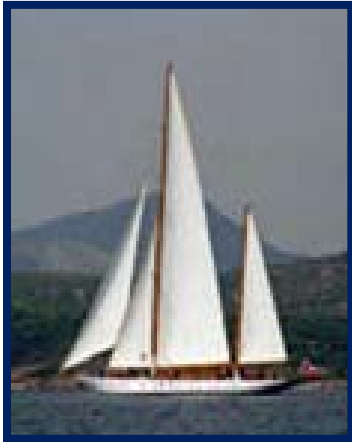


# **Sailing Vessel *Marilou***

## **A Project of the Planetary Coral Reef Foundation**

### **Overview**

Planetary Coral Reef Foundation (PCRF) has made a long-term commitment to organize community-based marine conservation programs in Southeast Asia. In support of this mission, PCRF has chartered and will reconstruct the sailing vessel “*Marilou*” to continue its offshore coral reef monitoring, education-outreach and “Studio of the Sea” film programs.



### **About the Ship, *SV Marilou***

Sailing vessel (*SV*) *Marilou*, a 114' classic yacht, was built in 1910 by the owner of the Werf Gusto Shipyard in Schiedam, Holland. In 1962 the ship was rebuilt and based in Greece. She is presently docked at a shipyard in Malta and will be sailed to Singapore in April, 2010.

### **Opportunity**

This is the opportunity for PCRF to reconstruct the vessel with an ideal layout and state of the art equipment to better accommodate PCRF's programs. The project will include two phases: retrofit of the ship in Malta (in order to sail to Singapore) and completion of its reconstruction in Singapore where PCRF has considerable maritime support. PCRF will also select an international crew of 8 men and women to participate as apprentices and learn about ship construction and seamanship.

### **Our Future at Sea**

*SV Marilou* is a traditional sailing vessel with ample space for science, diving, film and community-outreach programs. The vessel will be based in Singapore at Raffles Marina and while there, she will be the headquarters for the “Studio of the Sea” film program. PCRF will use the vessel in Southeast Asia for mapping and monitoring of remote coral reefs and will continue its maritime skill-based training and education-outreach youth leadership programs.

As well, PCRF has recently initiated two marine conservation projects in Indonesia: one with endangered sea turtles in the Anambas Islands and the other to monitor and protect the Menjangan Island coral reef that lies adjacent to Bali's Barat National Park. PCRF's coral reef ecology advisors, Dr. Tundi Agardy and Dr. Phil Dustan, as well as sea turtle specialist and PCRF Board Member, Dr. J Nichols, are making plans to use the vessel to establish long-term conservation programs involving the community at both these locations.

In support of these projects, Biosphere Foundation (PCRF's parent organization), is collaborating with partners in both Singapore and Indonesia to set up *Biosphere Society Singapore* and *Yayasan Biosfir Indonesia*.

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