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Yachts are a dime a dozen around Palm Beach, but not all quality vessels are relegated to a fate as purveyors of leisure. Just ask sisters Angela and Kari Rosenberg, who repurposed a 65-foot Grand Alaskan trawler for the sake of marine science research.

The Rosenbergs founded the West Palm Beach-based **Angari Foundation** in 2016, with the goal of developing a global community around marine and environmental sciences. The *R/V Angari* is a crucial player in the sisters' mission. Around \$1 million and four months went into the purchase and refitting of the vessel, which included "converting the living room into a laboratory, setting up a dive center with a compressor and gear, upgrading all the navigation and communication electronics, and installing a larger generator to support high-powered research equipment," Angela says. The *Angari* has since participated in more than 45 research expeditions, from *Shark Week* specials to post-Hurricane Dorian environmental surveys to sea turtle studies in Everglades National Park.

The *Angari* operates along the East Coast, the Gulf of Mexico, and the northern Caribbean and is available to science and film teams to charter for day and overnight research expeditions. The sisters endeavor to support long-term ocean research and will continue to offer the *Angari* at a low cost to scientists. "We recognize that scientists are faced with limited research funding, and the cost of getting out on the water is often the most expensive component of a study," Angela says. "We want *Angari* to fill this need for years to come." (angari.org)—*Skye Sherman*



INSET: THE R/V ANGARI MARINE SCIENCE RESEARCH VESSEL; ABOVE: KARI AND ANGELA ROSENBERG, FOUNDERS OF THE ANGARI FOUNDATION.