

The “Sea-lebrities” Are Supporting Captain Paul Watson

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The **Sea-lebrities** (a term coined by the **Barbi Twins**) are saying, “Free the Captain!”

I support this campaign even though the Captain works with a rival network – Animal Planet – and is opposed to the work of marine parks. *(This is my sentiment and not necessarily that of Nat Geo’s. I clearly failed to bring a bit of levity to a serious subject by mentioning the name of another network)*



BRIGITTE BARDOT

I do condone the work of SeaWorld and similar oceanariums in North America because of the exposure and education they offer to patrons regarding life under the sea. I have worked with these zoological facilities and entirely support their efforts to share a glimpse of the marine world with visitors, particularly those living in inland regions, who don’t have the resources to travel to wild places that support estuarine and marine life. Just because SeaWorld may be an entertainment venue, does not mean that it can’t meet educational objectives. I mention this as a former trainer of marine mammals, as someone who has conducted field studies on cetaceans and pinnipeds and because a recent, and related **post** on the topic generated much controversy. But I digress....

I do like Paul Watson and wish him well. We agree to disagree, but I fully support him in this fight – a fight for his life.

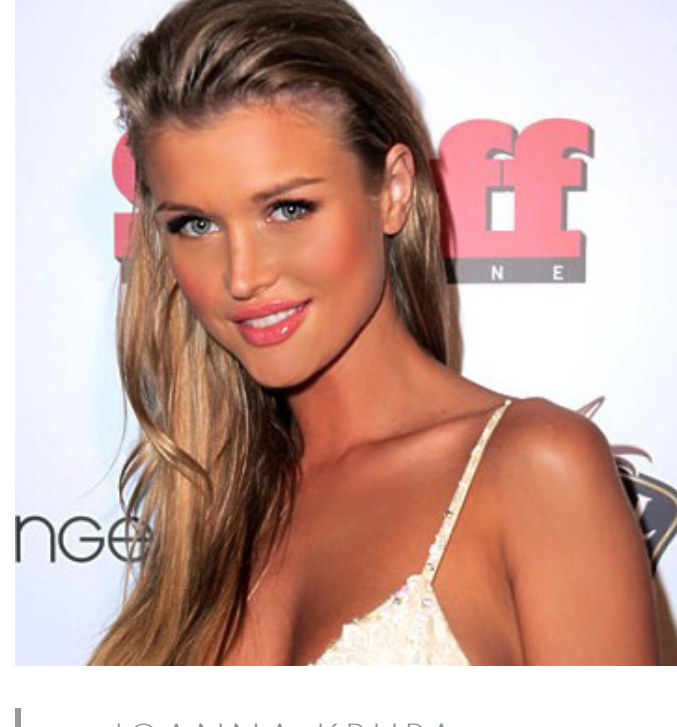
Here’s the update:

Paul Watson, the founder of the **Sea Shepherd Conservation Society (SSCS)**, was released from jail in Germany and may now be extradited to Costa Rica to face charges relating to a confrontation he had with shark fin poachers back in 2002.

The Sea Shepherd Conservation Society is concerned that he won’t even make it to a courthouse in Costa Rica before someone takes his life. The organization has implored celebrities and other followers to observe **Save Our Skipper Day—A Global Day of Action—on May 23rd** and have asked supporters to write the German Ministers on behalf of Paul Watson.

The iconic pin-ups, the Barbi Twins, are avid supporters of SSCS and Watson, and have been recruiting celebrities like

Joanna Krupa, **Ken Wahl**, **Simone Reyes**, **Russell Simmons** and **Willie Nelson’s** daughters, **Raelyn** and **Amy** to support the Captain and bring him home safely. You can learn more about the Barbi Twins **three steps** to help save Captain Paul Watson on Russell Simmon’s Global Grind blog: <http://globalgrind.com/news/help-save-captain-paul-watson-barbi-twins>.



JOANNA KRUPA

Here is evidence of other “Sea-lebrities” supporting Captain Paul Watson:

Bridget Bardot

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/germany/9267388/Brigitte-Bardot-offers-to-take-Sea-Shepherd-founders-place-in-prison.html>

Red Hot Chili Peppers <http://loudwire.com/red-hot-chili-peppers-rally-fans-to-support-arrested-sea-shepherd-captain-paul-watson/>

Alicia Silverstone <http://www.thekindlife.com/post/urgent-show-your-support-for-captain-paul-watson>

Elissa Sursara (in the running for PETA’s Celebrity of the Year) <http://www.takepart.com/article/2012/05/17/free-sea-shepherd-captain-paul-watson>;

<http://www.petaasiapacific.com/featureSexiestVegCeleb2012-Eng.asp>



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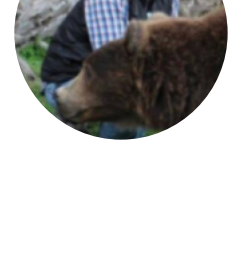
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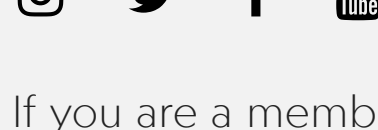


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