

MARIN SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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June 20 Program: MSC Presentation – Banco Chinchorro, Mexican Mayan Riviera

Join us at our June meeting as a cadre of Marin Scuba Club divers join forces to present videos and images from an October 2017 journey to the warm waters of Banco Chinchorro on the Mexican Mayan Riviera near the Belize border.



MSC living “La Vida Loca” in Mexico!

“Fourteen club members visited Banco Chinchorro for the first time in October,” said Barb Wambach, MSC Activities Coordinator.

“The most exciting diving was the banc, a one-hour ride from Mahaua, Mexico,” she added. “The wrecks on the outer side of the reef were the best that I’d ever visited — laying in 25-35 feet of clear water, abundant with sea life and extremely colorful. The banc also featured large animals: leatherback turtles, eagle rays, stingrays, nurse sharks and reef sharks.”

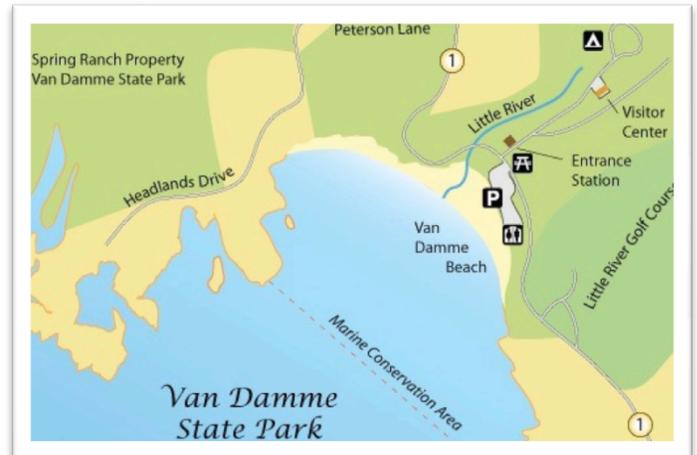
“Near the center of the banc lies a mangrove which is home to approximately 500 American crocodiles. While we did not swim with them, we did get very close. The coral reef was very healthy and we enjoyed large schools of sardines, blue fish and tuna. We do plan to go back.”

If you have some videos or images to share with the Club, please get them to Barb ASAP.

See page 2 for more MSC News

Marin Scuba Club’s Spring Dive & Dine: June 8-10

Barb Wambach invites you to join our Spring Dive & Dine at Van Damme State Park, the club’s first big California-based water-based event of the 2018 dive year.



She expects 25 – 30 members and friends for a fun weekend of scuba diving, snorkeling and campfire camaraderie.

Since abalone diving is closed for the year, a group Cioppino entrée is on the menu Saturday night. You can also bring a side dish.

Campers pay \$30 for the weekend; drivers pay \$5/day/auto; non-campers pay \$15 for the weekend; non-campers pay \$10 day rate at gate upon entry.

Each diver can take up to 20 gallons of purple urchins.

Details about divers needing a fishing license to catch urchins are available here:

<http://marinclub.org/trips/>

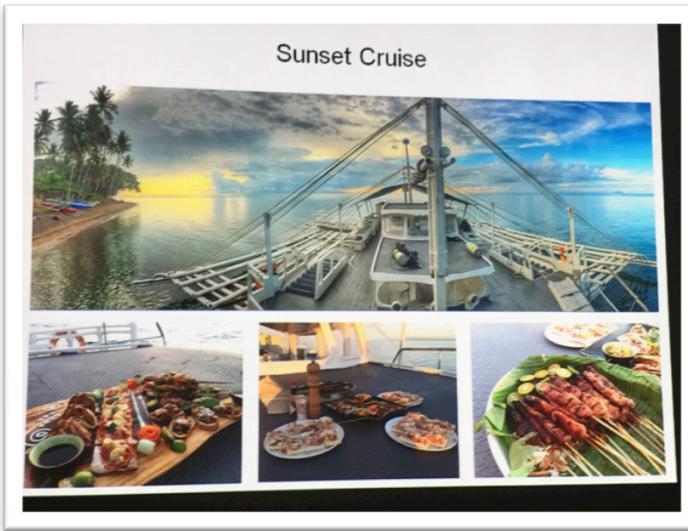
Sign-ups are due by Monday, 6/4 to Barb to blwambach@comcast.net

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May Meeting Recap: Salaya Beach Houses, Philippines

About 25 members and friends saw Paula Butler, who works in Marketing and Customer Relations for Salaya Beach Houses, sharing gorgeous images of her small luxury dive and yoga eco-resort in the Coral Triangle.

Its coral reefs are a great place to visit for everything from frogfish to octopi, and from macro to whale sharks.



See more at <http://www.salayabeachhouses.com/>

Marin Dive Club's Annual Spring Social in Sebastopol

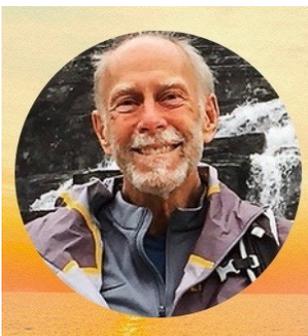
Over 30 members and guests drove up to Jeffrey and Simma Zankel's farm home in Sebastopol for a vegetarian feast on May 12.

The hosts were very pleased and everyone had a great time. Two of the most popular dishes were Simma's vegetarian lasagna and Barb's not-yet-famous grilled portobello mushrooms with a variety of toppings.



Next party: our annual Christmas Bash, on a Friday or Saturday in early December.

A Celebration of Life for Art Haseltine



As you may have heard, Art passed away in early March and we already miss his warmth and sincerity.

Join us in honoring our dear friend Art with a special gathering of family, friends, colleagues, and dive buddies: Saturday, 6/16, 2pm @ Asilomar Chapel, 800 Asilomar Avenue, Pacific Grove.

Place your videos or photos here: <https://tinyurl.com/y7lqkbmo>

Please RSVP if you're attending to lynn@lynnmorton.com

BOTTOM TIMES

June 8 – 10 (Fri – Sun): Summer Dive & Dine: The club has reserved 6 campsites at Van Damme's upper loop (#41, 42, 43, 44, 45 & 49) near the Camp Host. Scuba diving, snorkeling and campfire camaraderie are also part of the weekend fun. See page 1 for details about diving for purple urchins. Deadline for sign-ups is Monday, 6/4 to: blwambach@comcast.net

June 20 (Wed): Marin Scuba Club: "Banco Chinchorro Dive Trip". Members will present videos & images. Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45pm. Free for members; \$5 for non-members.

TBD: Family Snorkel and Diving Trip, Monterey. Afternoon beach picnic and snorkel at Lover's Point Park & Marine Reserve (AKA Lover's 3), conditions permitting; family friendly, kid friendly and fun for all. Contact Ken Carter for details: kc@marinclub.org or call 650-492-9425 since conditions can be variable and we might have to relocate.

July 18 (Wed): Speaker: TBA. Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45pm. Free for members; \$5 for non-members.

Aug 15 (Wed): Ken Howard, "Large Marine Animals". Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45pm. Free for members; \$5 for non-members.

August 18 (Sat): Annual Tahoe Dive & Fun Trip. Details to come for camping, hiking, diving and biking. kc@marinclub.org

Sept 14 – 15 (Fri – Sat): Summer/Fall Dive & Dine: The club has reserved the group campsite at Russian Gulch State Park. This is a wonderful location just a short stroll from the beach and cove. Join us for scuba diving, snorkeling and hiking. \$30 for campers. Details this summer: blwambach@comcast.net

Sept 19 (Wed): David McGuire: "Shark Rescue – Saving Sharks from Overfishing and The Shark Fin Trade". Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45pm. Free for members; \$5 for non-members.

Oct 17 - 24: Fiji Club Trip: 17 members have confirmed to date. Blue Water Travel will handle the reservations and payments. For trip info, see bottom of page at www.bluewaterdivetravel.com/marin-scuba-club-fiji-2018. Contact Bryan: bryeck@gmail.com since there is now a waiting list.

Oct 17 (Wed) & Nov 21 (Wed): Speaker: TBA. Details to come. Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45pm. Free for members; \$5 for non-members.

December: Annual Holiday Party. Date and location TBD.

**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 Julie Finley, c/o Starr Finley LLP,
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Next Meeting:
Wed., June 20th
Marin Scuba Club
Presentation:
“Banco Chinchorro,
Mexican Riviera”

Book Passage
51 Tamal Vista Blvd.
Corte Madera

MARIN SCUBA CLUB

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

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