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January 16 Meeting: Kirsten Treais
— “Close Encounters of
The Cool Kind”

Scuba diving with friendly sharks, horseback riding through the rainforest, or venturing out in a Jeep across the vast African savannah... ahh, these are just a few of Kirsten's favorite things.



Kirsten diving in cooler waters.

Born in Singapore, raised in Kuwait and schooled in England, she was intrigued at an early age by the natural beauty and cultural differences in the world. But she didn't want to just observe them, she wanted to get up close and experience the people, wildlife and exciting surroundings that make each part of the world unique.

After finishing school, she had her eyes set on adventures and seeing more of the world, so she backpacked for 2 ½ years through Australia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific.

“My hunger to not just see, but to ‘do’ exciting things in far-off places continues and I get great joy in sharing those places with friends, family and clients,” she says.

See page 2 for more about Kirsten.

Happy New Year 2019!

Each of the Board Members of the Marin Scuba Club wants to wish you a very happy, healthy and most prosperous new year.

We hope you find the time to follow your passions throughout 2019, that you attain your resolutions, and that you tick off some bucket list boxes.



Join us as we leap into a brave new year.

A few of us have these goals:

- **Most of the board** and nearly 20 members are going to Roatan in February.
- **Virginia Bria** — February: Cuba, Jardines de la Reina with Ocean Geographic. September: The Red Sea liveaboard dive trip and Egypt land tour. December 2019 – January 2020: Raja Ampat aboard the Damai II liveaboard boat with Coral Reef Alliance and land-based diving around Bali.
- **John Lewis** – I'd like to go to the Cayman Islands if the club sets up a trip. I'm also planning boat and shore dives in Monterey with Ken Carter and a monthly fun dive with Marin Diving Center. **Our February Newsletter will have more 2019 lists.**

More about Kirsten Treais...

Even after 40 years of travel, she still finds new spots that make her heart flutter. As the owner of Amazing Adventures Travel, it's always rewarding to send clients off to dream dive and adventure destinations and have them return with incredible memories and the desire to venture out again.

About This Presentation

Kirsten will focus on doing the Caymans' dive scene; whale encounters in Dominica, the Dominican Republic's Silver Banks and Tonga; as well as sharks and the Big 5 of South Africa. Be prepared to be wowed with anecdotes, images and videos of her travels. Read more at: <https://www.amazingadventurestravel.com/>



An Urchin Need to Protect California Kelp Forests.

Joshua Russo, our April presenter, is organizing recreational urchin removal events on the North Coast of "the evil purple sea urchin, AKA cockroaches of the seas".

He needs volunteers for the weekends of January 12-13 and March 9-10 at Van Damme State Park, Mendocino. He hosts these events every month.

Joshua typically attracts 50-100 divers for these events which have cleared over 10 tons of urchins. Volunteers can show up at 8am Saturday mornings for a dive briefing and task assignments. Non-divers are also most welcome. Call 707-333-9575 or email: joshandleslie2@sbcglobal.net.

For more info, read this New York Times article: <https://tinyurl.com/y8j6z5cn>

More MSC News...

2018 Holiday Party: A Splendid Time Was Had by All

Members, family and friends of The Marin Scuba Club decked the halls of Ralph Daniels' home for our biggest party of the year.

The smoked salmon prepared by Barb, the two turkeys and a ham barbecued by Elliott, and all the other food, from appetizers to side dishes to desserts, prepared by the members were the perfect complement to a great evening.

Thanks again to our gracious host, especially since he was recovering from recent back surgery.



Roatan, Here We Come!

Marin Scuba Club hosts an annual tropical trip. For 2019, it will be to the Splash Inn, a 25-room ocean-front boutique hotel located on the West End of Roatan with its own dive resort and restaurant—and 19 members are going.



N.#1 of 41 hotels in Roatán
Splash Inn Dive Resort
TripAdvisor Traveler Rating
Based on traveler reviews

The Mesoamerican Reef, the second largest barrier reef in the world, surrounds Roatan and the Bay Islands. Stretching nearly 900 km through the Caribbean, it's home to hundreds of exotic fish species, sharks and turtles.

Read more: <http://splashinnresorts.com/>

BOTTOM TIMES

Jan 16 (Wed): Guest speaker Kirsten Treais, “Close Encounters of The Cool Kind: Cayman Islands Diving, Whale Encounters and the Big 5 of South Africa”. Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45 pm. Free for members; \$5 for non-members.

Feb 14-24: Roatan Club Trip: 10-day trip at the Splash Inn Dive Resort at the west end of Roatan, Bay Islands, Honduras. 19 members have confirmed to date. There is now a waiting list. Package includes 23 tanks, daily buffet breakfast, Marine Park fee, round-trip airport transfers, taxes, WiFi and cable TV. Not included: airfare, which is currently approximately \$675 – \$1,000; lunch; dinner and gratuities. Any additions to the trip are subject to availability. Costs are \$1,312 double occupancy; \$1,662 single occ. For more information, contact Barbara Wambach: blwambach@comcast.net

Feb 20 (Wed): Guest speaker: Patrick Webster, Monterey Bay Aquarium. Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45 pm. Free for members; \$5 for non-members. **SPECIAL NOTE: For this February meeting only, we will convene in the Main Building of Book Passage in the room closest to Tamalpie Restaurant, not the room in the back annex where we normally meet.**

Mar 20 (Wed): Guest speaker: Callie Veelenturf, “Turtle Island Restoration Network”. Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45 pm. Free for members; \$5 for non-members.

April 17 (Wed): Guest speaker: Erena Shimoda, Underwater Portrait Photographer: “Total Immersion Has The Power to Remind Us of Who We Really Are”. Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45 pm. Free for members; \$5 for non-members.

May 15 (Wed): Guest speaker: Jon Edens of Marin Diving Center, “Being a Safe Diver and The Latest Trends in Dive Equipment”. Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45 pm. Free for members; \$5 for non-members.

June 19 (Wed): Guest speaker: Joshua Russo, “Northern California Recreational Urchin Removal”. Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45 pm. Free for members; \$5 for non-members.

June 30 to July 8: Tahoe Altitude Diving. Contact Ken Carter for details: kc@marinclub.org.

July 17 (Wed): Guest speaker: Richard Woulfe, a diver and world traveler for over 40 years. Topic: TBD. Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45 pm. Free for members; \$5 for non-members.

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 memberships now: Early Bird Special Rates expire 02/28/19.

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

Or you can now renew online at: <http://marinclub.org/membership/>

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Next Meeting:
Wed., January 16th

“Close Encounters of The
Cool Kind: Cayman Islands,
Whale Encounters &
The Big 5 of South Africa”

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each month
(except December
— no meeting)

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