



SEA EXPEDITION TEAM 2021

Haynes family and the S. V. Florette

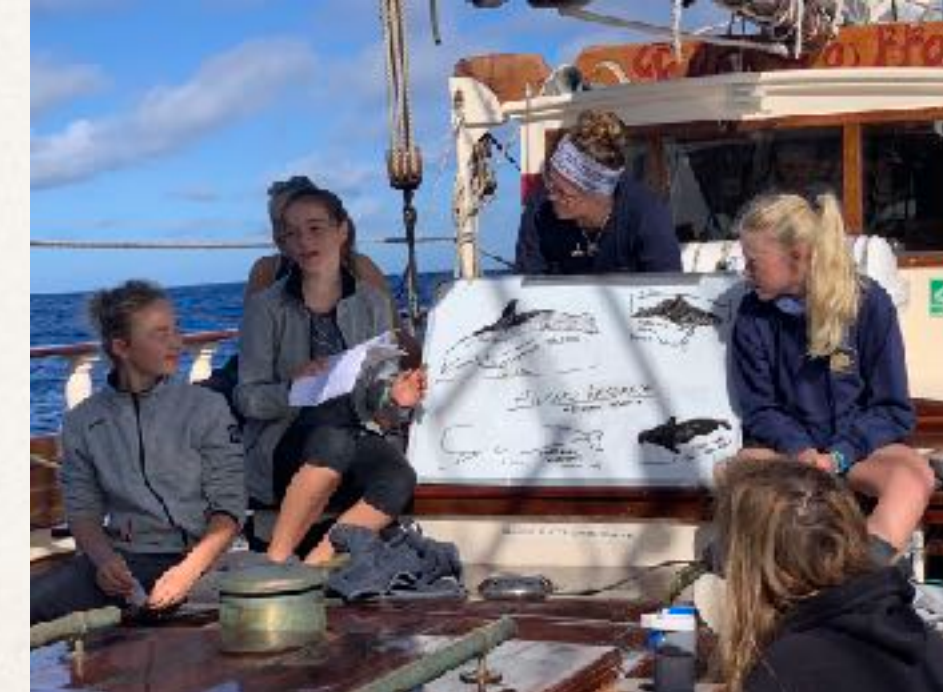
The Florette has been owned by our family since 1978. We, the Haynes - Rony, Nicole, Jaden and Amber - form the regular crew, along with 3-4 additional crew members. We promote an eco-friendly and sustainable tourism exploring the old sailing trade routes and support expeditions and environmental research on climate change and ocean plastic pollution. In 2020 we launched the EcoShip trademark label for ships.

We love to share the experience on board of an old windjammer - one of the last of it's kind - and invite you to join us on this unique Tall Ship Youth Adventure Sea Expedition. In the company of renowned experts of marine and terrestrial biology, cultural and physical geography we will set sail to the eastern shores of Sicily, continue our voyage through the Strait of Messina to the volcanic archipelago of the Aeolian Islands and finally reach destination in Calabria. Over the many years we made many friendships along the way with local fishermen, divers, kayakers, volcanologists and environmental activists, some of whom we will meet.

You will experience active sailing on an ancient windjammer, and adventure you will never forget. There will be ample occasions for water sports - sea kayaking, stand-up-paddling and snorkelling - and swimming, visits on land and hiking, not to forget a dive into local cuisine. We might even catch our own fish to grill.

Follow us on www.florette.com, www.facebook.com/svflorette and on Instagram on @svflorette and @ecoship.eu

To know more about sustainability on the Aeolian Islands: www.aeolianpreservationproject.org



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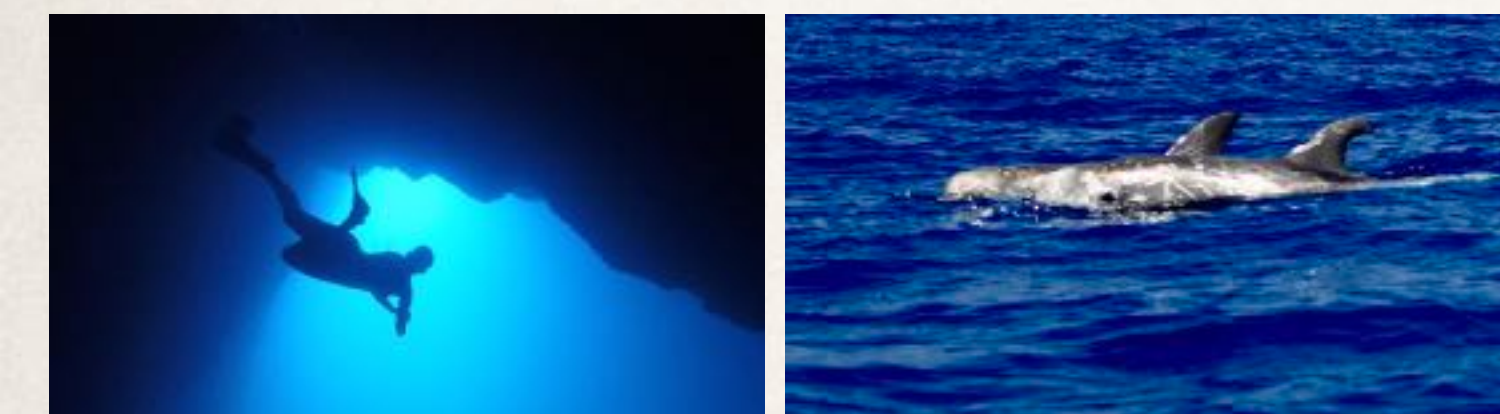
Sandra Agius Darmanin

Sandra Agius Darmanin, marine biologist and Senior lecturer of the Malta University

Sandra will guide you on snorkel excursions and teach you all about the beauty of the Mediterranean as well as the impact we humans have made on it. You will learn to identify key species, carry out underwater visual surveys, identify and compare habitats and biodiversity in each. We will engage in cetacean surveys along the way. During the watch roster, participants can look out for cetaceans, learn to distinguish between species, record sightings in a log sheet together with GPS location and photographs. Data will be submitted to the biological conservation and research foundation (BICREF) NGO for their ongoing cetacean research in the Mediterranean. With her you will visit the wildlife turtle sanctuary on Filicudi island and meet the local marine biologists who protects the marine nature of the island. We will do our part in helping them and organise a beach clean-up during our time there.

Find Sandra on Google scholar <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=KvzkmNwAAAAJ&hl=en>

Sandra's Facebook page Sealife Science which looks at marine life especially focusing on the Mediterranean.



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Peter Amann

Peter Amann, geographer, travel journalist, tour guide and avid lover of Sicily and it's surrounding islands (Malta included).

Peter set foot for the first time in Sicily in the spring of 1993 and never left – so to say. Since that time he spent the equivalent of several years travelling in Sicily and on the surrounding islands. He is the author of twenty acclaimed guide books, many of them covering Sicily and the Aeolian Islands.

It is with pleasure that he accepts the challenge to be part of this extraordinary expedition on board of the S. V. Florette in the company of Maltese students and is sure to learn more from them, than what he could possibly teach. Nevertheless he will share with great joy his passion and knowledge. Let's find out where Caravaggio went after he fled from Malta, unveil the secrets of ancient greek temples and theatres, understand Mount Etnas volcanic activity and the possible involvement of Saint Agatha and passing through the Strait of Messina come to a better understanding of the geographic realities behind Ulysses mythical voyage.

Follow Peter on Instagram @aman.peter, @sud.ebasta and @walksicily



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Pietro Lo Cascio

Pietro Lo Cascio, conservation biologist, naturalist guide and founder of Nesos - a non-profit organisation dedicated to the enhancement of the islands and insular ecosystems.

Once we reached Lipari island Pietro will take his place onboard and lead you on a journey into the stunning nature reserves of the Aeolian islands, where you'll discover the wonderful miracles of untouched nature. He has published about 200 papers in scientific journals as well as several books including a guide to the biodiversity of the Aeolian Archipelago. Currently he is the vice-president of the Sicilian Society of Natural Sciences and member of the initiative PIM, an international ONG for the conservation of Mediterranean small islands. Not to mention, Pietro is a very gifted guitarist too!

Follow Pietro and his activities with Nesos on www.nesos.org and on Instagram on [@nesos_trekkingnatura](https://www.instagram.com/nesos_trekkingnatura)



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