

## Galapagos Expedition April 24 – May 3, 2009



*National Geographic Endeavour*

NYYC's Cruising Committee is delighted to update you on National Geographic Endeavour and the additional assets we will enjoy during our Galapagos Expedition April 24<sup>th</sup> to- May 3rd, 2009.

After recent expeditions to the Arctic and Antarctic flying the Bahamas flag, NG Endeavour is being registered in Ecuador to operate in Galapagos in full compliance with all international safety regulations. She is an excellent expedition ship with an open bridge policy, cabins larger and more modern than Polaris, and, the facilities usually found aboard transoceanic expedition vessels.

Summary information on National Geographic Endeavour's proposed deck plans, expedition equipment, special features and photographs are attached and on the NYYC Galapagos Expedition web page [www.NYYC.org/GalapagosExpedition](http://www.NYYC.org/GalapagosExpedition) .

One highlight of our expedition is a custom designed activities program. Our daily activities ashore and in the water will be based on different fitness levels and interests, always accompanied by a naturalist. In addition to their daily briefings and presentations, the expedition staff will join passengers during meals and in the lounge/bar at night. We are investigating scuba and helicopter options.

Another highlight of our program will be a presentation aboard Endeavour by a senior research scientist from the Charles Darwin Foundation (CDF) [www.darwinfoundation.org](http://www.darwinfoundation.org). CDF undertakes scientific research and technical assistance in Galapagos for conservation, operating the Charles Darwin Research Station in Puerto Ayora on Santa Cruz Island. For more than 45 years CDF has been a partner of the Galapagos National Park Service (GNPS).

Additional ship facilities include an exercise room overlooking the stern with two treadmills, stationary bikes, one elliptical trainer, mats and free weights. A small pool, sauna and massage therapists are aboard.

Internet service is available with a wireless network in the public rooms, a network connection in each cabin and an Internet kiosk with three stations. Ship Internet access is subject to satellite availability and local conditions.

Dress code for our expedition is casual or sports attire.

We will accommodate some members on the wait list for this expedition and will contact them as soon as cabins are available. Cabin selection begins when the new deck plan is final in September.

If you have any questions please email or telephone Daniela Burton of the Sailing Office: (401) 845-9633.

*Email sent July 18*