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A partnership with Raffles Marina to conserve and protect the coral reefs and ocean. By **Abigail Alling, President PCRF, and Orla Doherty, Managing Director PCRF.**



The MOU signed by Francis Lee (President of RM) and Abigail Alling (President of PCRF), in October 2006, heralded the beginning of new adventures and a renewed commitment to the conservation of coral reefs in the Aseanarean and Melanesia regions. The mutual decision to make RM our home



port, and us, your "Club At Sea", signifies our long-term commitment to this initiative. Our first project that month, swiftly organised by Francis was a meeting between PCRF and Dr Aji and his team from Indonesia's Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, in the Anambas Islands, to study coral reefs!

In support of our offshore work, PCRF also newly acquired a 120' two-masted sailing vessel named *Infinity*. In October last year, we sailed *Infinity* from Phuket to ready her in Singapore, for the upcoming two-year expedition. Upon our arrival to a bustling Raffles Marina, we were placed alongside our old friend and PCRF Asia Representative, Yves de Leeneer, on board his vessel *l'Attitude*. Moreover, the year-end celebrations of Hari Raya and Deepavali saw us showered with donations and blessings. We wish to specially thank Raffles Marina and its staff who were key to our ability to work swiftly, as well as our numerous supporters: Compass Energy, Brunel International, Seagull Marine, S & W Engineering, Mooreast, Viking, Jotun, Little Ferry, Sinwa, Singapore Petroleum, Venus Express, Mercury Marine, Ropeworks, Dirk Davidse, Captain Nitin, Todd Keeler, Bob Howison, Nagha, Bathy, Simon, and many more who helped to get us back out to sea!

We look forward to having you "Join the Voyage" as we update you on our progress in *Nautique* and our homepage www.pcrf.org. Together we can make a difference!

The Planetary Coral Reef Foundation (PCRF) and Raffles Marina (RM) have collaborated for almost a decade, on coral reef conservation in the Aseanarean Sea. This partnership has included joint participation in the 1999 Marine Parks of Indonesia Expedition, an exchange of scientific information regarding the reefs studied in Southeast Asia (www.pcrf.org/science/index.html), and the design of Wastewater Gardens®, a sustainable wastewater recycling system, for floating fish farms.

Abigail Alling, M.S. is the co-founder and President of PCRF. For the past 23 years, Alling has been actively engaged in marine and environmental projects. She served as Scientific Chief for over 60 projects while living inside Biosphere 2, a laboratory for the study of global ecology, from 1991 to 1993. There she also created and managed the largest artificial ecological marine system, a 1,000,000-gallon mangrove, marsh and ocean coral reef. She has an M.S. degree in Environmental Studies, cum laude from Yale University.