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CHANGING THE WORLD WITHOUT CHANGING COURSE 2019 Annual Report | Launching Global Legacies





Captain Mark Drewlow, YachtAid Global Founder and Executive Director

2019

# **Annual Report:**Launching Global Legacies

13 Years 250+ Yachts

175+

**Projects** 

25+

**Countries** 



**Zoran Selakovic**, YachtAid Global Director

#### Dear YachtAid Global Friends and Supporters,

It is a great privilege to work with so many visionary, caring and committed people around the world on our humanitarian, conservation, and disaster management initiatives. The results that we achieved, across global coastal communities in 2019, are a direct outcome of our collective efforts and contributions which provided solutions to meet basic human needs - disaster relief aid, clean water access, education, and the conservation of oceans and marine life. YachtAid Global cannot do what we do without people like you.

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The 2019 Annual Report highlights just some of our notable, collaborative initiatives and projects as a yachting community. We responded to Hurricane Dorian disaster relief delivering emergency life-saving aid, continued building clean water depots as a foundation of human well-being, opened a first public library to support education and literacy in the Galapagos Islands, and launched conservation efforts in the Eastern Pacific to accelerate the science and research behind understanding how to best protect and preserve our oceans and marine life for the future generations.

YachtAid Global's efforts are made possible and sustained by your partnership and support. None of this year's work and life-saving aid could have been accomplished without yacht owners who elected to engage their yachts in contributing to the world around them, yacht crew who eagerly volunteer their time and talents, community volunteers across worldwide locations, and numerous friends and supporters who make the work possible through contributions of time and resources.

We go forward into 2020 with exciting plans for growth and the continuing commitment to making a measurable difference in the world around us by saving lives, alleviating suffering, and caring for our planet in cooperation with our partners across the world.

Thank you for your belief in YachtAid Global's mission and initiatives and your support enabling us to continue "Changing the World Without Changing Course".

With much gratitude,

Captain Mark Drewelow, Founder, Executive Director Zoran Selakovic, Director





#### DISASTER RESPONSE

#### **Operation Topaz: Hurricane Dorian Disaster Relief**



During the first two weeks after Hurricane Dorian made landfall in the Northern Bahamas, M/Y LOON served as an operational and communications platform in Marsh Harbor and around The Abacos Islands, providing support for 28 GSD specialized emergency response team members on a rotational basis, as well as, food, water, and respite from search & rescue and disaster relief work. The yacht crew also produced and delivered clean water, food, medical supplies, and facilitated medivacs during those critical first days after the hurricane's landfall.













In the weeks following the hurricane, YachtAid Global organized 11 additional supervachts and an operational sea-bridge for hundreds of smaller yachts which provided over \$5 million dollars of in-kind contributions and the delivery of over 600,000 pounds of aid across the Abacos Islands and Grand Bahamas. Many other partners, such as M/V Pacific Hope, a hospital ship providing primary medical care also joined Operation Topaz.

In addition, the compassion and relief provided through Operation Topaz extended beyond people affected by the hurricane when the crew of M/Y Laurel, who had dropped off more than 30 tons of supplies, stepped forward to rescue 55 dogs left homeless by the ravages of the storm. The dogs, properly released by vets for transport, were cared for by the Laurel's crew while enroute back to the US and Big Dog Ranch Rescue in Loxahatchee, Florida.

The operation demonstrated YachtAid Global's expertise in comprehensive disaster relief logistics coordination, the power of organized collaboration, the importance of verified needs assessments and the successful execution of disaster relief by providing the right aid to the right people at the right time.

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#### CLEAN WATER ACCESS

#### **Operation Clean Break**

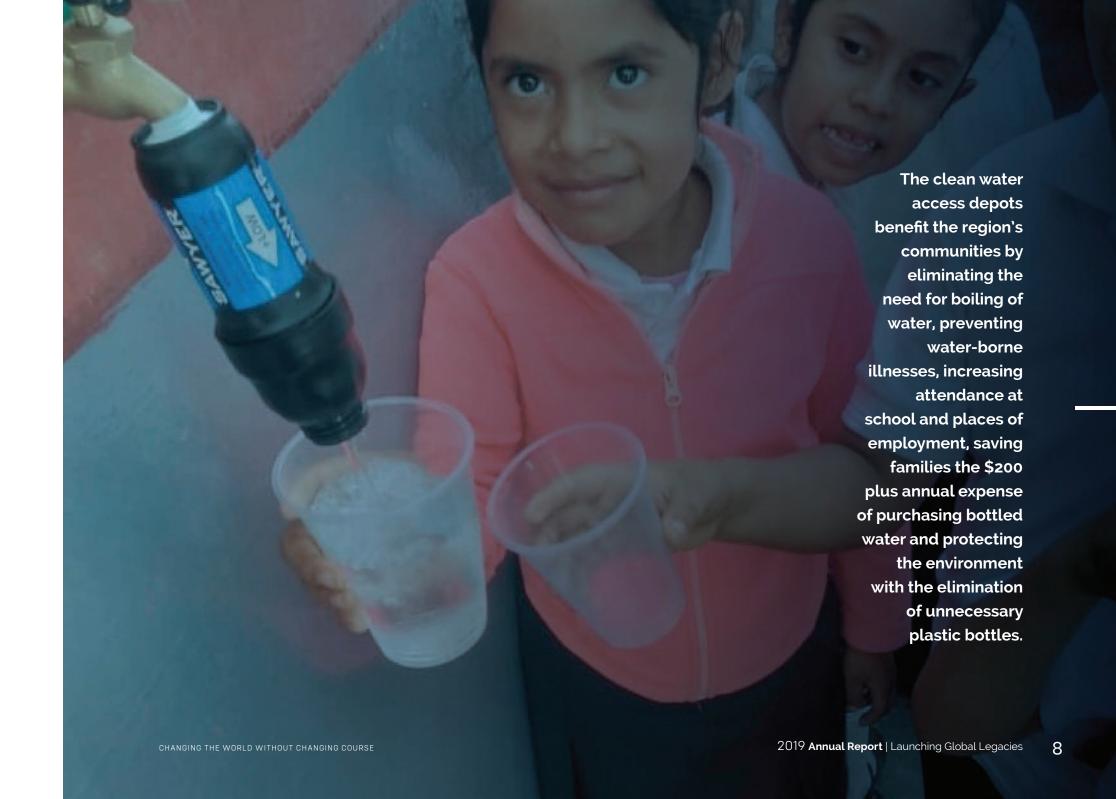
The 2018 pilot of Operation Clean Break, an initiative to provide communities in the Puerto Escondido region of Mexico with clean water access was successful, and thus formalized and expanded throughout 2019.





Twelve potable water filtration depots, which source water to purify from well water, city water by pipe, rainwater or delivery truck, were installed at schools and community locations providing clean drinking water where none previously existed. These water depots, when fully optimized with multiple filters, can provide clean drinking water for 7,800 people daily. This is particularly important in this region where frequent weather events including floods and earthquakes can disrupt infrastructure and access to any fresh water supplies.







### EDUCATION

## Operation Beagle: First Library in Galapagos







In late 2018 YachtAid Global launched 'Operation Beagle' to support coastal communities across the Galapagos Islands on the reaching of sustainable development goals in the areas of clean water access, education, and environmental conservation. The first set of initiatives focused on providing clean water access for 27 schools across four islands for 8,000 students, and environmental conservation education through the reduction of single use plastics.

In 2019, Operation Beagle continued with a focus on achieving broader education objectives for 30,000 residents who are both the current and future caretakers and keepers of the Galapagos archipelago. YachtAid Global partnered with AGIPA - the local association of naturalists and scientists - to launch the first library in the Galapagos.

Over the course of the year, cruising yachts delivered over 2,000 books for a wide range of readers, ten computers and other key equipment for a full operational library.

Generous financial support made it possible to employ a full-time librarian and to begin developing a sustainable library operation serving the community at large.







#### YOUTH AT RISK

#### **Surf Therapy Camp**

The Surf Therapy Program combines a safe program site, surfing and positive mentoring by consistent, caring adults.

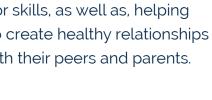






Through our focus on supporting programs for youth-at risk, vulnerable youth from Hout Bay in Cape Town, South Africa are learning new skills and important life behaviors through a new surf therapy program site. YachtAid Global helped launch the site in partnership with Waves for Change, South African authorities and the support of 20 members of a visiting yacht crew who spent a week helping stand-up the program site and sharing their experiences about life in the yachting industry with the children.

It helps at-risk Cape Town youth develop a sense of belonging, practice positive behaviors, develop resilience through coping and social behavior skills, as well as, helping them to create healthy relationships with both their peers and parents.





which aspires to serve 250 vulnerable youth each week, is now fully equipped, staffed with four coaches, open five days a week and offers program graduates a weekend surf club, where the youth can continue to access their peers, mentors, surfing, and the opportunity to learn new skills life lifesaving.

The successful and

growing Waves for

Change program,





### CONSERVATION

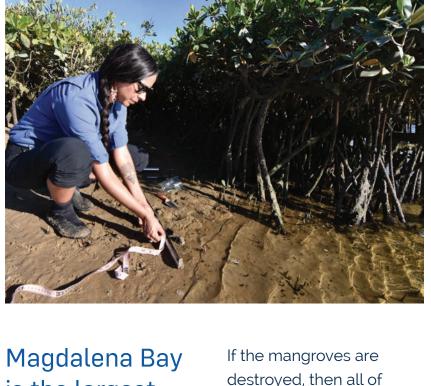
#### **Blue Carbon Initiative**

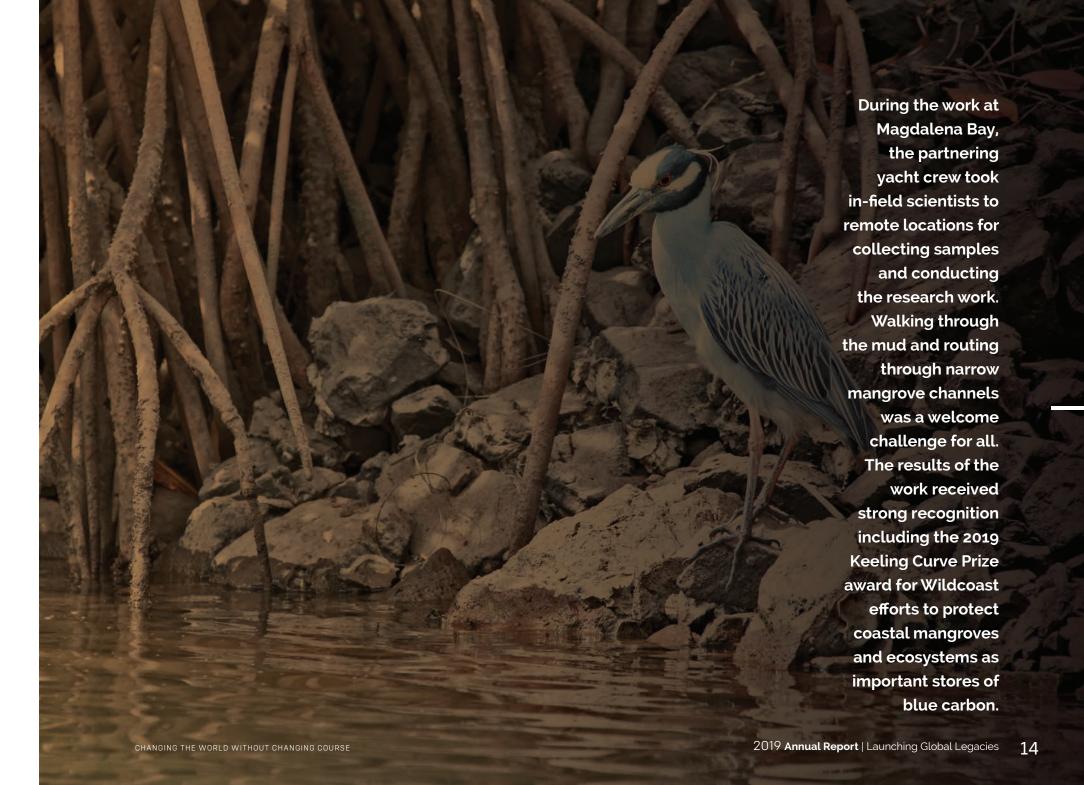


is the largest wetland in Baja California, Mexico and provides habitat for some of the most pristine and biologically important mangroves in the world.

destroyed, then all of the carbon stored within is released into the atmosphere. Therefore, this ability to store carbon, and maintain the ecosystem in a natural and pristine state, is crucial to mitigating the damaging effects of climate change.











# **CONSERVATION Operation Swimway**

Yachts engaging in this meaningful conservation work participated in planned activities with scientists including assisting with dives, operating underwater equipment, tagging, and measuring of 18 animals, and learning hands-on conservation methods and science.



YachtAid Global launched "Operation Swimway", a conservation program enabling 22 interested owners, guests and crew of 3 yachts to work closely with distinguished members of scientific community over a period of 20 days to accelerate the conservation of pelagic species across the Eastern Pacific.



The collaborative efforts were focused on conservation of the critical migration corridors for sharks, manta rays, sea turtles, and billfish along routes between Sea of Cortez, Revillagigedo Islands, Cocos Islands, Malpelo and the Galapagos, which have been significantly impacted by overfishing and bycatch. These corridors play a critical role in the migration of these species as they seek to reach new feeding grounds and protected pupping areas.







#### ACREW

#### **Yachting Humanitarian Award**

YachtAid Global, in cooperation with ACREW and RoamingExpert, launched and presented the inaugural Humanitarian Crew Award in 2019.

The award is to be a regular category in **ACREW's** annual Crew Awards program honoring and rewarding superyachts and crew that have proven themselves to be the very best at their job. The Awards are a personal achievement and an industry-wide recognition of professional excellence.

The Humanitarian Crew Award was created to acknowledge yachts or crew members that give back to the coastal communities they visit along their cruising itineraries through a variety of humanitarian programs.



These vessels and crew demonstrate that the superyacht industry is committed to supporting and caring for the coastal peoples and communities they frequent and enjoy.

The 2019 Humanitarian Award Winner was The Fly Fleet, who demonstrated a strong commitment to areas they cruise by undertaking many humanitarian and outreach initiatives, a living testament to the Fleet's core value of "Identifying new and creative ways of leaving a lasting and positive impact on the communities we visit."







## 2019

## **Financial Report**

#### Revenue & Support

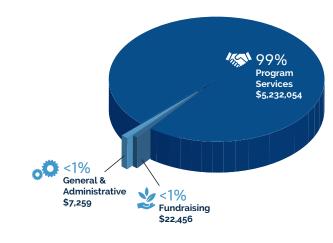
Contributions	\$1,004,513
<b>In-Kind Donations</b>	\$5,035,035
TOTAL REVENUE & SUPPORT	\$6,039,548

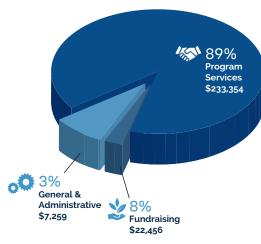
#### Expenses

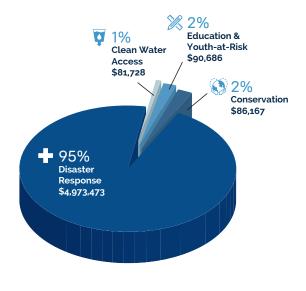
#### **Program Services:**

Disaster Response	\$4,973,473
Clean Water Access	\$81,728
<b>Education &amp; Youth-at-Risk</b>	\$90,686
Conservation	\$86,167
General & Administrative	\$7,259
Fundraising	\$22,456
TOTAL	\$5,261,769
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$777.779
YEAR-END NET ASSETS	\$867,583

#### **Expenditure**







# Spending with In-Kind Donation

General & Administrative	\$7,259	<19
Fundraising	\$22,456	<19
Program Services	\$5,232,054	99
TOTAL SPENDING	\$5,261,769	

# Spending without In-Kind Donation

General & Administrative	\$7,259	3%
Fundraising	\$22,456	8%
Program Services	\$233,354	89%
TOTAL SPENDING	\$263,069	

#### **Program Services**

Clean Water Access	\$81,728	1%
Education & Youth-at-Risk	\$90,686	2%
Conservation	\$86,167	2%
Disaster Response	\$4,973,473	95%
TOTAL SPENDING	\$5,232,054	

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### YOU CAN HELP!

#### **Transport**

One of the primary tasks of YachtAid Global is finding vessels willing to transport donated or purchased goods, supplies and relief materials in support of existing programs or in times of disaster relief.

YachtAid Global is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All donations are tax deductible as a charitable contribution to the fullest extent allowed by law. We are committed to sound stewardship and using your gift to deliver the most effective, sustainable solutions for humanitarian aid and conservation.



Partner superyachts may shift goods from their origin straight to a destination or move goods to a location closer to its ultimate destination.

If your superyacht is interested in helping YachtAid Global by being a vessel of transport, please contact us at Info@YachtAidGlobal.org. A questionnaire will be provided to enable us to determine the best way to engage your help.

# Financial Contributions

**Financial contributions** enable us to stand ready with the resources necessary to provide timely humanitarian aid, conservation, and disaster relief to coastal communities on an ongoing basis through established initiatives or in a rapid response to disasters as they arise. Links to donate to YachtAid Global in general or to one of our specific operations can be found on the website at **YachtAidGlobal.org** 

## In-Kind Contributions

**Gifts in-kind** to support YachtAid Global initiatives or operations are welcomed. As each operation has its own array of needs, please contact YachtAid Global to discuss the best fit for your potential in-kind giving at **Info@YachtAidGlobal.org** 

# Planned Giving

**Including YachtAid Global** in your future giving and estate planning will support the creation of humanitarian, conservation, and relief programs, as well as, lasting legacies across the vulnerable remote coastal communities. Please contact YachtAid Global for information, to discuss your intentions, or to indicate that you have already included YachtAid Global in your estate plans.

## Join the Conversation

**Follow YachtAid Global** at our website or social media platforms to keep up to date on our latest news, projects and operations as we join together with like-minded yacht owners, captains and crew to continue changing the world without changing course.









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YachtAid Global (YAG) is a registered 501(c)(3), operating at the highest levels of international non-profit work across coastal communities and with small island developing States worldwide.

Our humanitarian aid, conservation programs, and disaster relief responses are successfully implemented through a vetted network of agents, brokers, NGO's and government agencies, in combination with YachtAid Global's provision of consultation, leadership,

and logistics management, at local and global levels, for superyachts interested in participating in the execution of the altruistic activities.

In addition, YachtAid Global is uniquely positioned to receive and channel contributed financial resources to emergent needs of coastal peoples in situations that do not allow for physical access by the yachting community through established partnerships with vetted NGO's, agents, government agencies and charities worldwide.

Since 2006, YachtAid Global has engaged 250+ yachts across 175+ projects over 25+ countries in timely, agenda-free projects that saved lives, built stronger communities. The programs enabled our partner donors, businesses and yachts to contribute to the world around them and leave lasting philanthropic footprints across global coastal communities.

Contact us at YachtAid Global to learn more about our existing programs and emerging initiatives that enable us and our partners to achieve positive maximum impact by distributing the right aid to the right people at the right time and enable us to continue *Changing the World Without Changing Course*.





