



Welcome to the Expedition Team

Thank you for stepping forward to be part of an important marine conservation adventure. You will be joining an elite team of people that go to sea on board the Sea Dragon expeditions. Your participation in the exploration, conservation and education work will be a tremendous personal experience. It will also give you a direct role in protecting the world's oceans. You will build skills, friendships and bring home an earned satisfaction of working on the front lines. Thank You. The following is intended to be your transition to the team and your expedition. This covers the basics on Roles and Expectations, Logistics, Disclaimers, and Payments. Our team is here to work with you along the way. Welcome!

Roles and Expectations

You are joining a working expedition as a full member of the crew. As such, you will be involved in virtually all aspects of the voyage, conservation work and vessel operations. On board you will be part of a team of up to 14 total crew – yourself included. The exact makeup varies by the mission, but a typical group might look like

1. Two professional vessel crew, Skipper and Expedition Leader. Your Skipper holds the highest British rating of RYA Yacht master Oceans/Commercial. The Expedition leader is also rated RYA Yacht master and carries a deep knowledge of the boat and support systems. Both are exceptional individuals specifically chosen for their seamanship, team leadership, and expedition skills. They are also great people that thoroughly enjoy working with you.
2. Mission crew- typically 2-6 individuals. These crew formerly lead the conservation mission of the expedition and will be a part of both Pangaea and 5 Gyres. You will encounter a mix of deep experience in marine research, communications, journalism and even the arts.
3. Guest Crew rounding our complement up to our capacity of 14. Guest crew are a vital part of the mission. We depend on their integrated role in the expedition to give us the team strength and diverse skills to succeed. Beyond the time at sea, our alumni of crew maintain an active role teaching others.

To understand your role, lets take a look at a typical “day in the life”. At sea, the boat runs 24/7 constantly moving and working around the clock. The crew stands 24-hour watch, normally in teams. On duty you will be on deck working the sails, helm and other boat functions. Watch teams also help navigate, talk to other vessels, and readying the next watch crew. When research is underway, nets may be in the water, cameras filming or the small inflatable boats may be on

an “away” mission. Your watch roles will also include important supporting roles like monitoring the boat systems, cleaning and cooking meals for the crew. We want you to be a full part of the team and to be exposed to the full duties of the boat. In this, we are all working and learning together. Near shore the routine varies with diving, shore work and even sub-teams that go on away-missions- sometimes for days.

You should expect to experience a full life at sea. Pangaea/5 Gyres work is routinely remote and often far offshore on the high seas. As such you should expect things to be different, such as:

1. Far away from land for many days – seeing the open sea
2. Reduced connectivity to the outside world. Our Sat-Phone is available but expensive to use and limited to calls and simple emails – no web surfing here.
3. Living in close quarters with your team. Big as she is, Sea Dragon is a space 72’ (22m) by 20’ (5.5m). You will have a bunk, but in a common space and shared heads.
4. Eating as a group. Individual snacks are fine, but the team generally eats together
5. Working at odd hours and disconnecting from outside schedules. You will find that you’re up at all hours, generally sleeping 10+ hours a day. Weekends have no meaning at sea.
6. Wearing and using more gear. Ocean sailing will introduce you to a lot of new equipment (and terms). Going on deck at night means clipping in your harness!
7. Be physical. Life on a boat is physical work- often with muscles that you’ve not used as much before.
8. Live in a hierarchy. The boat is a team based on mutual trust and respect. However, there is a hierarchy – Your skipper, expedition leader, and project leaders make the final calls.

The expectations on you are fairly straightforward. Your team will depend on you to be a member, to be a full part of everything on the boat. You will be expected to work hard, to the best of your ability. They, and you, need every crewmember to pay attention, be conscientious, to protect the boat, and care for each other. You will not be asked to do anything you are not comfortable doing. It is also normal practice to take a local day sail on the first day of the expedition to get the crew acclimated and trained. You will be shown how to do any task, patiently and for as long as it takes for you to learn the right way. This is not a graded, competitive sport but a team of partners pulling together. We need you to be able to:

1. Speak functional English
2. Be able to lift 1/3 your body weight
3. Be able to swim 200m
4. Work as a team

If you have any medical conditions that either limit your activity, or would complicate life on board, please discuss these with our crew and our medical Advisors at Medical Support Offshore (MSOS <http://www.msos.org.uk>)

Logistics

You will be expected to make your way to and from the points of departure. This will typically include your flights, and transfers down to the boat. Your accommodation space will generally be available to you a full 24 hours before departure, and after arrival. In some cases provision can be made for longer times on board. You should also understand that the “sea” is not

interested in our schedule, so some leeway should be made in your plans for delays- suggest 2-3 days on the arrival side. Our team will be glad to give you as much advice as we can on travel logistics. You may also be able to connect with other crew in your travels down and back. All connecting travel is your responsibility- your team will depend on you.

The boat provides your dedicated sailing kit including foul weather gear, harnesses and safety gear. We recommend you pack very light. You will not use as much clothing at sea as you may on land (there is no dirt). Quick dry, roll up fabrics common in most outdoor clothing are best. Regardless of latitude, bring at least one warm fleece. Sun-protection is critical at sea (sunglasses, hat, sun shirts, Sunscreen). Books, a headlamp, sailing gloves, and closed shoes – e.g. boat shoes (not sandals) are a must. If you use any special medication – bring at least a double supply to ensure redundancy. If it’s important – bring a spare. Dress on the boat is completely casual. You may want one set of nice-casual clothes for shore time. Certain countries do not appreciate shorts and sandals at customs. Bedding, towels are on the boat- many people prefer to bring a sleeping bag. Pack in soft-sided gear and keep you overall kit to a minimum. Avoid hard suitcases for personal kit that cannot pack down- there is no room .

We have limited supplies of US plug, 120VAC power for personal use. There are also 12/24 VDC charging sockets available.

If you are interested in diving or snorkeling on board, please contact our team for specifics.

There is no smoking on the boat at any time. We also operate under a “zero tolerance” rule for controlled or illegal drugs as defined by the United States Coast Guard, and British Maritime and Coastal Agency. If it’s illegal in either of these two countries there must be no trace of it with you. The boat also operates as a “dry”, alcohol free vessel when underway. Port and some anchoring situations may allow moderate alcohol.

Insurance. You must ensure that you have insurance to cover shore based treatment, rescue, and medical evacuation if required. Divers must carry dive accident insurance from DAN- please see our website. You are responsible to obtain all required vaccinations and health prevention measures

Visas. Your passport should be current with adequate life to cover your entire journey. You must identify and secure all required visas.

Communications. You will be able to send/receive short emails. Outbound phone calls are possible, but cost \$1.50/minute.

I have read and understand the above:

Name

Date

Emergency Contact (Name, Telephone, Relation):

Payment:

Your registration is complete with cleared payment of a 50% deposit. Your complete payment is due no later than 14 days prior to departure. Prices are set, and settled in \$US. You may pay us in one of two ways:

1. A check (personal or business) written to “Pangaea Explorations”
2. Electronic Deposit into our account as below

For incoming wired fund transfers from another U.S. financial institution, please provide the sending institution with the following information:

Wire Transfers from inside the US:

Amount: U.S. Dollar Amount

Pay: Citibank NA

Citibank Address: 111 Wall Street— New York, NY 10005

Citibank ABA: #021000089

For Credit to: Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. **Account #**4055-3953

In Line 1 of Detail: Pangaea Exploration Account No. 1931 9133

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Amount: U.S. Dollar Amount

Pay: Citibank NA

Citibank Address: 111 Wall Street— New York, NY 10005

SWIFT Address: CITIUS33

FBO: Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.

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