MARIN SCUBA CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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April 19th Program: Mischa Hedges

Social entrepreneur and award-winning documentary filmmaker Mischa Hedges has a passion for telling stories that raise social and environmental awareness, inspiring people to take action.

He directed *"Of The Sea: Fishermen, Seafood and Sustainability".* It was produced by his company, TrimTab Media, with offices in the San Francisco Bay Area and Boston.

Few fishing families remain due to complex regulations, high cost and competition with cheap farmed and imported seafood.

"Of The Sea" is a feature documentary that tells the story of five California fishermen and shows how our seafood choices can influence ocean sustainability.

"Mischa said, "I made this film to connect people who eat seafood with the people who catch it, and inspire viewers to make more responsible seafood choices."

Come see for yourself on April 19th.

Member Spotlight: Kenneth R. Carter

I moved to Mill Valley last summer with my wife, Elizabeth, our son, Jaydon, and daughter, Eliana. I work in San Francisco where I am the Head of Legal and Policy. I was previously a lobbyist for Google and lived in Los Altos.

I have dived near every place I have lived. After living in California for six years, my family and I really delight in the outdoor qualities of the Bay Area. We spend our weekends cycling, hiking, and camping. For the previous 5 years, I have been taking my son (now 11) snorkeling at Breakwater in Monterey. My daughter (age 5) will join us this year. I regularly take the opportunity to dive locally and enjoy the kelp forests of Monterey Bay and splendid rock formations of Rubicon Wall in Lake Tahoe.

Before we moved to California, I worked in Bad Honnef, Germany and continued to dive locally, including lakes outside of Cologne. We also took advantage of our location to travel to Greece and Egypt. In Egypt, I was able to dive the Red Sea and snorkel with my wife and son (then 4).

Early in my career, I was an attorney at the FCC. I was the FCC's expert in unlicensed spectrum devices and market-informed radio spectrum policies. While an FCC attorney, I met my wife and started a family. *(More on P. 2)*

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"I believe that when conscious, committed people are empowered with information about how they can make the world a better place, they use it to do just that," he concluded. Read more: http://oftheseamovie.com/
and *http://trimtabmedia.tv/*

A Recap of Jim Hellemn's March Presentation

Digital imaging specialist Jim Hellemn showed a standing room only crowd some very impressive videos about some of the world's largest underwater megapixel images: "Portrait of a Coral Reef", Camana Bay Observation Tower, and a California Giant Kelp Forest in Long Beach's Aquarium of the Pacific.

Pinnacles Dive Center Is For Sale!

After 50 wonderful years, Joe Ford is selling Pinnacles Dive Center in Novato. He's hosting an Aqualung product and Whites Dry Suite Demo Day on April 15th, then an inventory reduction sale Memorial Weekend, May 26th & 27th. Please support our friends: www.pinnaclesdive.com

CA Dept. of Fish & Game Survey

Volunteers are needed on the coast on the morning of April 1 to remind people abalone season opens May 1 this year. Contact Josh Russo: joshandleslie2@sbcglobal.net

Kenneth R. Carter (Continued from P. 1)

I grew up in Manhattan.
You wouldn't think so, but New York provides an excellent base for SCUBA Diving and I grew up diving Long Island Sound and the Bight of New York.

I received my basic certification with Seven Zs dive shop in Riverhead, Long Island in 1990. I later obtained my advanced, nitrox, rescue diver, and equipment specialist certifications. In law school and business school, I would frequently dive the Old Ponquogue Bridge and when time and funds allowed, I went wreck diving offshore.

While a New Yorker, I also had the opportunity to make several dive vacations, including the chances to see The Great Blue Hole in Belize and Calvin's Crack in Roatan, Honduras.

I can't say that I love cold water diving.
Rather, I love diving *locally*, making the sport a weekend hobby and not a once-a-year extravagance. Further, since you see the condition of the ocean near your home it makes you just that much more conscious about taking responsible care of the environment. If I lived near warm water, I would be a warm water diver.

I have over 200 logged dives and just started my fourth logbook.

"Tropical Ice" by Ken Smith – Reviewed by Larry Clinton

Ken Smith's first novel, "Tropical Ice," is quite a thriller. In Chapter 1, during a shark feeding dive in Belize, a severed human arm emerges from an icy "chumsicle." Dive operator Jack Africa tries to solve that mystery while the authorities shut down his Rum Caye Resort as a crime scene. Meanwhile Jack's old buddy, Matt Oliver, arrives on assignment to write an article on "beautiful Belize." Oliver is an ex-environmental activist turned travel writer (that might sound familiar to Ken's friends) – but as he tries to help his friend, Oliver uncovers a tangled web of corruption, exploitation, and traffic in local endangered species.

Ken's evocative writing style puts the reader right in the moment – from a Belize City fleabag to a fundraising banquet in a luxury Washington D.C. hotel. Pages turn fast as Matt encounters one villain after another. Waterstreet Press is the publisher. Buy it at http://tropicalicethriller.com/ with links to Amazon or to Undercurrent for an autographed copy.

BOTTOM TIMES

April 19 (Wed.): *Mischa Hedges, "Of The Sea" (local sustainable fishing)."* Club Meeting, 7:30. Saylor's Restaurant, Sausalito. $5 for non-members.

Apr. 22 (Sat.): *Earth Day*. Details: http://www.calendar-365.com/holidays/earth-day.html.

April 25 (Tues): "Marine Protected Areas", 7pm. $5, SF Bay Area Cetacean Society, Sausalito.

Late April: *Monterey Boat or Shore Dive***.** Date TBD. kc@marinscuba.org

May 3 (Wed.): Next newsletter deadline. Submissions to click@dipsymusic.com and gil@zeimer.com.

May: *Family Snorkel Event.* Date TBD. kc@marinscuba.org

May 6-7 (Sat.-Sun.): *Scuba Show 2017*. The Long Beach Convention Center. Details: http://scubashow.com. Discount coupons available at our April 19th meeting.

May 17 (Wed.): Club presentation: *Images of Bonaire*. Club Meeting, 7:30. Saylor 's Restaurant, Sausalito. $5 for non-members.

May 20 (Sat.): *Spring BBQ potluck* at Ralph Daniel's home in San Rafael. For info, contact Barbara Wambach at activities@marinscuba.org.

June 9-11 (Fri.-Sun.): *Spring Dive & Dine*, group campsite at Russian Gulch State Park, Mendocino. Contact Barbara Wambach for details: activities@marinscuba.org.

June 21 (Wed): *Patrick Webster: Monterey Diving History.* Club Meeting, 7:30. Saylor's Restaurant, Sausalito. $5 for non-members. An award-winning NCUPS photographer, he'll share stories and images of Monterey Bay, including how Ed "Doc" Ricketts and John Steinbeck worked together.

Sep. 8-10 (Fri.-Sun.): *Fall Dive & Dine: Save The Date!* Van Damme State Park. FREE PARKING! $25 Campers: blwambach@comcast.net

Sep. 16 (Sat.): *Coastal Cleanup Day + Picnic.* Tentative Club Proposed Activity. Details TBD.

Oct. 18 – 28th: *Banco Chinchorro Dive Trip,* Mexican Mayan Riviera near the Belize border. Sold out with a waiting list. blwambach@comcast.net

Dec. 8 (Fri.): *Save The Date:* Holiday Party at Barbara's. Pot Luck & BYOB. blwambach@comcast.net
Jan. 16 – 24, 2018: *Socorro Islands Dive Trip Aboard the Solmar V.* Depth diving with current, open oceans and blue water.

Marin Scuba Club promotes safe diving. Remember to plan your dive based on the conditions, be aware of your skills and equipment and stay with your buddy.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW: Mail your application and checks to Marc Paris, 93 Graceland Dr., San Rafael, CA 94901.

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Next Meeting:
April 19 (Wed.):
"Of The Sea"

LOCATION:
Saylor's Restaurant
2009 Bridgeway
(between Olive & Spring Sts.), Sausalito

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The Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month (except December)

Annual Renewals Are Now Past Due!!! Send Your Apps and Checks to Marc Paris.

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