

MARIN SCUBA CLUB  
**NEWSLETTER**

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**Wed., July 18<sup>th</sup> Presentation:  
Dr. Cynthia Catton: Bulk Kelp Loss**

Dr. Cynthia Catton is an Environmental Scientist based in the Bodega Bay field office at the UC Davis Bodega Marine Laboratory. She's studied California kelp forest ecology and abalone population dynamics for more than 15 years.

She's currently spearheading a large collaborative effort to support the recovery of the bull kelp forests in Northern California.



*Dr. Catton above water, for a change.*

These underwater forests have declined by more than 90% of historic abundance due to environmental and ecological stressors.

The consequences? They've been devastating to coastal communities that rely on strong tourism and on fisheries. Dr. Catton will describe the series of events that have led to the current ecological crisis and the collaborative efforts underway to support the kelp forests' recovery.

Join us at Book Passage on Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> as she presents "Causes and Consequences of Large-Scale Bull Kelp Loss in Northern California".

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**Spring Dive & Dine:  
Nine Dames at Van Damme**

Barb Wambach headed up the activities at this fabulous, intimate weekend in early June. Five female campers and four more from B&Bs shared a great weekend at Van Damme State Park.

She said, "All shared a mixed grill on Friday night and the long awaited for Cioppino on Saturday night. Nancy hosted a toast to Rolf's birthday, too."



*Girls just wanna have fun, hike, and eat Cioppino!*

"Additional foodie highlights were Nancy's fresh steamed rice, Jane's delicious garlic bread, Ellen's sweet and savory beet/orange/arugula salad, and Lilli's lovely mixed green's and veggie salad. The dining was delicious."

"Between 2-5am on Saturday morning there was a torrential rain, which created low ocean visibility."

"As Virginia and I were the only two divers, we opted to join the group for a wonderful 5-mile hike through Van Damme State park led by Lilli. It was a wonderful, sunny, and warm weekend. No diving, but we all enjoyed a beautiful hike."

**See page 2 for more on this story.**

## June 20 Program Recap: MSC Presentations

A standing room only crowd of about 40 members and dive buddies thoroughly enjoyed a presentation by a handful of club members.

- First, John Lewis presented highlights of San Diego and Banco Chinchorro trips.
- Next, Barb Wambach showcased a combination of images and video focused on the recent Mexico trip to the Banco. (See her colorful image below.)
- Then, Niles Szwed again confirmed his love for cold water diving with the wreck of the “Norlina” video at Salt Point. Watch it here: <https://vimeo.com/237331332>
- Finally, Virginia Bria treated us to images and amazing video of Cuba, including Cuban Crocodiles, an endemic species.



### More About “The Meg”

Based on a best selling book, “The Meg: A Novel of Deep Terror”, this is an upcoming American-Chinese science fiction action horror film directed by Jon Turteltaub, who gained fame and fortune with the “The Pirates of The Caribbean” series.

Two hundred miles off the Chinese coast, a 75-foot-long prehistoric shark called Megalodon, thought to be long extinct, rises from the depths. This massive creature attacks a deep-sea submersible, leaving it disabled and trapping the crew at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean.

With time running out, rescue diver Jonas Taylor (Jason Statham) must save the crew and the ocean itself from a scary, unimaginable threat.

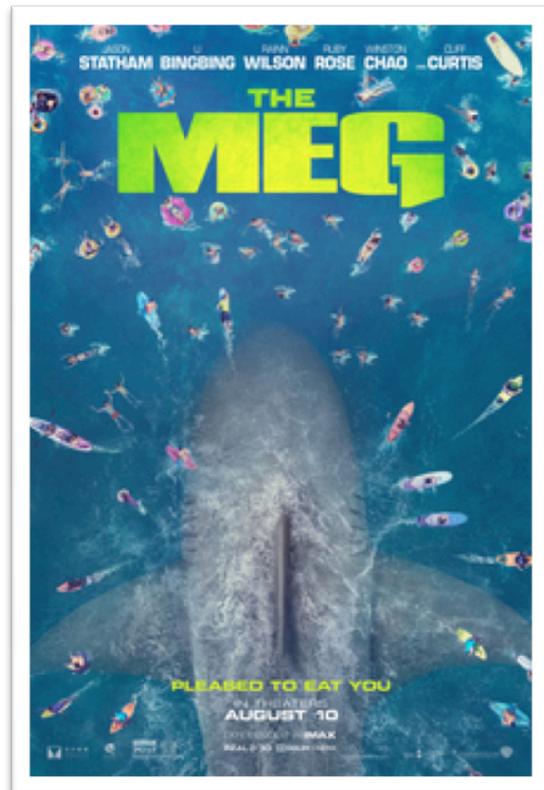
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The next MSC event is the Fall Dive & Dine, slated for Friday, September 14, Saturday, September 15 and Sunday, September 16 with reservations at the lovely Russian Gulch Group Campsite.

If there are have enough divers, we can take on the purple urchin removal. Barb plans to repeat the Cioppino for Saturday night with sides, as that was a hit! See you in September!

### MSC Movie Night: “The Meg” – Join Us Monday, 8/13

Bruce The Shark in “Jaws” was a guppy compared to the “The Meg”, starting August 10<sup>th</sup>.



*“The Meg” should be a mega hit.*

So as we did for “47 Meters Down”, let’s see it together on Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, most likely at Cinemark Northgate — though it’s too early to know where it will be showing.

We’ll meet at Applebee’s for dinner 90 minutes in advance. The time: TBD. Gil will send an email about it. [Watch the extended trailer.](#)

# BOTTOM TIMES

**July 18 (Wed):** *Speaker: Dr. Cynthia Catton, “Causes and Consequences of Large-Scale Bull Kelp Loss in Northern California”.* 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.bluewaterdivetravel.com/marin-scuba-club-fiji-2018). Contact Bryan: [bryeck@gmail.com](mailto:bryeck@gmail.com) since there is now a waiting list.

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

**Oct 21 (Sun):** *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](mailto:kc@marinclub.org) or call 650-492-9425 since conditions can be variable and we might have to relocate.

**Nov 14 (Wed):** *Ana Blanco: International Ocean Film Festival.* Details to come. Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45pm. Free for members; \$5 for non-members. *NOTE: This meeting is slated for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of November rather than the 3<sup>rd</sup> to avoid overlap with the long Thanksgiving weekend.*

**Dec 8 (Sat):** *Annual Holiday Party at Ralph Daniel's house, San Rafael.*

**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., July 18th**  
*“Causes & Consequences  
of Large-Scale Bull Kelp  
Loss in Northern CA”*

**Book Passage**  
**51 Tamal Vista Blvd.**  
**Corte Madera**

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**The Club meets the  
3rd Wednesday  
each month  
(except November &  
December 2018)**

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