



## **SEASTAR FOUNDATION, Inc.**

### **OBJECTIVES**

**Fall/Winter 2009**

**through**

**Spring/Summer 2010**

The SeaStar Foundation's commitment to marine environmental studies and education was demonstrated last spring and fall by its involvement in projects assisting The University of Miami Rosenstiel School, South Florida Student Shark Program, Biscayne Learning Center, and NOAA. They conducted research and educational projects in Biscayne Bay and adjacent waters. Students from Broward, Dade, and Monroe County were able to participate in data collection and learn protocols that provided immediate contribution to the understanding of our local ecology. This synthesis of practical field work and lab technology is what SeaStar has been looking to support since its founding.

The alliance of organizations involved here represent the highest caliber of scientific research and educational training. The SeaStar Foundation's goal is to provide the practical equipment and labor to carry these and other projects to fruition. We need specific vessels, field equipment such as microscopes and meteorological equipment, energy sources such as diesel generators, wind, solar and tide flow generators, desalination units, cisterns, and sanitation service for us to provide what is needed for the Stiltsville Biscayne Learning Center. The structures have been approved and all the necessary permits have been obtained but the actual programs have been delayed because of the current economy.

The SeaStar Foundation is unique in that it already has a lot of the necessary equipment and skills needed to get these projects rolling. The three officers have a combined experience of over 110 years in marine mechanics, sailing, navigation, design and procurement. We've come in through the scuppers and can get things done efficiently and economically. We are doing this because we love the oceans and the experience they have given us and we want our younger generations to have the same opportunities. We can see that modern problems need modern solutions and we have found that the people who comprise these organizations are of the highest caliber morally and intellectually, and they have a work ethic that can only come from a true dedication and love for their jobs.

Please look over the material we have provided and ask us about specific issues that come to mind. See how our efforts can benefit you and all of us to create an alliance that fosters good will and sound environmental and economic policies.

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