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ABOUT PEACE BOAT US

Peace Boat US is a non-profit organization founded in 2006 in New York City that works for sustainability and peace around the world. Located next to the United Nations Headquarters, we are guided by the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) with emphasis on:

- #13 Climate Action
- #14 Life Below Water
- #16 Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions
- #17 Partnerships for the Goals



OUR WORK

We focus our work on four areas:

- Ocean Conservation
- Climate Action
- Disarmament Advocacy and Education
- Youth Engagement

Our partner organization is the Japan-based NGO Peace Boat, with whom we work on educational programs toward the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

PEACE BOAT



Dear Partners and Friends,

We are pleased to share our Annual Report from another remarkable year for Peace Boat US. As Peace Boat US continued its work in ocean conservation, climate action, disarmament and youth engagement we were pleased to see positive progress on all fronts. The UN Special Envoy for the Ocean, Peter Thomson noted that, “2025 has been a landmark year for ocean action, with real momentum building toward protecting our global ocean.” Important progress was seen in advancing climate action as well. The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons continued to grow in strength and support, while youth played an increasingly visible role in international efforts to advance peace and sustainability.

Key highlights, experiences, and achievements include:

- Youth for the SDGs program:
 - Patagonia-Antarctica Voyage
 - Caribbean and Latin America Voyage
- Peace Boat’s visit to New York and Programs onboard
- Peace Boat US Internship Program with several new University partnerships
- UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development
- Participation at the UN Ocean Conference in Nice, France
- UN Annual Climate Change Conference in Brazil (COP30)

These events were possible thanks to the incredible support of our community. To our donors, supporters, interns, program participants, partners – thank you for helping to make our mission a reality.

In 2026, we look forward to continuing our work on Ocean conservation, climate action and disarmament education, and are excited to work with our many partners to bring more young people into our work towards a more peaceful and sustainable world. Thank you for being part of our voyage!

Peace Boat US



BLUE ECONOMY FORUM ONBOARD IN VALPARAISO, CHILE FEBRUARY 12

During Peace Boat's call to the Chilean port of Valparaíso, the Blue Economy Forum was held onboard with representatives from over a dozen different governmental, United Nations, business and civil society organisations. The forum focused on three segments, about Chile and the Ocean, the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement, also known as the High Seas Treaty; Innovation for the Ocean; and Youth for the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Ms. Maisa Rojas, Minister for the Environment in Chile, reaffirmed the country's commitment to the High Seas Treaty (BBNJ) for the conservation of marine biodiversity in international waters, and participants of the Youth for SDG program shared their initiatives, experiences, and desires for a sustainable ocean after travelling through the Antarctic region. Peace Boat showed its support to Chile in the application to host the Secretariat of BBNJ, valuing Chile's commitment to the 2030 Agenda and the ocean. The session closed with a networking space to foster new alliances and collaborations in ocean science, made possible with support from LATAM Airlines, the Mascarona Foundation and PVM Consulting.





INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS, SUSTAINABLE CITIES & OCEANS EVENT FOR THE 12TH ANNUAL WORLD OCEAN SUMMIT – MARCH 14

Peace Boat US collaborated with our partner Christian Schmitz, along with other ocean conservation partners, for this special event in Tokyo on March 14. Peace Boat joined the lineup of speakers alongside partners from the Ocean Alliance, Sasakawa Peace Foundation, and others.



ONE OCEAN SCIENCE CONGRESS JUNE 3 - 6

Peace Boat US participated in the inaugural One Ocean Science Congress, hosted by the UN, CNRS, and Ifremer, bringing together leading ocean scientists, policymakers, and stakeholders to advance ocean knowledge in support of sustainable development. The congress featured high-level dialogues, scientific sessions, and networking events to help shape the future of ocean science in Nice, France, from June 3 to 6.





HARNESSING CITIZEN SCIENCE & CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF GLACIERS' PRESERVATION JUNE 5

This event highlighted the important role of youth empowerment through the lens of the Youth for SDGs program for the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. Youth leaders, scientists, explorers, and glacier experts from around the world shared the work they are doing for ocean and climate action, with a focus on glacier conservation and marine science education. Sharing the important role of the Antarctic Southern Ocean Coalition and sustainable tourism practices, Peace Boat highlighted their recent global voyage to Patagonia and Antarctica, celebrating the International Year of Glaciers' Preservation with UNESCO.





CONEY ISLAND BEACH CLEAN UP FOR WORLD OCEANS WEEK - JUNE 6

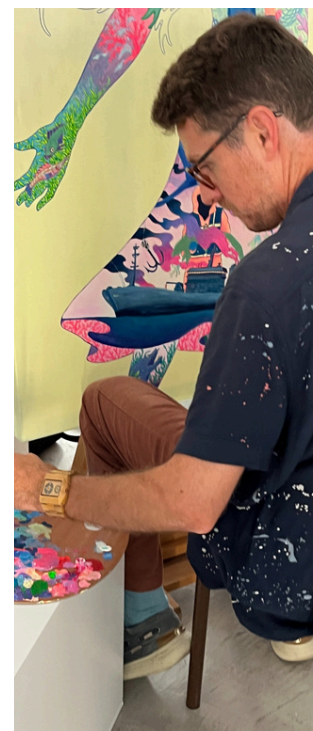
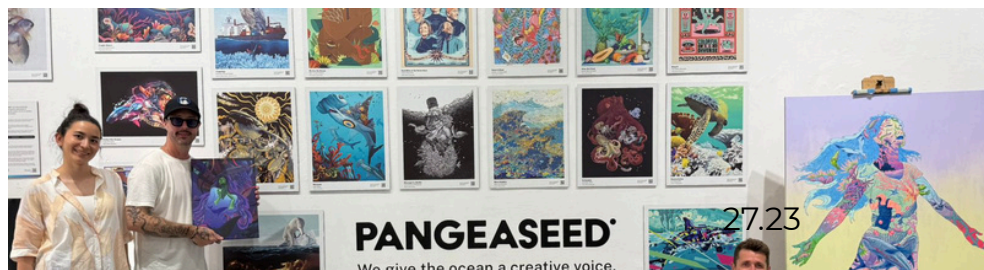
During World Oceans Week, the Peace Boat US Summer Interns joined the Oceanic Global & Wildlife Conservation Society's World Oceans Day Community Cleanup in Coney Island. The interns cleaned the beach and boardwalk, spoke about Peace Boat's mission to beachgoers, and went to the New York Aquarium. At the aquarium, the interns were invited by the Curator of Education to celebrate and learn about WCS and NY Aquarium's efforts to designate Hudson Canyon as a National Marine Sanctuary.



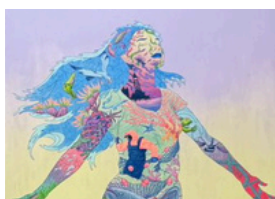
SHORELINE CLEANUP: UPSTREAM ACTION, DOWNSTREAM IMPACT CITIZEN ACTION TO STOP OCEAN POLLUTION AT THE SOURCE JUNE 7TH

On June 7, Peace Boat US kicked off Ocean Week with a shoreline clean-up of the Paillon River together with international partners, including Captain Fanplastic, UOCEAN, SOS Mares, Oceanic Global, Blue Planet Alliance, Nice plogging, and many more, along with local youth, environmental advocates, and UNOC participants. With a fun, family-friendly atmosphere and an educational twist, the event focused on SDG 14.1: reducing marine pollution from land-based activities.





TIDAL SHIFTS was presented through transdisciplinary collaborations to bring ocean science, sound, art, and community action to foster Ocean Literacy and public engagement. The exhibition encouraged participants to support Challenge 10 of the UN Ocean Decade, which contributes to SDG 14 and the global goal to protect 30% of marine environments by 2030. Volunteers joined the Gallery space during the UNOC 3 Conference in Nice and helped raise awareness about the inspiring artwork and events that were hosted during this important week for the ocean.





UNITED NATIONS OCEANS CONFERENCE JUNE 9 - 13



Peace Boat US participated in the 2025 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14, focusing on the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development. Co-hosted by France and Costa Rica, the overarching theme of the conference was “Accelerating action and mobilizing all actors to conserve and sustainably use the ocean.”

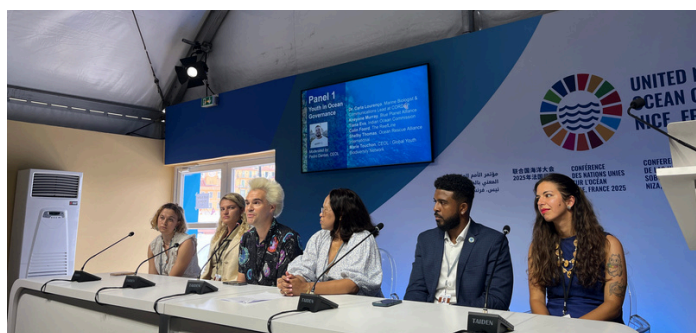




MOBILIZING YOUTH FOR OCEAN & CLIMATE ACTION

HARNESSING CITIZEN SCIENCE AND CAPACITY-BUILDING – JUNE 10

Peace Boat US was featured in the side event led by the Government of Kiribati in collaboration with the Governments of Chile and Palau, and other NGO partners. The event highlighted the importance of mobilizing youth to accelerate ocean action and showcased the power of youth representation in ocean governance and the blue economy. Peace Boat's global voyages and Africa-Europe Youth Ambassador Programme were featured in the event as examples of this youth mobilization and action.



MOBILIZING YOUTH TO ADVANCE OCEAN LITERACY & PROTECTION JUNE 3

In collaboration with the French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development and the international organization, Peace Boat US, held this special event to highlight the importance of fostering a dialogue between science and society. The event demonstrated how this approach helps to mobilize young people to protect the environment by empowering them as informed and engaged actors.





OCEANS APART, OCEANS TOGETHER

HOW THE POLAR OCEANS CAN UNLOCK BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION, CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION, & GLOBAL OCEAN CONSERVATION

JUNE 9

Peace Boat US and its partners held the event entitled, “Oceans Apart, Oceans Together: How the Polar Oceans can unlock biodiversity protection, climate change mitigation, and global ocean conservation,” at La Baleine, in the Orca Room during the UN Ocean Conference in Nice, France.



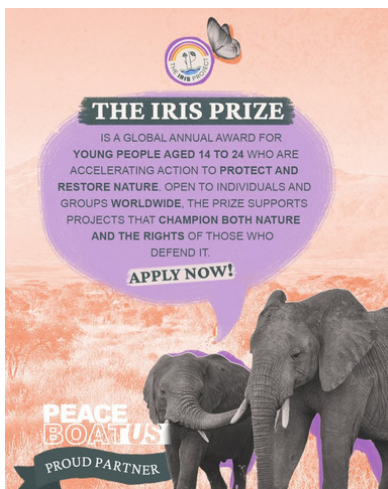
TOGETHER, WE RISE EVENT – JUNE 10

This event focused on the state of the ocean, the challenges faced by Small Island Developing States and indigenous communities, and the power of collaboration.



President Surangel Whippa Jr. from Palau
with Blue Planet Alliance Executive Director Francois Rogers.

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE IRIS PROJECT FOR THE IRIS PRIZE – APRIL 15



The Iris Prize celebrates and supports young people who are accelerating action to protect and restore nature. This prize is focused on making a positive global impact through youth leadership in sustainability. Youth for SDGs alumni, Francisco Lara Fletes, is an advisor to the program, and Peace Boat US partnered with the Iris Project to support this initiative.



NATURE SUMMIT & UNFCCC CLIMATE WEEK IN PANAMA MAY 19 - 22

From May 19-22, 2025, Peace Boat US participated in the inaugural Nature Summit: World Leaders Driving the Future of the Nature-Based Economy, convening government, business and philanthropic leaders to advance “blue and green economies.” At the summit, Emilie McGlone, Director of Peace Boat US, was interviewed by the SDGs News Team, highlighting Peace Boat’s work on ocean literacy and climate action. Peace Boat US also participated in the UNFCCC Climate Week ahead of COP30, held the same week in Panama City. A country that has achieved carbon-negative status, the government of Panama presented its climate pledge, which prioritized the implementation of climate action. Climate Week attracted over 1,000 global participants from over 109 countries, with approximately one-third of whom participated virtually.



GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE ISLANDS SUMMIT 2025 IN ST. KITTS AND NEVIS MAY 25 - 30

The Global Sustainable Islands Summit anchored a week-long series of events advancing sustainability and innovation across island communities. Peace Boat US Director Emilie McGlone served as a speaker at the opening Island Youth Forum. The summit focused on practical solutions and cross-sector partnerships including through the Island Solutions Expo. Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis, the Honorable Dr. Terrance Drew underscored the urgency of action, noting the conference signaled a serious commitment to achieving a more sustainable future.



The week concluded with the “Forum on Access to Climate Finance for Sub-National Island Jurisdictions”, reinforcing the importance of inclusive leadership and long-term resilience. Peace Boat US was proud to see past program participants contributing to the event: including Youth for SDGs alumni Arianna Abul-Nour (UK), who works with Island Innovation, and past Ocean and Climate Youth Ambassador Jeavanic Henry (St. Lucia) representing the UNFCCC capacity-building network.



CLIMATE WEEK NYC SEPTEMBER 21 - 28

During Climate Week NYC 2025, Peace Boat US and Blue Planet Alliance convened a series of engagements alongside the 80th UN General Assembly to advance ocean and climate action. A central highlight was the “From UNOC to Belém” high-level luncheon, which brought together senior leaders to elevate ocean priorities within global climate governance and finance. Youth leadership was also featured through the Youth for the SDGs event, where young leaders and global ambassadors shared initiatives on ocean literacy, science education, and climate action. Throughout the week, Peace Boat US acted as a key player in strengthening cross-sector collaboration, and elevating inclusive leadership across global climate processes.



UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE COP30 – NOVEMBER 10 - 21

Peace Boat US participated in COP30 in Belém, Brazil, advancing its mission at the intersection of youth empowerment, ocean–climate action, and peace for climate justice. Across official side events, high-level dialogues, press engagements, and public programming, the organisation elevated the links between ocean health, climate resilience, and equitable governance, while strengthening global networks of civil society, youth leaders, and frontline communities. A strong emphasis was placed on amplifying voices from Small Island Developing States and climate-vulnerable regions, reinforcing that inclusive participation is essential to effective and just climate outcomes. A central pillar of engagement throughout COP30 was the Youth for the SDGs programme, showcased through multiple sessions on youth leadership, capacity-building, and intergenerational collaboration. These events highlighted the programme's role as an official Contribution to the UN Ocean Decade and demonstrated how experiential learning, storytelling, and global exchange equip young leaders to drive impact within their communities and policy spaces. Read the [full report here](#).



ART BASEL – DECEMBER 3

Peace Boat US participated in the Family Office Forum at the Sagamore Hotel in Miami during Art Basel week, engaging with impact-focused investors and partners advancing the SDGs. The forum opened with a panel highlighting women's leadership in advancing a more conscious climate movement, with a focus on the growing role of women in mobilising and directing capital toward impact-driven solutions.



THIRD MEETING OF STATES PARTIES

A YOUTH PERSPECTIVE: SUPPORTING DISARMAMENT THROUGH THE THIRD MEETING OF STATES PARTIES TO THE TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS MARCH 3 - 7

Peace Boat US was represented during the Third Meeting of States Parties (3MSP) to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) on March 3rd to the 7th. Winter-Spring 2025 Intern Sara Hollingshead had the opportunity to attend as a Youth Representative with Peace Boat US and a volunteer with ICAN (the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons).

The week emphasized the power of youth in shaping global change. From attending events like the Nuclear Survivors' Forum to witnessing key statements from states on critical disarmament issues, such as victim assistance, gender dynamics, and international cooperation, Sara saw how grassroots advocacy and diplomacy intersect to drive international policy action. As she reflects on the 3MSP, she says, "This experience deepened my understanding of diplomacy as an intersection of humanitarian action and political negotiation, reinforcing the fact that true disarmament efforts must center the voices of those most affected."



GLOBAL PEACE FORUM – JUNE 19

On June 19 2025, Peace Boat US Director, Emilie McGlone, presented as a panelist for the International WeLoveU Foundation's Global Peace Forum at the United Nations. She spoke about Peace Boat US's involvement in youth empowerment and how programming, such as the Youth for the SDGs, is crucial to supporting youth leadership and peace-building efforts. The event welcomed panelists from a variety of backgrounds, including disarmament, finance, and filmmaking, bringing together a diverse group of voices united by the same vision for peace. PBUS' summer interns were able to connect and network with other attendees of the forum and gain valuable experience from attending a high-level event like the Global Peace Forum.



PEACE BOAT'S VISIT TO NEW YORK AND PROGRAMS ONBOARD – JUNE 29

On June 29, 2025, Peace Boat US hosted the annual Ship's Call event in New York, this year with the theme, "Time for Peace." Hundreds of attendees, from ambassadors to NGO partners, United Nations staffers, and current and former Peace Boat staff, joined aboard the Peace Boat to discuss and reflect on peace and disarmament. Interns and other Peace Boat staff explored a collaborative exhibit by the Nobel Peace Center and Peace Boat titled "A Message to Humanity" and learned about Peace Boat's storied history with nuclear affairs and its connection to Nihon Hidankyo, the 2024 Nobel Peace Prize Laureates. The "Time for Peace" event began with opening remarks from Peace Boat director and founder Yoshioka Tatsuya. He delivered a passionate speech for the dismantling of nuclear weapons around the world, noting that future generations should not have to live under the shadow of atomic war as he has had to. After Mr. Yoshioka's speech, the event continued with an introduction of the perspectives from different youth members of the international community, where the audience was able to gain a greater understanding of the current efforts that young leaders have taken to help communities recover from the impact of nuclearization. Ultimately, the final panel of the evening centered around the importance of centering and upholding international humanitarian law. Especially in times of turmoil, where many global wars and conflicts are occurring, and it seems like the significance of international law is beginning to erode.

In between the speeches and panels, various artistic performances were showcased. A performance from the Children's Orchestra Society, which featured the violin that survived the atomic bomb in Hiroshima, and a choral performance entitled "To Dream of Life Once More," inspired by the Hibakusha, the survivors of the atomic bombs were presented. These performances exhibited how valuable the arts are in uplifting the message of disarmament and global peace. The night closed with a networking reception on the deck of the Peace Boat's, where attendees were able to connect over their shared experiences, discuss the event panels, and cultivate new connections amongst those passionate about peace and disarmament.



PEACE BOAT'S VISIT TO NEW YORK AND PROGRAMS ONBOARD OCTOBER 16 - 17

Peace Boat docked in New York City this October 16-17, 2025. Our Blue Innovation Reception onboard Peace Boat brought together people from many areas of expertise and fields - from the diplomatic community and UN partners to civil society, academia, and the private sector. Together, we explored bold ideas and partnerships to accelerate ocean and climate action on our shared journey toward a sustainable blue economy.

The event highlighted outcomes of the UN Ocean Conference on building a sustainable blue economy as we look ahead to COP30 in Brazil. Peace Boat also presented exciting initiatives, including the last Youth for the SDGs Scholarship Program, an officially endorsed Contribution to the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (IOC-UNESCO), and EcoShip, our own unique and exciting next-generation sustainable vessel pioneering maritime decarbonization and innovative blue-economy solutions.

With inspiring speeches, live performances, and vibrant exchanges, we celebrated collaboration, creativity, and commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals toward a more resilient and inclusive future.





PEACE BOAT US INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

In 2025, Peace Boat US was pleased to welcome young professionals to the intern team to assist in daily operations and give the next generation experience working with a non-profit organization. Through the program, interns learned the inner workings of a United Nations accredited non-governmental organization through supporting projects and campaigns and also attending UN events as Peace Boat US representatives.

WINTER-SPRING INTERNS

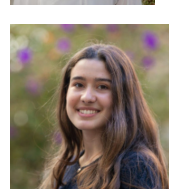
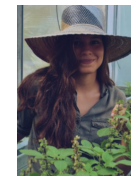
Peace Boat US welcomed three interns for Winter-Spring 2025: Sara Hollingshead, Jackson Weill, and José Maidana. They supported programming such as the Youth for SDGs voyage to Patagonia and Antarctica, Peace Boat US' involvement in the Disarmament Conference, and preparations for the UN World Oceans Day celebration.



PEACE BOAT US SUMMER INTERNS JOIN THE TEAM

Peace Boat US welcomed 14 interns for Summer 2025, including Tufts University, Harvard University, and Indiana University. The team focused on the Peace Boat's arrival in New York at the end of June, marking 80 years since the end of World War Two with a special Time for Peace Program onboard. The team also supported the Youth for the SDGs program for the United Nations Ocean Decade onboard the 120th Global Voyage.

At the end of July, the Peace Boat US intern team participated in the UN High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) to introduce the onboard educational programs fostering youth leadership in climate action and ocean conservation with an emphasis on SDG 14 for Life Below Water. The interns also supported various local initiatives, such as the World Oceans Day Beach Clean-Up at Coney Island and the International Day of Youth in August.





SUMMER 2025 VOICES FROM PEACE BOAT US YOUTH FOR THE SDGS AND INTERNS

Peace Boat US offers a unique opportunity to gain meaningful experience in the civil society and non-profit world, working in advocacy, youth engagement, sustainability, and international partnerships. We welcome passionate students and young professionals from any background who share our mission – ocean conservation, climate action, disarmament, and youth engagement.



Alejandro Forero Rey, Tufts University

This experience has strengthened my understanding of multilateral cooperation, sustainable development, and peacebuilding. I'm grateful to Peace Boat US and the team behind it for fueling my passion to advocate for a better future.



Shayna Ssanyu, Tufts University

I understand the importance of community engagement and partnerships for the goals much better now after working collaboratively with so many partners and institutions towards our experiential learning. We shouldn't tackle the SDGs alone but rather through shared responsibility between individuals, our governments, and civil society.



Signe Smith, Harvard University

This internship has been formative for me both personally and professionally, and I will carry what I learned with me as I continue my studies and future work in global affairs.



Delia Glavan, Pace University

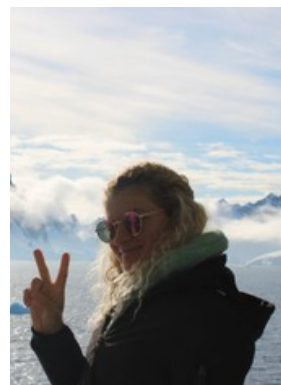
The internship has taught me about the guiding principles and skills needed for leading an international non-governmental organization, and how partnerships are essential in building long-lasting and impactful movements. It also allowed me to raise my voice on matters that are important to me.



From January 25 to February 13, 2025, Peace Boat US carried out the Youth for the SDGs scholarship program during its 119th Global Voyage through Patagonia and Antarctica, focusing on the United Nations Ocean Decade. Youth participants engaged in experiential learning, citizen science, and education for sustainable development while onboard and at port stops.

The program began in Ushuaia, Argentina, in partnership with Asociación Mane'kenk, where participants met with scientists, Indigenous leaders, and conservation experts to study glacial retreat and marine biodiversity. Activities included visits to the Martial Glacier, penguin habitats, and Café Científico sessions on climate science. The voyage continued through Antarctic waters and southern Chile, including Torres del Paine and Glacier Grey, followed by engagements at the UN ECLAC in Santiago.

Throughout the journey, participants conducted environmental observation, water quality testing, and onboard workshops integrating science, policy, and youth advocacy. The program concluded in Valparaíso with reforestation activities, a Blue Economy Forum with regional partners, and a marine biology visit and beach cleanup in Concón, reinforcing long-term commitments to ocean and climate action.





PEACE BOAT WELCOMES J-POP ARTISTS JO1 TO DISCUSS UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS – MARCH 6

Peace Boat, Peace Boat US and the United Nations collaborated to welcome J-pop artists from the talented group JO1 to the UN Headquarters to learn more about the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



WOMEN RISE FOR ALL SPECIAL EVENT – MARCH 18

Peace Boat US attended the special event, “Women Rise for All,” an initiative of the UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina J. Mohammed, dedicated to amplifying women’s leadership in advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals.





ECOSOC YOUTH FORUM – APRIL 15 - 17

This side event to the UN ECOSOC Youth Forum highlighted the Youth for SDGs program for the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. Youth leaders from around the world shared the work they do for ocean and climate action, with a focus on science education. Peace Boat highlighted their recent global voyage to Patagonia and Antarctica, celebrating the International Year of Glaciers' preservation with UNESCO. Discussions were followed by a series of short film screenings related to youth empowerment for the UN Ocean Decade.



UN HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM SIDE EVENT – JULY 14

On July 14, 2025, Peace Boat US, in collaboration with the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation and the Mission of Kiribati, presented the side event, “Mobilizing Youth for Ocean and Climate Action: Harnessing Citizen Science and Capacity-Building,” at the United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. This event highlighted the role of youth in climate advocacy and nuclear disarmament, bringing together fellow youth, NGO partners, and UN officials.

Peace Boat US interns Ruth Ijomor and Alejandro Forero Rey participated as panelists, sharing how their internships shaped their career paths and personal development. Speaking from his perspective as a Colombian student in the United States, Alejandro Forero Rey emphasized global citizenship and cross-border collaboration as essential to building a more sustainable future. Ruth Ijomor underscored the importance of collective effort, noting that there are multiple ways to contribute to positive change through different skills and mediums.

The session concluded with a Q&A, during which the interns addressed questions on climate action, artificial intelligence, nuclear energy, and youth engagement, reinforcing the importance of youth voices in global policy conversations.





UN HLPF SIDE EVENT YOUTH LEADERSHIP ON OCEAN AND CLIMATE ACTION THROUGH INTERGENERATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMS - JULY 22

On Tuesday July 22, 2025, Peace Boat US hosted the side event, “Youth Leadership on Ocean and Climate Action Through Capacity Building,” welcoming over 20 speakers—a mix of senior experts, scientists, storytellers, participants of the most recent group of “Youth for SDGs” program, and the Peace Boat US summer interns.

Peace Boat US Director, Emilie McGlone, started the session by highlighting Peace Boat’s role in capacity-building for SDG 14: Life Below Water through the Youth for SDGs programs. Speakers then addressed a range of climate action perspectives, such as the role of storytelling around climate issues in technology and corporate fields, empowering youth in bridging the gap between science and society, turtle conservation in Oman, and the future of civic infrastructure in accelerating innovation.



Following the first panel, Peace Boat US interns led a panel discussion on the role of youth in advancing climate action, underscoring the importance of youth having a seat at the table. The session focused on peacebuilding, storytelling, youth advocacy. The session ended with a panel discussion by the Youth for SDGs scholars who had just returned from their voyage, sharing the highlights of their 2-week trip, from mangrove restoration to snorkeling to their workshops, leave the session on a hopeful note about the power of youth in climate advocacy. The discussion ended on a hopeful note about the power of youth-led climate advocacy. Scholar Sydney Taylor referenced the concept “Ichi-go Ich-ie,” learned from Peace Boat US International Coordinator Yuri Kimura, expressing gratitude for the unique moment that brought the scholars together.





UN CIVIL SOCIETY CONFERENCE TOWN HALL FEBRUARY 12

Peace Boat US youth representatives participated in a Town Hall Meeting as part of the UN Civil Society Conference. UN General Assembly President Philémon Yang began the first half of the session by detailing the importance of civil society in our progress towards a more just, equitable, and sustainable future through the Pact for the Future (PFTF). In the second session, Under-Secretary-General Guy Ryder described the pact as a huge achievement for multilateralism, but emphasized that the pact's value depended entirely on implementation. Ryder believes its implementation can be made possible only by working closely with civil society.



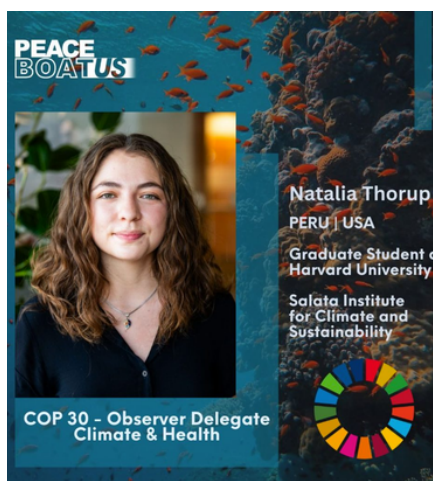


CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABILITY EXPO AT THE SALATA INSTITUTE IN HARVARD UNIVERSITY – NOVEMBER 7

For the second year in a row, Peace Boat US joined Harvard University at the Salata Institute for Climate for their Career Expo for Sustainability. Peace Boat US Director, Emilie McGlone spoke on a panel alongside a talented lineup of partners including Terra.do and One Point Five, both working on taking positive action for our climate. Two interns from Harvard University also interned with Peace Boat US at the New York office and onboard the Peace Boat in Latin America.



The Harvard University Center for the Environment, center of the Salata Institute for Climate and Sustainability, encourages research and education about the environment and its many interactions with human society. It aligns with our shared mission to develop and promote durable, effective, and equitable solutions to the climate change challenges confronting humanity. Peace Boat US is proud to join in the pursuit of practical, real-world solutions that address all aspects of the climate crisis and engage directly with governments, businesses, NGOs, and communities to collaboratively implement them.



Natalia Thorup is a Master of Science student in Environmental Health at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and a graduate intern at the Salata Institute. She attended COP30 as an observer delegate with Peace Boat. With the Amazon at the center of 2025's COP, it's a critical moment to elevate frontline voices in shaping climate-health solutions. As a graduate student, she focuses on strengthening climate resilience through cross-sector collaboration. Her work connects research, policy, and community-led action across health, environment, and development systems.



HARVARD UNIVERSITY STUDENTS JOIN PEACE BOAT AT COP 30 NOVEMBER 12

Harvard University researchers and students are actively engaged at COP30, participating in events ranging from integrating art, Indigenous wisdom, and science for climate action to centering resilience in primary health care and advancing biodiversity goals. The Salata Institute for Climate and Sustainability supported select Harvard students to attend the conference in Belém.

Two Harvard University students joined Peace Boat US at COP30 in Belém, Brazil (November 10-21, 2025), bringing their commitment to youth empowerment, ocean-climate action, and peace for climate justice to the world's largest climate gathering.

The Conference of the Parties (COP) is the largest annual global United Nations event for discussions and negotiations on climate change. Brazil hosted the 30th COP with a view to building on previous successes and paving the way for future ambition to effectively tackle the global challenge of climate change.

Throughout the conference, Peace Boat highlighted the urgent connections between ocean health and the climate crisis, and emphasized that peace is essential to building just and sustainable futures. By amplifying youth voices, strengthening networks, and linking the climate, ocean, and peace agendas, Peace Boat US continues its work to ensure that global climate action is inclusive, resilient, and just.

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**ECOSHIP AND YOUTH FOR THE SDGS
IN THE UN OCEAN DECADE**

NOV 18
11:30 - 12:00 pm
Room 2 | Area D

Emilie McGlone
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Harvard University

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Keeling Curve Prize

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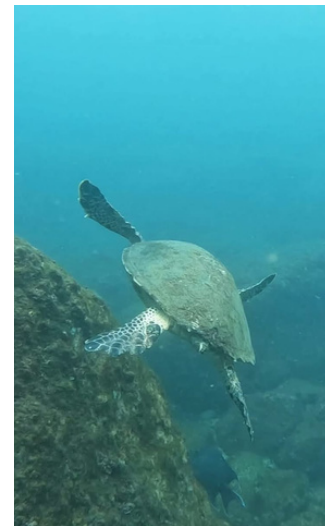
Peace Boat will present Ecoship, the world's most sustainable cruise ship, as a model for climate-smart shipping and maritime innovation.



LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN EXPEDITION 2025 – JULY 2-20



The Youth for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set sail on the 120th Global Voyage from Montego Bay, Jamaica, to Cristobal, Panama, sailing through the Panama Canal to Punta Arenas, Costa Rica, and concluding in Manzanillo, Mexico. 13 youth from all over the world participated in this study program, ranging from the United States to Romania, Colombia, and Kenya. With a continued focus on supporting youth from Small Island Developing States (SIDS), Peace Boat US partnered with Ireland's Our Shared Ocean program to invite youth participants from Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, Turks and Caicos, and the Northern Mariana Islands. Emilie McGlone, Director of Peace Boat US, and Yuri Kimura, International Coordinator, led the group through this experiential education program, which included lectures and workshops on board the Peace Boat as well as activities with organizational partners in ports.



EUROPEAN UNION DELEGATION MEETING JULY 23

On July 23, 2025, the final day of the HLPF, Peace Boat US had the opportunity to speak with the EU delegation to the HLPF to discuss how PBUS is furthering SDG 14: Life Below Water. The meeting also provided an opportunity to discuss future partnerships with the EU and deepen European countries' participation in Peace Boat US programming and outreach. Emilie McGlone introduced the organization and initiatives such as the Youth for SDGs program and the future Ecoship project, and emphasized excitement around deepening connections with European partners. Two Youth for SDGs scholars, Shayna Ssanyu and Karen Torres, spoke about their experiences on the voyage, highlighting their backgrounds and professional interests and passions, and how the voyage expanded their knowledge and cultivated their interests. Finally, a lively question-and-answer session was held where the participants discussed how European youth could get involved in Peace Boat's work, as well as potential future partnerships. The session ended with networking and pictures, marking a successful end to the HLPF conference for Peace Boat US.



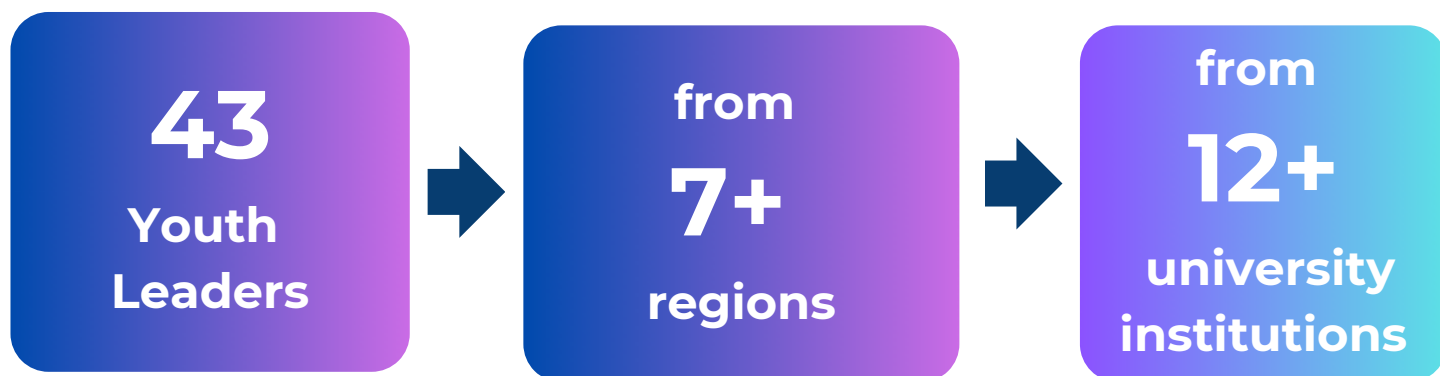


PEACE BOAT US FALL INTERNS JOIN THE TEAM

In September, our fall 2025 interns started off the month with the UNGA at the United Nations Headquarters and Climate Week NYC, which was followed by Disarmament Month in October, and Peace Boat's visit on October 16-17. In November, Peace Boat US joined the UN Climate Change Conference (COP30) in Belem, Brazil with activities and engagements that brought together youth, communities, and global partners in support of peace and sustainability. The interns supported various events leading up to COP30 hosted by Peace Boat US throughout the NYC Climate week, including various programs such as the High-Level Luncheon with RISE UP to bring the voices from UNOC to Belem, and the grand finale co-hosted with Blue Planet Alliance at the Hard Rock Hotel.



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