

# MARIN SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## August Meeting: Marin Scuba Club Presentations

Our members are intrepid world travelers, always jetting off to exotic sites. That's why our August MSC Meeting will feature a variety of both nearby and far-flung cold and warm water destinations.



*Raja Ampat Bigfin Reef Squid by Virginia Bria.*

The presenters, videos and images will include:

- Barbara Wambach: Roatan, Big Sur, American River Salmon Snorkeling
- Julie Finley: Palau
- Bryan Eckert: The Red Sea and others
- Virginia Bria: Cuba and Indonesia
- Ken Carter: Lake Tahoe, and more.



*Julie Finley has been to Palau multiple times.*

**See page 2 for more August Meeting news.**

## Summer Dive & Dine: 8/16 – 8/18, Ocean Cove, Jenner

Our next social event is August 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. Join us at Group Campsite #3 at Ocean Cove, 23150 CA-1 in Jenner for diving, dining, and sharing food. The site can accommodate up to 35 people, including 10 parking spaces, room for RVs and vans, a boat ramp, and hot showers.



*The beautiful Sonoma Coast beckons you.*

Join the club for some culinary miracles, some cold water diving, and some tons of outdoor fun:

- **Check-in is Friday @ Noon**, but arrive early if you prefer; the campsite opens at 9am.
- **Friday evening:** Enjoy campfire camaraderie.
- **Saturday morning:** Scuba diving and snorkeling.
- **Saturday afternoon:** Hiking.
- **Saturday evening @ 5pm:** Start setting up our Pot Luck Social; bring your favorite dish to share and the story behind it.

**Note to Campers:** The first 10 vehicles are free. After that, the park charges \$28 per night. To even the cost out, all camping vehicles need to add \$5 per night to their sign-up fees.

All who pay \$28 will be reimbursed in full on site.

**See page 2 for more Dive & Dine News.**

Please be sure to join us for this entertaining evening by some of our club's best photographers.

### July Presenter Recap: Steve Ralston

Steve shared the rich history of Año Nuevo State Park, located 55 miles south of San Francisco. The "Back from Oblivion" turnaround of the elephant seals, once nearly overhunted to extinction for oil and blubber, has been dramatic.



*Elephant seals were once seen as larger than life.*

Today, there are more than 200,000 elephant seals along California's coast, though about 5,000 to 10,000 return to the Año Nuevo Colony during any given year to breed, give birth, and molt.

Steve leads Guided Walks from 12/15 through 3/31, rain or shine (except for Christmas Day and January's last weekend). Read more:

[https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=27613](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=27613)

### More about MSC Summer Dive & Dine.

**Note to Non-Campers:** [Ocean Cove Lodge](#) is practically on site and has a variety of room options, while [Timber Cove Resort](#) is 5 minutes south and more expensive. Several Airbnb options are within five miles of the campground.

### New MSC T-Shirts Are A Big Hit!



Our members quickly donned their new T-shirts at the July 17 meeting. If you need yours mailed for a \$5 fee, contact [blwambach@comcast.net](mailto:blwambach@comcast.net). A few remaining shirts are available for \$30.

### New Board of Directors Has Some New Email Addresses

As you can see on page four of this month's newsletter, your new Marin Scuba Club Board of Directors has changed. So have some of our email addresses. Please review that page.

### Amos Nachom "Picture of His Life": Rafael Theater, 1118 4<sup>th</sup> Street, San Rafael, Sunday, 8/4, 415pm



He's been called "one of the greatest underwater photographers of all times. Fascinated by the most fearsome creatures on Earth, he has developed a unique approach that puts him face to face with his subjects, without any protection.

"He has swum with and photographed Anacondas, Giant Leopard Seals, Great White Sharks, Orcas and Crocodiles. But now, he is about to face his ultimate challenge: to swim unprotected with a polar bear."

Join us at this Jewish Film Festival screening; wear your MSC T-shirt. Buy tickets in advance: <https://jfi.org/sjfff-2019/film-guide/picture-of-his-life>

# BOTTOM TIMES

**Aug 4 (Sun), 4:15pm:** "Picture of His Life": A documentary about Amos Nachom. Rafael Theater, San Rafael. Buy tickets in advance: <https://jfi.org/sfff-2019/film-guide/picture-of-his-life>

**Aug 16-18 (Fri – Sun):** Summer Dive & Dine at Ocean Cove, Jenner (Sonoma Coast, just south of Salt Point). Group site can accommodate up to 35 people, RVs and vans, with hot showers, 10 parking spaces and a boat ramp! **SEE BARB'S EMAIL ON 5/21 TO SIGN UP.**

**August 21 (Wed):** Marin Scuba Club Presentations: Recent Trips: California, Red Sea, Roatan, Cuba, Indonesia, Palau. Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45 pm. Members free; \$5 for non-members.

**Sep 18 (Wed):** Guest speaker Richard Woulfe: Travel Secrets for Insiders. Richard has been traveling the globe for most of 30 years. He has logged over 5,000 dives in hundreds of remote and pristine locations, including the Coral Triangle area of Philippines, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, and East Malaysia. He has travelled to over 110 countries and lived in five of them. He serves thousands of travelers in the pursuit of better decision making. Bring your dive and water adventure travel questions. Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45 pm. Free for members; \$5 for non-members.

**Sep 21 (Sat), Arrive by 9am.** Join MSC at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual California Coastal Clean-Up. Let's have fun while helping to keep our beaches beautiful. We'll be at Kirby Cove once again. Bring a bag lunch / brunch and plan to picnic after we finish. Contact Alissa Ralston for details: [lissaralston@gmail.com](mailto:lissaralston@gmail.com)

**Oct 16 (Wed):** Guest speaker Dan Abbott or Tristin McHugh of Reef Check California. Topic: Phase Shift from Kelp Forest to Urchin Barren Along California's North Coast. Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45 pm. Free for members; \$5 for non-members.

**Oct (Date TBD):** Join Ken Carter and others for a Point Lobos dive this month. A shore dive or a Beach-hopper boat dive will be determined by attendees.

**Oct/Nov (Sat):** Join us for a snorkel on the American River led by Ken Carter during the Salmon and Steelhead Run upstream to the hatchery. Contact Ken for details: [kc@marinclub.org](mailto:kc@marinclub.org).

**Nov 20 (Wed):** Guest speaker Lara Mandyn: Exploring The Underwater World of Freediving. Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45 pm. Free for members; \$5 for non-members.

**Dec 13 (Fri):** Save the Date for our Holiday Party at Barb's home. Evites to be sent early November.

**Feb 15-22, 2020:** Club Tropical Trip to Little Cayman Beach Resort. 13 members signed to date. ESCAPE Package: \$1,895pp / double occupancy; 7 nights, 12 dives; breakfast / dinner, airport transfers + all taxes. CLASSIC Package: \$2,195pp / double occupancy; 7 nights, 21 dives; breakfast / dinner, 21 drinks, airport transfers + all taxes. Contact: [kirsten@amazingadventuretravel.com](mailto:kirsten@amazingadventuretravel.com)

**May 8-17 2020:** Philippines Dive. Join Ellen at the land-based El Galleon Dive Resort in Puerto Galera for 9 nights. Boats depart 4x/day for short runs to dive sites. Breakfast is included; airfare and transfers are not. 5% charge for credit cards. Rental gear is \$16/day; Nitrox is \$66/week. Seaview Room: \$1,422.45; double occupancy: \$1,966.95. Pool side room: \$1,309.95 double occupancy; \$1,741.95 for single. Contact Ellen Sakoloff for details: [ellen\\_hope@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ellen_hope@sbcglobal.net)



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Next Meeting:  
Wed., August 21<sup>st</sup>:  
Marin Scuba Club  
Presentations from  
California to Indonesia

Book Passage  
51 Tamal Vista Blvd.  
Corte Madera

**We promote safe diving.  
Remember to always plan  
your dive based on the  
conditions, be aware of  
your skills and equipment,  
and stay with your buddy.**

**Marin Scuba Club**

The Club meets the  
3rd Wednesday  
each month  
(except December  
— no meeting)

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