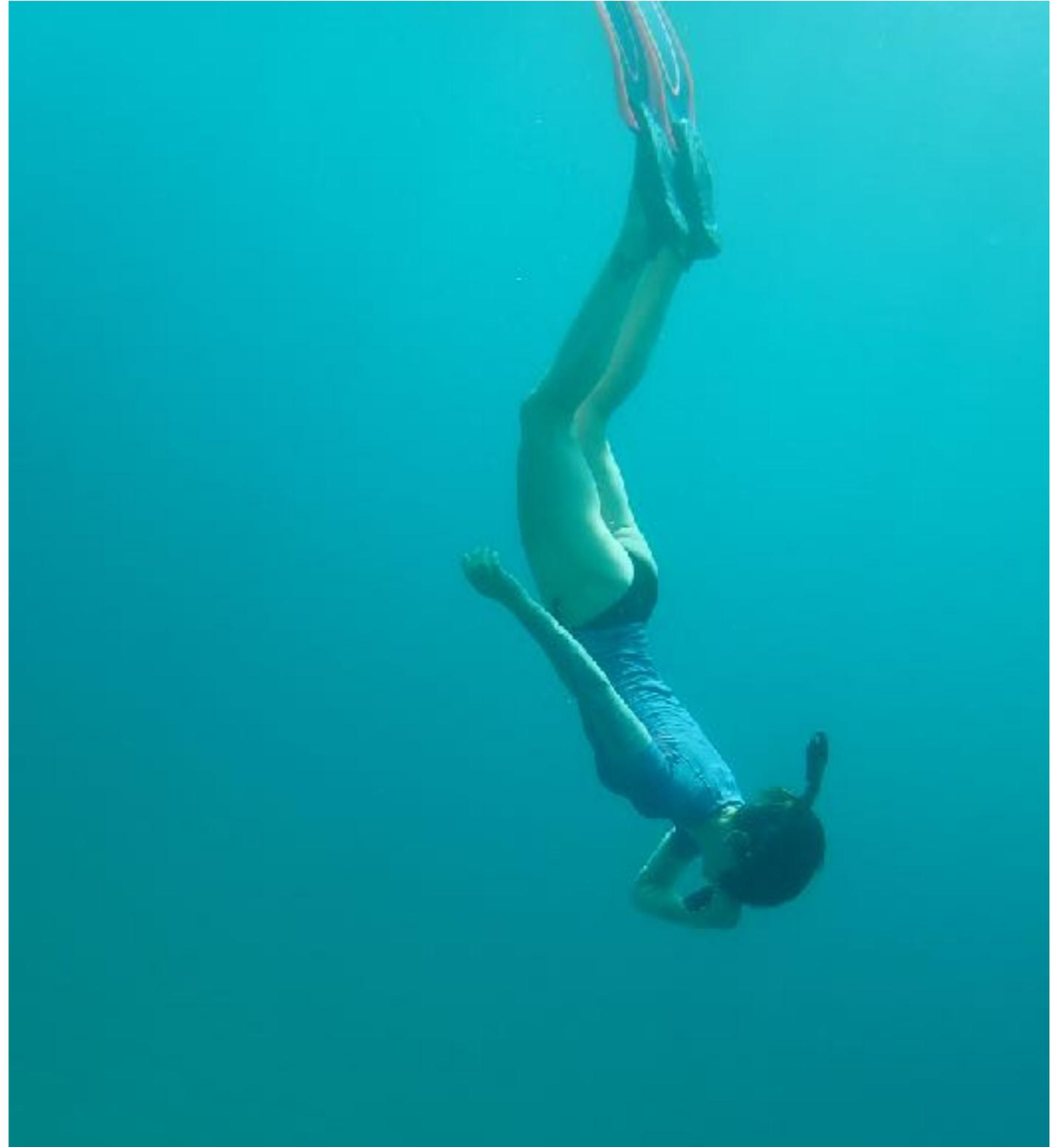


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Additional information for
joining our Expeditions



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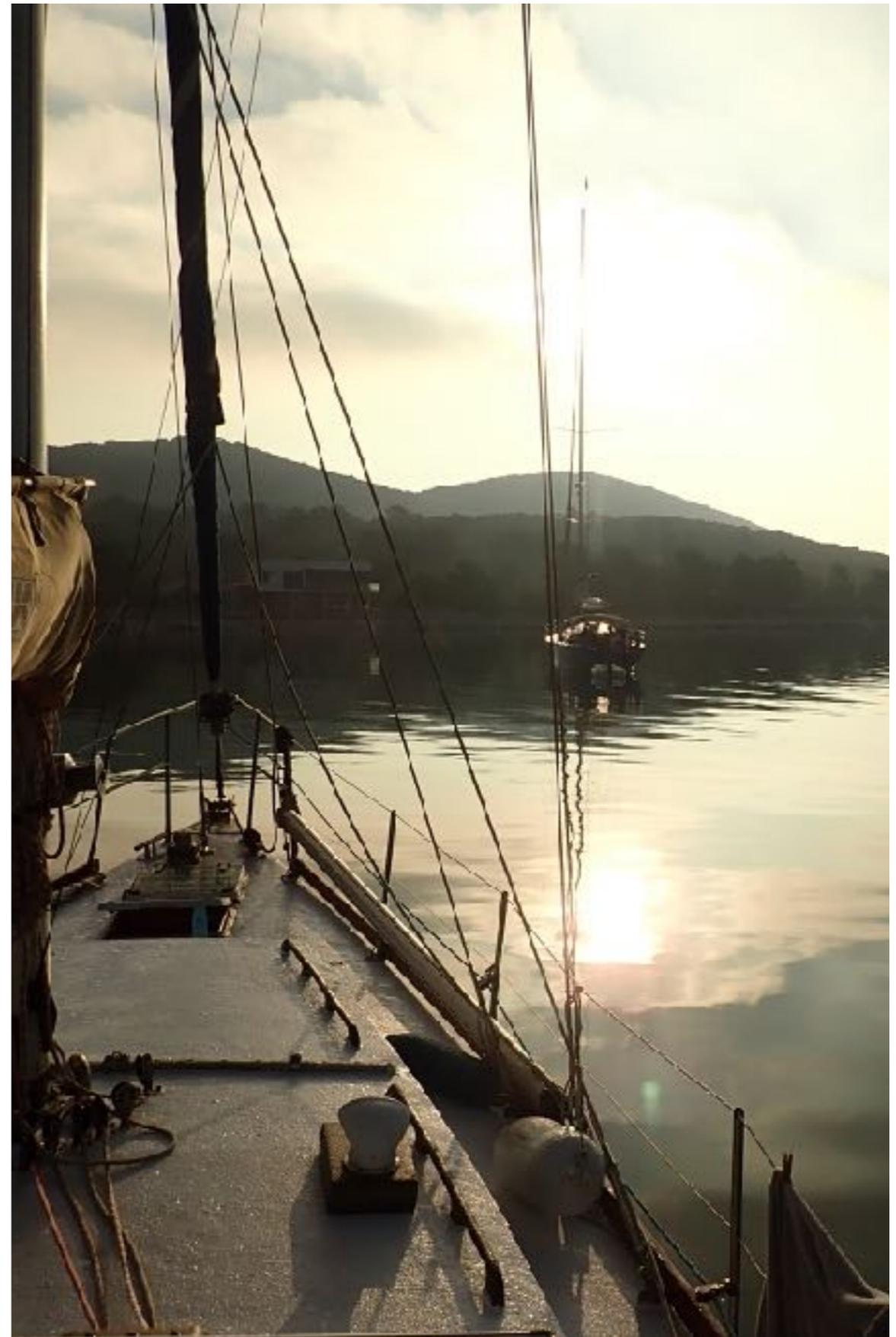
SCHEDULE

While we always aim to have a set schedule it is not always easy (Travel restrictions, weather, wind etc). However we do have a current schedule on the website:

<https://projectmanaia.at/schedule/>

Please do keep a few things in mind though:

- Our schedule is kept rough for a reason, this allows some wiggle room to adjust to changing circumstances and avoid delays
- We aim to have crew changes on the weekends - this generally makes travel arrangements easier for everyone and avoids waiting times in busy harbours
- We would suggest to plan for at least 2 weeks on board (Shorter stays are possible but not recommended)
- Allow some room in your schedule as well, especially for the departure: If a storm comes through we might have to delay by a day - and safety always goes first, however we will try our very best to accommodate everybody's schedule.



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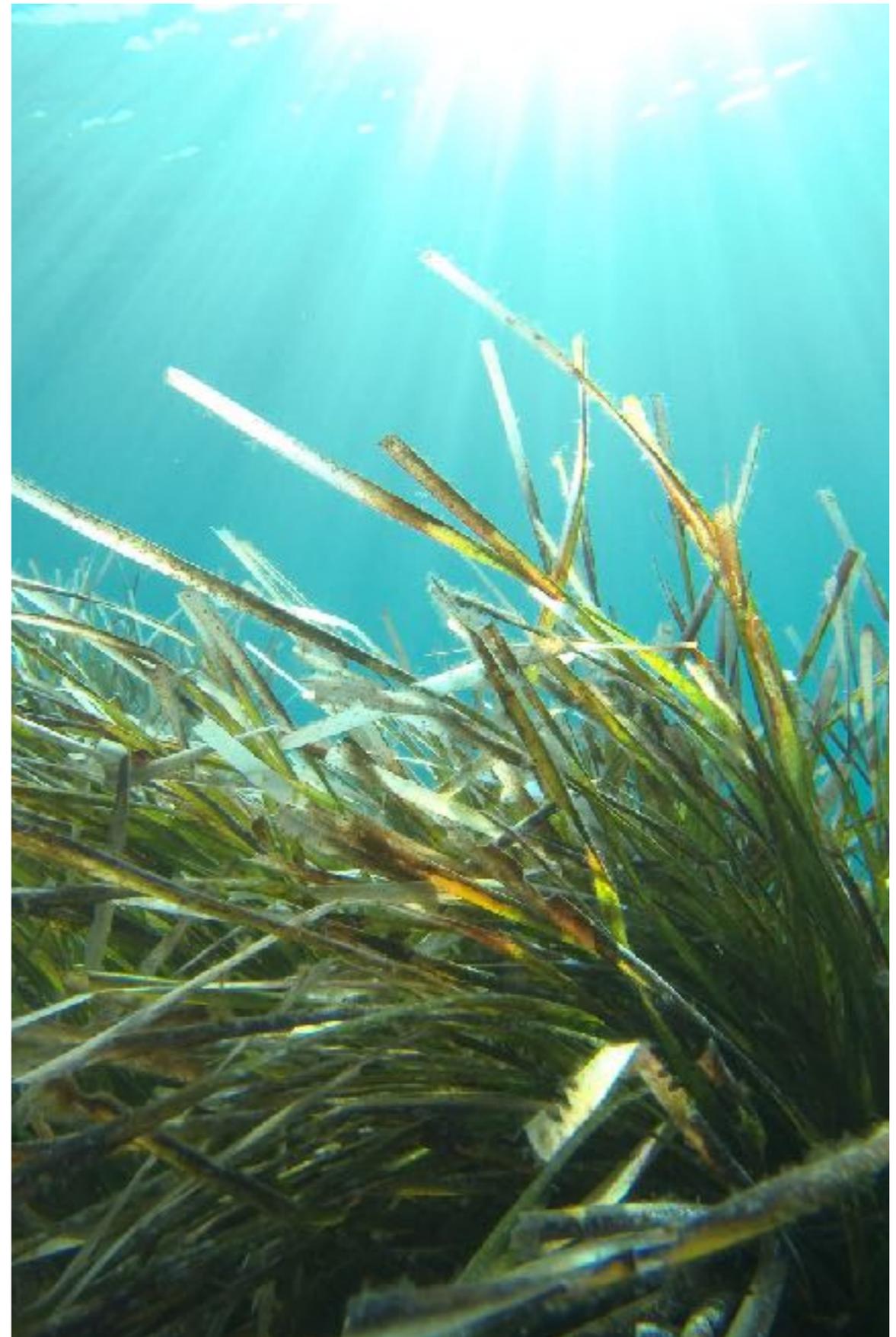
COSTS

We fully understand that Volunteers are priceless and therefore aim to keep costs as low as possible. At this stage we do have running costs to cover at everyone (including permanent crew) chips in to keep the project going.

There are however funding options from grants, Erasmus programs etc that can be looked at (with assistance from your university) and we will gladly help out with forms etc. We also had guests who funded their stay with successful crowdfunding before.

For a one week stay we do ask for a donation of 350 Euros per person - this covers ALL costs on board (including food, Marina stays, (non alcoholic) drinks, cruising permits etc.).

To allow for longer stays easier the second week will be offered for a donation of 300 Euros and every following week afterwards at a rate of 250 Euros per week and person - again: Covering ALL costs on board. So ones you arrive in the pickup location we will take care of everything until we drop you off again in th departure port of your choice.





DIET ON BOARD

All the food that can be found on board is available for everyone! We will not stop anyone from snacking or having a drink at any point. We only ask to keep us updated on stocks since it is not always easy to resupply.

Breakfast is generally self service but toast, spreads and supplies for muesli are generally available

Lunch and dinner will be cooked and shared by everyone. We all take turns cooking as well as doing the dishes afterwards.

While the diet on board is generally vegetarian we aim to fit everyone's wishes. Usually we plan a shopping trip along with pickups from people on shore, so that we can be sure to have all the special wishes taken care of and nobody has to go hungry.

If you have any special restrictions (Gluten, lactose etc. please let us know beforehand!

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PROJECTS

We highly encourage joiners to develop their own project ideally before coming on board already but at the latest in the first days on board - which you will also be presenting in the end of the trip and if wanted we will continue the data collection on your behalf.

However we also have ongoing projects that will keep everyone busy:

- Seascaping the Mediterranean: A big data collection project running transect and determining the change of bottom substrate as well as growth. This helps to determine changes in the eco systems and habitats and is particularly interesting since we cover a big geographic range as well as annual visits.
- Species collections: Every stop we also go for snorkelling trips aiming to collect as many species as possible - equipped with underwater cameras we have evidence of all sightings - helping all participants to secure their knowledge of the local fauna and flora but also adding to a distribution catalogue for local as well as invasive species in the Mediterranean.



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AND MORE

We hope you could find answers to most questions in this document already, if not you might find the answers in these links:

All the information about the SY Independence:

<https://projectmanaia.at/services/boat/>

More about the Research (and Fun) gear on board:

<https://projectmanaia.at/services/boat/>

Find out what others said about their stay on board:

<https://projectmanaia.at/blog/>

If you don't feel like reading there is also a lot of information to be found in our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/projectmanaia>

And if there are any more questions please do not hesitate to get back in touch with us via mail:

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