

MARIN SCUBA CLUB
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**October Program:
Nora Hall, Co-Founder & COO, The Hydrous**

Our October speaker has extensive knowledge of marine and terrestrial systems, possesses excellent program management skills, and has managed the world's largest software conference for a Fortune 500 company in a fast-paced, high-visibility environment.

She earned her BS in Environmental Science and Biology from Loyola Marymount University and holds a Masters of Science from James Cook University, where she researched the effects of plastic pollution on coral reefs.



Nora: Author. Teacher. Diver. Ocean Optimist.

Join us on Wednesday, October 18 as Nora shares how [TheHydro.us](http://www.TheHydro.us) is a non-profit organization on a mission to create open access oceans. It's part of an international committee of scientists, divers, designers, filmmakers, technologists, educators, and concerned citizens. Nora is also an avid volunteer throughout the Bay Area.



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**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.

New Member Profile: David Sun
Welcome David! This avid diver works for an engineering consulting firm in Sacramento.



Finding inner peace: in Fort Ross or the tropics

First certified? Indonesia in 1985 when I was still in high school in CMAS. Then I joined a dive program during my college years at Humboldt State University for my PADI and NAUI certs.

How many dives? I stopped logging after 500.

Most memorable dive moments?

1) Once in a lifetime event: Night diving at the USS Liberty shipwreck in SE Bali where I saw a big school of flashlight fish along the shoreline.

2) Sad memorable moment: Biawak Island north of the Java Sea. Found tons of shrimp for dinner – and a public restroom right above it!

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A Recap of September's Presentation on The Coral Reef Alliance

Who knew that coral polyps grow their own food (algae) inside their bodies? And build their own "houses" out of calcium made from their waste?

Everyone who attended the 9/18 Scuba Club meeting learned these fascinating facts thanks to Dr. Michael Webster of the Coral Reef Alliance. They also heard lots of other insights about the state of coral reefs around the world.

September Dive & Dine: A Look Back by Barb Wambach and Virginia Bria

Thanks to all for participating in the Saturday feast with 3 abalone recipes and fantastic side dishes including special rum drinks courtesy of Charlie.

The weather could not have been more perfect with star gazing nights and sunny mornings. Bryan even gave ab diving a try for the first time in decades and came back with his limit!

Thanks to all for all your hard work and being great dive buddies, especially Master Chefs Rolf and Nancy who hosted a terrific breakfast on Sunday.



A Clean Sweep: September Beach-Clean

Everyone who participated had a fun time and a relaxing lunch was enjoyed by all. This may become an annual event if we can find a beach worthy of a clean-up every year.

Visit Our New Website: MarinScubaClub.org
Please send any photos of trips, dive & dines and meetings to: newsletter2@marinclub.org.

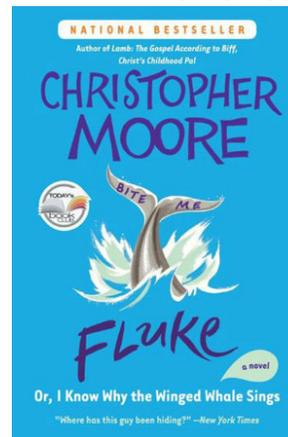
3) Funny moment: When diving with a British Sub-Aqua member near Bunaken, Sulawesi, I thought my dive buddy got pushed into a coral head by a strong current, but he sacrificed his forehead to save his expensive Nikonos camera.

4) Peaceful moment: Deep diving in Bali with water visibility over 200 feet. It was so clear it was hard to see the boundary.

Favorite destination: Indonesia where I grew up. I love the almost zero gravity moment where I can find peace while diving.

Diving bucket list: Raja Ampat, West Papua, Indonesia; Fiji; and discovering any new dive spot in Indonesia.

"Fluke" by Christopher Moore -- Reviewed by Larry Clinton



"Fluke (Or, I Know Why the Winged Whale Sings)," is a great read for the beach, a liveaboard trip, or a marine-oriented book club. Written in a witty style reminiscent of Carl Hiaasen and Dave Barry, it concerns an

underfunded but earnest team of cetacean researchers studying the songs of humpback whales off Maui.

One day, the head researcher, Nate Quinn (aka "action nerd") views a diving whale with the words "Bite Me" written on its flukes. From there, the plot takes more twists and turns than a swarm of garden eels. In the end, their discoveries turn the researchers into whale activists.

I found the book amusing and gripping, and by the time I was through, I actually learned a few things about whales. Published in paperback by Harper, the book is available at the Marin County library. Or, it can be ordered online or through Book Passage.

BOTTOM TIMES

Oct 18 (Wed): Nora Hall, [The Hydrous](#), "Creating Open Access Oceans", Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45pm. \$5 for non-members.

Oct 18 – 28th: *Banco Chinchorro Dive Trip*, Mexican Mayan Riviera near the Belize border. This trip is now sold out and we will be packing to leave in mid-month. blwambach@comcast.net

Nov (Date TBD): *Snorkel American River at Nimbus Fish Hatchery*. kc@marinclub.org
Given our extreme snow pack, the American River is flowing this year. We will again organize a 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.

Late January Weekend 2018: *Day Trip to Año Nuevo*. This 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@marinclub.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:
October 18 (Wed.):
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The Hydrous,
"Creating Open
Access Oceans"

NEW LOCATION:
Book Passage
(Back Building)
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