

SHIP4GOOD

MV STEVE IRWIN

PILOT AT ANCHOR · SUMMER 2026/27 · ALTONA, PORT PHILLIP BAY

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Ship4Good and the mighty **MV Steve Irwin** are dropping anchor off Altona this summer for a pilot conservation program, and **we're looking for live-aboard citizen science crew.**

LIVE ABOARD

SEAWEED BIOMASS

JAWBONE MARINE SANCTUARY

YOUR OWN CABIN

MAX 4 GUESTS PER STAY

Saturday to Tuesday stays, all summer

Pick-up Altona 10am Saturday · back 4pm Tuesday

APPLY NOW →

THE MISSION

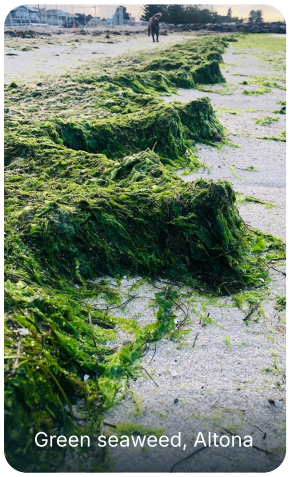
SCIENCE BY DAY. A SHIP AT ANCHOR BY NIGHT.

This summer The Steve becomes a floating base for **citizen science on Port Phillip Bay**. Crew will help observe what's happening in the water and on the shore around Altona, then come home to a ship with plenty of time to enjoy her and this unique corner of the Bay.

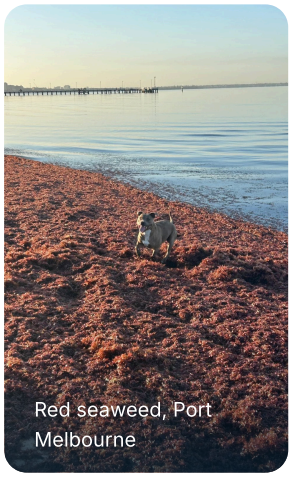
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Seaweed biomass in the bay and on the beaches

Observing and recording the seaweed that builds up in the Bay and washes onto the beaches around Altona. At low tide we're on the sand; from the ship and tender we watch the water.



Green seaweed, Altona



Red seaweed, Port Melbourne

02

Daily species encounters at Jawbone Marine Sanctuary

Snorkelling and shore observation at Jawbone Marine Sanctuary, logging the species we meet each day, from seahorses to schools of fish over the seagrass and seaweed beds.



Jawbone photos: Snorkel Sisters



AND PLENTY OF FREE TIME

Enjoy the ship and her surrounds

Every afternoon is yours. Read on deck, swim, paddle, explore the shore, or watch the sun go down over the Bay from one of the most famous conservation ships in the world.

The days are a mix of purpose and downtime: a real crew experience on a real ship.

WHAT YOUR DAY LOOKS LIKE

A DAY ABOARD THE STEVE.

7 – 8.30am

Morning yoga and breakfast

Stretch on deck, then fresh fruit, cereals, tea and coffee.



10am

Beach or Jawbone observation

Depending on the tide.

Low tide: beach work

High tide: snorkelling



12.30 – 1.30pm

Lunch

On location, or back on the ship.



2pm

Hour of Power for The Steve

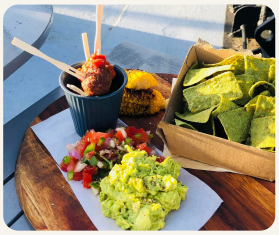
An hour of basic maintenance to keep the old girl shipshape. Many hands, light work.



4 – 7pm

Free time

Swim, read, explore, or simply sit on deck and watch the Bay.



7 – 8pm

Dinner

Delicious vegetarian meals, sometimes from the wood-fired oven.

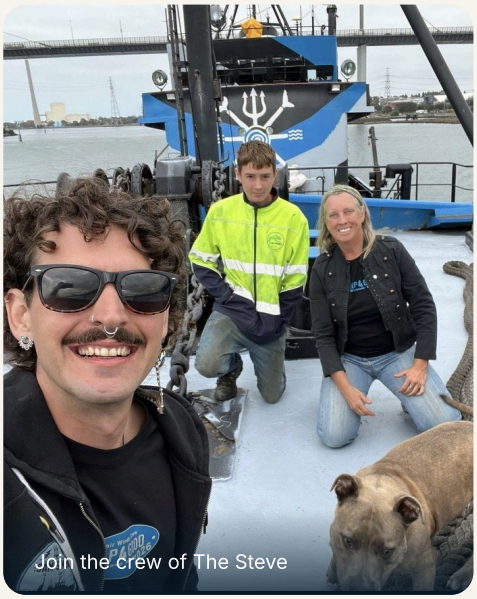




YOUR HOME ABOARD

Your own cabin

- Small groups: no more than 4 live-aboard guests, with at least 2 Ship4Good crew aboard
- A private cabin for every crew member
- Wi-Fi
- Netflix
- All meals: delicious and vegetarian



THE DETAILS

ARE YOU CREW MATERIAL?

MINIMUM COMMITMENT

STAY	**Saturday – Tuesday**
PICK-UP	**Altona · 10am Saturday**
RETURN	**4pm Tuesday**
SEASON	**Summer 2026/27**
LIVE-ABOARD	**Max 4 guests**
WITH YOU	**Min 2 Ship4Good crew**
COST	**$75 per day**

YOU'LL NEED TO BE

- **A strong swimmer**
- **Happy with delicious vegetarian meals**
- **OK with no smoking aboard**
- **Physically able** to climb a rope ladder and get in and out of the tender

APPLY NOW

COME ABOARD.

Tell us a little about you: name, age, nationality and the dates you're available. Locals and internationals are welcome.

$75 per day to help cover costs.

APPLY TO JOIN THE CREW →

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SCAN TO APPLY

