scientists on board should be two weeks.
3. If a scientist needs access to a yacht in order to fit a bit of equipment or technology that could aid research (i.e. no physical presence required), the timeframe could be much longer.
4. Very few yachts have the capability to support complex marine research operations, so consideration should be given to the suitability of the project to the yacht environment.
5. Most yachts will be able to provide SCUBA small boats and the ability to deploy small equipment.
6. Projects that deliver tangible and positive impact to improve the health of the ocean will be considered favourably.
7. Selected projects will be provided with access to use the vessel and on board equipment to undertake their work with all board and lodging etc. provided for free.
8. Projects will need to secure their own permits for research.
9. Projects must be self-funded to complete the stated objective. Projects with funding already secured will be prioritised but projects without funding will also be considered to enable projects to use the ship time as matched funding for grants. No funding will be made available to support the project – including travel to/from the vessel.
10. Project leaders must be at least in a PhD programme or have a PhD and have previously had time undertaking a scientific expedition at sea.
11. All data generated should be shared open access on completion of scientific publications.
12. In any related academic publications, the ship time should be acknowledged with specific description provided by Nekton.

**Submission Dates 2019:**

* 8th July 2019
* 9th September 2019
* 11th November 2019

**Submit your project to Nekton:** [sarah@nektonmission.org](mailto:sarah@nektonmission.org)

**PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM**

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| **Project Name** |  |
| **Project Leader** |  |
| **Project Leader Experience** |  |
| **Contact Details** |  |
| **Project Summary (2 sentences)** |  |
| **Project Description (200 words)** |  |
| **Scientific Outcomes (100 words)** |  |
| **Other Outcomes including pathways to impact – incl. communications, policy, training** |  |
| **Project Partners (organisations)** |  |
| **Project Funding** |  |
| **Dates** |  |
| **Location(s)** |  |
| **Berths required** |  |
| **Equipment (required on board)** |  |
| **Project Activities Summary (aboard the vessel)** |  |
| **Data / specimens to be collected** |  |
| **Timeline of outputs post expedition** |  |
| **Data policy statement** |  |

**DISCLAIMER**

**Deficient Entries**

BOAT International Media and Nekton Oxford Deep Research Institute accept no responsibility for any late, lost or misdirected entries, including but not limited to texts, calls or emails not received due to technical disruptions, network congestion or any other reason. Proof of delivery of any entry will not be proof of our receipt of that entry.

**Liability & Insurance**

BOAT International Media and Nekton Oxford Deep Research Institute only enable connections between marine scientists and yachts. BOAT International Media and Nekton Oxford Deep Research Institute will not in any circumstances accept any liability for any loss, damage, personal injury or death occurring as a result of requesting to participate or participating in a marine science project. BOAT International Media and Nekton Oxford Deep Research Institute are not responsible for the performance or communications of scientists or yacht owners, nor do they have control over the quality, timing, legality, failure to provide, or any other aspect whatsoever of the marine science projects. Scientists must obtain the relevant insurance as required or is desirable for a marine science project, including insurance for all equipment and/or technology used on the yacht.

**Events Outside of Our Control**

BOAT International Media and Nekton Oxford Deep Research Institute will not be liable for any delay in performing, or failure to perform, any of their obligations in connection with a marine science project if such delay or failure result from events, circumstances or causes beyond its reasonable control. In such circumstances, BOAT International Media and Nekton Oxford Deep Research Institute shall be entitled to terminate the relevant marine science project.

**Severance**

If any provision or part-provision of this Agreement is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable, it shall be deemed modified to the minimum extent necessary to make it valid, legal and enforceable. If such modification is not possible, the relevant provision or part- provision shall be deemed deleted. Any modification to or deletion of a provision or part-provision under this clause shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the rest of this Agreement.

**Governing Law and Jurisdictions**

This project and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of England and Wales, and the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle the same.

**Signed:**

Print Name …….…….…….…….…….…….…….…….…….…….…….

Title …….…….…….…….…….…….…….…….…….…….…….

Organisation …….…….…….…….…….…….…….…….…….…….…….

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