

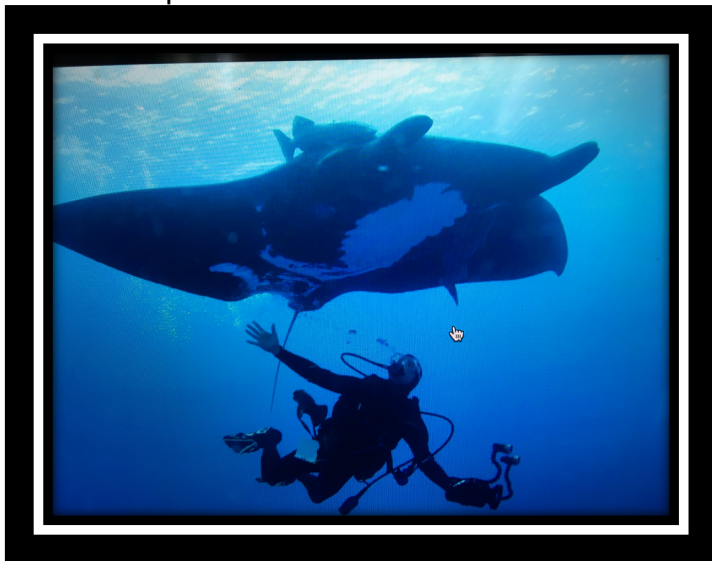
# MARIN SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## **September Meeting: Richard Woulfe — Travel Secrets for Insiders**

We will have a very special presenter for our September meeting... Richard Woulfe, a global travel entrepreneur.



*Behold! Richard and a giant manta ray*

A few facts about how he's traveled the globe for most of the past 40 years:

- Richard was certified as an Open Water Scuba Instructor in 1981 and has logged over 5,000 dives in over 50 destinations around the world.
- These venues include remote and pristine locations such as the Coral Triangle-Philippines, Indonesia, Komodo, Bali, Raja Ampat, Ambon, Banda Sea, the Forgotten Islands, Thailand, Maldives, Cuba, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Australia, New Zealand, Costa Rica/Cocos Island, Galapagos, Palau/Yap, and East Malaysia.
- Since 1986, he has been traveling the world an average of 150 days a year, has visited over 110 countries and lived in five.
- He serves thousands of travelers in the pursuit of better decision-making.

**See page 2 for more on Richard Woulfe.**

## **Summer Dive & Dine: Stunning Weather at Ocean Cove, Jenner**

"Over 20 club members attended our annual Dive & Dine at Ocean Cove and enjoyed perfectly stunning weather," reports Barb Wambach.



*They didn't dive, but they sure did dine!*

"We were greeted with 75-degree skies and a very light breeze: a huge relief from the inland heat wave. Because of the 8-10 foot swell forecasts, the divers decided to cancel the Saturday outing, opting for a beautiful hike to Gerstle Cove."

The dining fully made up for the lack of diving. Nancy and Rolf made a wonderful home-cooked spaghetti, Elliott marinated and grilled leg of lamb; Barb brought a fresh locally caught and smoked salmon; and Dave brought his famous, popular fresh fruit bars. Of course, there were also wonderful salads and more.

"Happy Hour started promptly at 5pm and our campfire camaraderie began to wind down around 10pm. It was such a wonderful weekend! All enjoyed our group campsite where we could watch the ocean and sunset while sitting near our campfire. We may book the same spot next year."

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

## More about Richard Woulfe, Global Travel Entrepreneur

For the September meeting at Book Passage, he will present **“Travel Secrets for Insiders”** so be sure to join us — and bring your dive and water adventure travel questions.



Read more about Richard Woulfe and Rich Travels: <https://www.richtravels.com/>

## The MSC August Presentation Was A “Grouper”.

The Marin Scuba Club’s August presentation was a group effort by a handful of board members, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

It included:

- Virginia Bria – Indonesia
- Bryan Eckert – The Red Sea
- Julie Finley – Palau
- Barbara Wambach – Big Sur and Roatan

Virginia’s portion was a compilation of images from her Indonesian Elysium Heart of the Coral Triangle trip with Michael Aw and 49 divers. It documented the conditions of the coral, fish and plastic pollution situation with divers, artists, photographers, filmmakers and scientists aboard three vessels on three itineraries.

Fifteen of them contributed to a coffee table book and three of Virginia’s images will be published, as well as a quote about black water diving and bonfire diving.

## New MSC T-Shirts: Still A Few Left!



Our members 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 still available for \$30.



# BOTTOM TIMES

**Sep 18 (Wed):** Guest speaker Richard Woulfe: Travel Secrets for Insiders. Richard has been traveling the globe for most of 40 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. She has negotiated a 10% discount for each guest off your room price. If she gets one more diver, we would have a slightly deeper discount for all. The manager is currently holding two poolside rooms and one Seaview room until she gets other requests.

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)

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

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**Next Meeting:**  
**Wed., September 18th:**  
**Richard Woulfe –**  
**“Travel Secrets**  
**for Insiders”**

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

**Marin Scuba Club**

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

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