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As part of her research, Master of Fine Arts Candidate, Stephanie Arends Neal, is collaborating with Georgia Southern alumna, Brooke (Brandenburg) Carney, to launch Team OCEAN, an educational campaign for the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Florida.

The awareness campaign is developed to promote ethical practices among boaters using protected coastal waters within Rookery Bay. Called “I am Team OCEAN,” the campaign is centered around a call to boaters to pledge their commitment to minimizing negative impacts while enjoying local islands, estuaries and coastal waters.

Like Rookery Bay, Team OCEAN is supported by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.