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Wild Dolphin Project is the longest-running underwater dolphin study in the world. Since 1985 we have been continuously tracking three-generations of dolphins every summer in the crystal-clear waters of the Bahamas.




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HELP GIVE THE OLD GIRL A FACE LIFT

R/v Stenella



IN THE FALL OF 2010,

WDP's Board of Directors launched a focused Capital Campaign to raise **\$200,000** for new engines, generators, and field equipment. To make our research vessel safe and "greener", WDP is focusing on:

- + Replacing our old engines with smaller and more fuel-efficient ones
- + Replacing our generators with new, fuel efficient models
- + Upgrading our electronics including radar, depth finders and GPS
- + Upgrading our research computers used onboard, and in the lab



IN 1992,

Research Vessel, *R/V Stenella*, a 62' power catamaran, was donated to the Wild Dolphin Project. For the last 18 years *R/V Stenella* has served WDP as our research platform in the open ocean. Built, and donated, by Modern Welding in Kentucky, *R/V Stenella* is a solid aluminum hulled catamaran, built for open ocean research. Originally designed for sports fishing, WDP modified both the exterior and interior for our long-term research needs.

Over the last 18 years we have refurbished *R/V Stenella* in small and large ways, including rebuilding engines and generators, welding or replacing parts of the aluminum hull, and upgrading electronics and watermakers.

Because we work in open ocean waters, a long way from shore, our research vessel is our bricks and mortar of the project. *R/V Stenella* not only allows us to remain offshore where the dolphins live but safely allows our research team to live at sea for extended periods of time.



TWO TARGET DATES FOR OUR ENGINE REFIT

AUGUST 2011

If we reach a 50% mark of our goal we can apply for matching funds with foundations.

WINTER 2012

Install engines to get ready for the 2012 summer field season.

If you would like to help us and make a pledge or know more specific information call Denise at 561.746.9193 or email dherzling@wilddolphinproject.org

ALL DONORS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN FLORIDA FOR THE LAUNCHING OF THE NEW STENELLA IN THE SPRING OF 2012 WITH HER NEW ENGINES!