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Project Kaisei Followers:

It is with great excitement that we are able to announce our voyage to the N. Pacific Gyre this summer. We will be leaving from both San Francisco and San Diego, on two boats, the *Kaisei*, and the Scripps research vessel, the *New Horizon*, on August 2nd. We will be undertaking a wide variety of studies while at sea, including net testing, toxicity studies, depth studies (for three dimensional analysis of how deep the debris might be suspended), marine wildlife impact (including new acoustic studies for marine mammals in the area), new satellite imagery analysis, and much more. The *New Horizon* will be at sea about 20 days, while the *Kaisei* will be at sea for approximately 30 days.

We will also be working closely with Google Earth, and using new social media and tracking technology that will allow people to see/follow our voyages while at sea. As you can imagine, we are very excited to be able to make these trips this summer, in the first of Project Kaisei's efforts to draw global attention to the health of our seas, and the issues of marine debris.

To date, we have raised over US\$350,000, almost all of which will be used to get both vessels on the water this summer. We are still seeking sponsors and donors for another US \$100,000 to allow us to have the best communications equipment for at- sea web blogs and communication with the world, additional testing equipment, and funds for extended outreach after the mission is completed. If you have any possible contacts of sponsor who might be interested in helping out, please let us know.

Thank you for your continued support and interest in Project Kaisei, and we look forward to making some great advancements in the name of ocean health in the years to come.

Sincerely,  
Doug Woodring  
Co-Founder