

NEWSLETTER

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**November Program:
Michael Stocker – Fish Ears,
Lobster Creaks and Whale Songs**

Did you ever wonder what the fizzy-crackling sound is that you hear when diving? Have you ever heard the songs of humpback whales underwater? Have you ever been surprised by a snort or grunt sound? Or worried about a speeding boat overhead, and surface to find it a mile away?

Bioacoustician Michael Stocker will discuss these phenomena and other sounds made by marine animals that don't use a regulator.



Mike has an ear for underwater research.

Join us on Wednesday, November 15 as Michael tells us how Ocean Conservation Research is focused on understanding the scope of, and exploring solutions to the growing problem of human-generated noise pollution — and its impact on marine animals.

See page 2 for more MSC News.

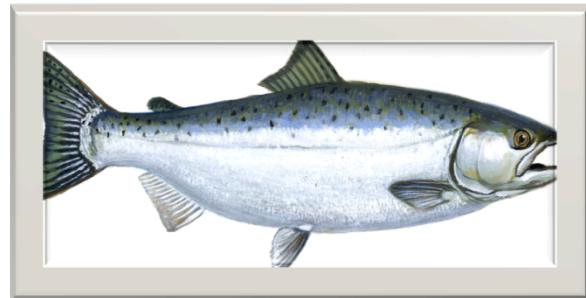
**Visit Our New Venue:
Book Passage, Corte Madera**

We're now meeting monthly at Book Passage, 51 Tamal Vista Boulevard in Corte Madera: <http://www.BookPassage.com>. Arrive early to dine, have a beverage, and peruse this fantastic bookstore. Plenty of free parking.

Nimbus Fish Hatchery Trip

We're planning a trip to snorkel with the fishes — the salmon of the American River near the Nimbus Fish Hatchery in Eastern Sacramento County, on the left side of the Nimbus Dam.

This is one of 21 fish hatcheries that the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife oversees. About 4 million Chinook salmon and over 400,000 steelhead are released each year.



Take a salmon shot suitable for framing.

The plan is as follows: We will meet at Sailor Bar Park at 9:30 am on Sunday, November 12. From there, we will suit up and snorkel down river with the fishes.

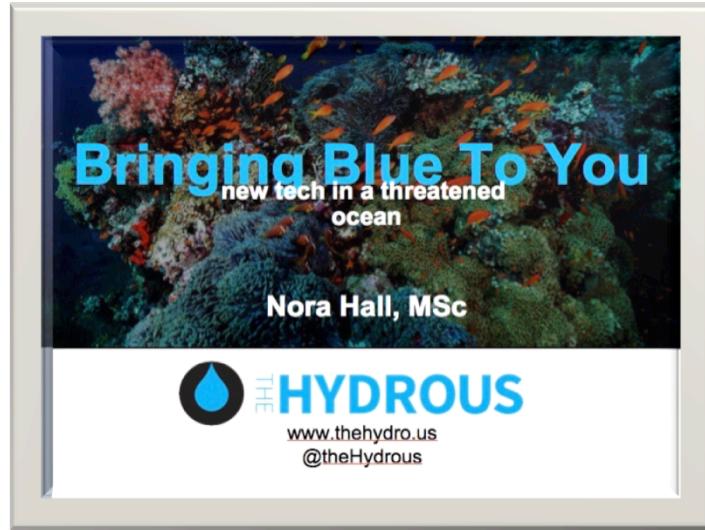
We haven't done this in a while so there may be some experimentation involved. Please expect the unexpected.

Contact Ken Carter at 650-492-9425 or ken@kennethRcarter.com with any questions and to RSVP.

See page 2 for more MSC news.

A Recap of October's Presentation by Nora Hall of The Hydro.us

At our October meeting, Nora Hall, co-founder, told a gathering of members that coral is home to 25% of the world's biodiversity.



She discussed how she and her staff are spreading the word about how the health of the world's ocean is rapidly degrading, but how we can protect it.

Her website showcases methods for impact, including reality capture, expeditions to The Maldives and other venues, and immersion to protect what we can't see. Read more at <https://www.thehydro.us/>

Año Nuevo Day Trip to See Northern Elephant Seals

Elliott Zalta is planning a trip for a bunch of us to see the Elephant Seals up close and personal in early to mid-February. The date will either be Saturday, February 10 or 17. Details to come. Contact driftinez@comcast.net if you want to reserve your tickets.

**Visit Our New Website:
MarinScubaClub.org**

Just returned from a memorable dive or snorkel trip? Do you want to share any photos of dive & dines and meetings with your fellow members? Send them here: newsletter2@marinscubaclub.org.

Our Annual Holly Jolly Holiday Party

Save the date for Friday, December 8. Our biggest bash of the year is a potluck with tons of food and lots of libations.



Our MSC annual holiday event will be held at Barb's house. Evites will be sent out soon, so check your inbox. This party is for current and past members only — always a great time.

UK Photographer Captures Underwater Scenes with A Twist and a Smile

Jason Isley has shot amusing underwater scenes that will bring a smile to your face. They include a manta ray with a toy airplane in the foreground, a hot air balloon surrounded by jellyfish, a matador with a cape as a shark approaches, and a goby seemingly under attack by GI Joes.



It came from beneath the sea.

Each took from 10 minutes to 3 hours to shoot. See them here: <http://tinyurl.com/ycrgf4zb>.

BOTTOM TIMES

Nov 12 (Sun): Snorkel American River at Nimbus Fish Hatchery. kc@marinscubaclub.org

Given our extreme snow pack, the American River is flowing this year. Ken has organized a hearty snorkel downstream as the salmon and steelhead make their way upstream.

Nov 15 (Wed): Michael Stocker: Fish Ears, Lobster Creaks, and Whale Songs. Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45pm. \$5 for non-members.

Dec 8 (Fri.): Save The Date: Holiday Party at Barbara's. Pot Luck, BYOB. blwambach@comcast.net
Evites will be sent out in early November. This party is for current and past club members only.

Jan 6 – 14, 2018: Socorro Islands Dive Trip Aboard the Solmar V. Depth diving with current, open oceans & blue water. This will now be followed by an optional trip to Cabo Pulmo, January 14 – 21. We are now a group of six. blwambach@comcast.net

Jan 17, 2018 (Wed): Mission Blue Featuring Kip Evans. Dr. Sylvia Earle's Director of Photography and Expeditions. Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45pm. \$5 for non-members.

Feb 10 or Feb 17 (Sat), 2018: Day Trip to Año Nuevo. This is one of the largest mainland breeding colonies in the world for the northern elephant seals. The birthing of pups takes place in January. Elliott will book a tour with a docent. \$7 plus Tour Guide tip per person. driftinez@comcast.net

Feb 21, 2018 (Wed): Judith Selby Lang and Richard Lang, Plastic Artists, The Art of The Clean-Up. Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45pm. \$5 for non-members.

April 18, 2018 (Wed): Jodi Fredilani, "The Not-So-Secret Lives of Humpback Whales on Their Breeding/Calving Grounds", Club Meeting; Book Passage, 7:15-8:45pm. \$5 for non-members.

Oct 9-16 &/or Oct 17-24, 2018: Dive Fiji at Volvoli Resort for 7-10 days. We have 12 divers confirmed for the land-based portion of this trip. Anyone else is on an availability basis at this point. Contact Bryan: activities2@marinscubaclub.org

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.

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Next Meeting:
November 15 (Wed.):
Mike Stocker,
*"Fish Ears, Lobster
Creaks & Whale Songs"*

NEW LOCATION:
Book Passage
(Back Building)
51 Tamal Vista Blvd.
Corte Madera, CA 94925

MARIN SCUBA CLUB

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

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