

MARIN SCUBA CLUB  
**NEWSLETTER**

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**Wed., 9/19 Presentation: “Shark Rescue:  
Saving Them From Overfishing  
and The Shark Fin Trade”  
by David McGuire**

David McGuire is the founder and director of the Ocean Health and Shark Conservation nonprofit Shark Stewards. He’s earned an enviable reputation as a sailing captain, dive master, filmmaker, educator and ocean explorer, producing media with an emphasis on shark conservation and ocean awareness.



*Shark Conservationist David McGuire*

His September presentation will feature updates about <http://www.SharkStewards.org>, which has worked to establish shark fin regulations in 12 U.S. states since 2006, and is currently supporting the U.S. Shark Fin Trade Elimination Act.

Shark Stewards’ mission is to restore ocean health by saving sharks from overfishing and the shark fin trade, as well as by protecting critical marine habitats through the establishment of marine protected areas and shark sanctuaries from California to Southeast Asia. It also supports our National Marine Sanctuaries and Marine Monuments through education and policy.

**See page 2 for more about David.**

**Marin Scuba Club’s  
Fall Dive & Dine in Mendocino:  
Join Us 9/14 – 9/16**

Our second Northern California event of the year is just a few weeks away.

So please RSVP, ASAP, to Barb Wambach to confirm you can join her and fellow cold water—and cold weather—aficionados for scuba, snorkeling, camping, and Cioppino at the Marin Scuba Club Dive & Dine, September 14–16.



*The Mendocino Coast beckons.  
Join MSC for the Fall D&D!*

Friday evening: Meet for campfire camaraderie.

Saturday morning: Scuba diving for divers. Barb is researching if we can participate in a blue urchin harvest to protect our Ocean Kelp,

Saturday afternoon: Hiking, plus perhaps delivering their blue urchin catch to Fort Bragg.

5pm, the cooking begins: Divers & others will prepare a Cioppino dish; one with shellfish and one without. They both should be delicious!

See the top of page 3 for details.

RSVP: [blwambach@comcast.net](mailto:blwambach@comcast.net)

**See page 2 for more MSC News.**

## Read More About David McGuire & Shark Stewards

David has been involved with the International Ocean Film Festival San Francisco since 2007 as a filmmaker and volunteer, and is a principal in the International Ocean Film Festival, San Francisco.

As a Research Associate of the Department of Aquatic Biology at the California Academy of Sciences, he conducts a shark research program in Malaysia that includes population studies, movements, and the impact on fisheries.



David's website offers a wealth of information about saving sharks worldwide:  
<http://sharkstewards.org/>

His Shark Swag enables you to give the gift of sharks, plus ball caps, beanies, T-shirts, and hoodies. You can even adopt-a-shark for a \$100:  
<http://sharkstewards.org/shark-stewards-store/>

### Great Barrier Reef:

#### Bad News For The Wonder Down Under

Everyone knows that the GBR is one of the world's treasures for snorkeling and scuba diving.

But not for much longer. John "Charlie" Veron, 73, AKA "The Godfather of Coral", who has personally discovered nearly 25% of the world's coral species and has spent 45 years diving here, told CNN: "It's the beginning of a planetary catastrophe.

In 2016 and 2017, marine heat caused by climate change has resulted in mass bleaching. Though no bleaching occurred in the summer of 2018, about half of the CBR's corals are now dead. He even said, "coral reefs are on death row".

The Australian government has set aside almost \$400 million for GBR scientific projects. Will it be too late? Read more: <https://tinyurl.com/ychtxlp3>

## August 15th Program Recap: Ken Howard and "Photographing Large Marine Animals"

Ken thoroughly entertained a full room of big marine animal enthusiasts, with one amazing image after another, accompanied by his humorous and informative stories.



*Dominica Sperm Whales:  
Warning: They have teeth, not baleen!*

His presentation presented a worldwide tour, from the Revillagigedo Islands for giant pacific mantas; the Caribbean for sperm whales; Mexico for whale sharks, sailfish, and grey whales; Brazil for river dolphins; and Washington State for orcas. See more at:  
<http://www.seaimages.org>

### Alaskan Humpback Makes A Splash With Unsuspecting Whale Watchers

Watch this whale breach next to the boat of some very surprised whale watchers — and how much water it displaces on them.



Watch it now: <https://tinyurl.com/y8rx9bso>

# BOTTOM TIMES

**Sept 14 – 16 (Fri – Sun): Summer/Fall Dive & Dine:** The club has reserved the group campsite at Russian Gulch State Park, Mendocino. This wonderful location is just a short stroll from the beach and cove. Join us for scuba, snorkeling and hiking. \$30 for campers. RSVP: [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 14 (Sun): Family Snorkel and Diving Trip, Monterey.** Afternoon beach picnic and snorkel at Lover’s Point State 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.

**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): Jason Bradley, Photographer, Pacific Grove Gallery Owner.** Details to come. Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45pm. Free for members; \$5 for non-members.

**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.**

**Feb 14-24: Roatan Club Trip:** 10-day trip staying at the Splash Inn Dive Resort at the west end of Roatan in the Bay Islands, Honduras. 18 members have confirmed to date. There is now a waiting list for this tropical trip. Costs are \$1,312 double occupancy; \$1,662 single occ. Airfare, lunch, dinner and gratuities are not included. Contact Barb Wambach for more info: [blwambach@comcast.net](mailto:blwambach@comcast.net)

**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.**

Mail your application and checks to Julie Finley, c/o Starr Finley LLP,  
1 California Street, Suite 300, San Francisco, CA 94111.

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**Next Meeting:**  
**Wed., September 19th**  
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**Book Passage**  
**51 Tamal Vista Blvd.**  
**Corte Madera**

**MARIN SCUBA CLUB**

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

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