

MARIN SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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February Meeting: Mike Boom – “Seven Weeks in Indonesia”

In 2017, Mike and his wife Lynn took two trips to one of their favorite dive destinations, Indonesia. They hit all the hot spots there...



*Mike affectionately calls this photo:
“Lobster Breath”*

The dive sites included muck diving in Ambon, Lembah, and Bali, and cruising the Banda Sea, Raja Ampat, and Komodo.

The Booms dove from shore, rolled in from small resort boats, and were pampered on a swanky liveaboard boat.

Along the way, they had the chance to shoot LOTS of 4K video footage of reefs packed with color, animals going about their daily business, and divers enjoying it all in the warm, tropical waters.

“I started shooting underwater video in the fall of 2001,” says Mike.

See page 2 for more Mike Boom News.

RENEW BY 2/29/20 & SAVE! We’ve Raised Membership Fees to Accommodate Rising Costs

For the first time in at least 10 years, MSC is raising our annual dues to help cover rising costs of hosting monthly meetings, events, and parties.



MSC membership is worth its weight in gold.

Effective 01/01/20, our annual fee for an individual membership will go up 20% to \$50, while couples living at the same residence will pay \$79.

These fees are in effect through the Early Bird Special Rates of 2/29/20 to renew or join MSC.

But if you wait until after 4/1/20, you’ll pay a late fee of \$10 more, so that will cost you \$60 for an individual membership and \$89 for a couple.

To renew your membership or join Marin Scuba Club, just complete the interactive online form on our website:
<https://marinclub.org/membership/>.

Or pick up a new / renewing membership form at our February meeting from Julie Finley.

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Mike Boom & Indonesia (Continued)

"My first reaction was 'You mean I have to experience all my dives now through this crappy little video screen?' I must have found something compelling about it, though, since I've been shooting around the world since then and have steadily turned out short videos to share with friends, enemies, and total strangers.

"In early 2008 I worked for four months as the underwater video pro on the live-aboard dive boat [Nai'a](#). On my first charter we hit the tail end of a hurricane, my underwater housing poured out smoke when I first put everything together, I flooded my dive computer, broke a mask, cracked a rib, and had an editing computer that crashed into the blue screen of death at least once every other hour. Despite all that I had a great time, managed to shoot some decent video, and learned to put out a 23-minute trip video once a week come hell or high water."

Join us on February 19th as Mike Boom presents "Seven Weeks in Indonesia." Visit his YouTube Channel: <https://tinyurl.com/t7b4clq>

Vince Smith & Blue Endeavors: January Presentation

Vince said, "The oceans are at risk. It's time to do something with conservation, exploration, action and connection."



You can donate to [Blue-Endeavors.org](https://blueendeavors.org), help identify fish in a reef survey, or join their non-profit organization based in Alameda.

"Underwater" Movie Reviews

In mid-January, a group of MSC members had dinner and then viewed "[Underwater](#)" starring Kristen Stewart.

Here's what Barbara Wambach said, "Wins: Yes scary. Language: Sea creature communication akin to dolphin clicks and whale songs was realistic until the bear growls at the end. As the sea creatures were depicted cephalopod like, it is rational that they are intelligent.

"Moderately entertaining: strong female leads running around in bikinis with below 40-degree water leaking everywhere: overall a bit juvenile.

"Critical failures: The chase to the surface of the deep sea creatures was ridiculous.... They should explode from the reduced pressure.

"Overall, super fun outing. Highlights were great company and a having virtually a private showing for Marin Scuba Club:-)"

And Larry Clinton chimed in as follows: "Here are a few inaccuracies I saw in the movie. Twice characters refer to their breathing gas as oxygen, which would be lethal at that depth. They would have to be using some form of mixed gas at such great depths (maybe one that doesn't even exist!).

"Throughout the film, water is dripping on everyone as they move from location to location and covering most of their walkways. Assuming it's seawater, there are two problems. First, if there were that many breaches in the habitats they visit, the great pressures probably would have caused them to collapse rather than just leak. Second, the temperature of waters in the Marianas Trench is 34-39F. Water that temperature would very quickly become debilitating, especially after the two females stripped down to their panties.

"Finally, underwater visibility ranged from inches to several meters, from scene to scene. Possible, but unlikely." Stay tuned for the next MSC movie outing in Marin County.

BOTTOM TIMES

Feb 6 (Th): Movie at Romberg Tiburon Campus. Join Virginia and friends for “Call of the Baby Beluga” with filmmaker Michael Parfit at the Estuary & Ocean Science Center, Tiburon. Doors open at 6pm; movie starts at 6:30pm.

Feb 8 (Sat): Join Ken at the Breakwater in Monterey for an afternoon dive followed by a full moon dive, weather permitting. Contact: Ken@kennethcarter.com

Feb 15-22: Club Tropical Trip to Little Cayman Beach Resort. About a dozen members and friends have signed up to date. Air/water temperatures will be approximately 80/76 F.

Feb 19 (Wed): Guest speaker Mike Boom: “Seven Weeks in Indonesia”. Join this local underwater videographer for a highly anticipated video showcase. Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45 pm. Free for members; \$5 for non-members.

March 6/7/8 (Fri-Sat-Sun): Join Barb on the Monterey Beachhopper II for three days of diving. Book directly through the dive boat: beachhopper2.com. Info – contact: blwambach@comcast.net

March 18 (Wed): Guest speaker Adam Ratner: “Behind The Bark – Saving Seals and Sea Lions in California”. Adam is the Associate Director of Conservation Education with the Marine Mammal Center, a global leader in health, science and conservation, and the world’s largest marine mammal hospital. Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45 pm. Free for members; \$5 for non-members.

April 15 (Wed): Guest speaker Bill Keener, Marine Mammal Center: “Whales and Porpoises”. Bill was formerly with the Golden Gate Cetacean Research Center. Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45 pm. Free for members; \$5 for non-members.

May 8-17: Philippines Dive. Join Ellen Sakoloff at the land-based El Galleon Dive Resort in Puerto Galera for 9 nights. Boats depart 4x/day for short runs to dive sites. [Contact El Galleon](#) for details.

May 20 (Wed): Guest speaker Michael Scott, Seacology’s Island Conservation Program. Michael will present an overview of Seacology’s history, conservation approach, current projects, and future outlook in 61 countries since 1991. Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45 pm. Free for members; \$5 for non-members.

June 20 (Sat): Spring/Summer Social at Jeffrey & Simma’s lovely farm home. Contact: blwambach@comcast.net

July 17-19 (Fri-Sat-Sun): Tahoe Dive & Camp: Join Ken for this annual fun weekend to dive the Rubicon Wall, camp, hike, bike, and more activities. Contact: Ken@kennethcarter.com

Aug 21/22/23 (Fri-Sat-Sun): Annual Dive & Dine, Ocean Cove – Save The Date. The club has reserved group campsite #3 again with stunning views. Sign-up in June: blwambach@comcast.net

Late Oct/Early Nov: Proposed warm water dive trip to Palau or Cabo Pulmo. Details TBD.

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., February 19:
Mike Boom –
“Seven Weeks
in Indonesia”.

Book Passage
51 Tamal Vista Blvd.
Corte Madera

**REMEMBER TO RENEW
YOUR MEMBERSHIP
WITH EARLY BIRD
SAVINGS BY 2/29/20.**

Marin Scuba Club

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

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