

MARIN SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER

VOLUME 27, NUMBER 3

MARCH 2020

March Meeting: Adam Ratner – “Behind The Bark: Saving Seals and Sea Lions in California”

Adam is the Associate Director of Conservation Education at The Marine Mammal Center in the Marin Headlands — a global leader in marine mammal health, science and conservation, and the largest marine mammal hospital in the world.



*Adam will tell how you can make
a difference for our ocean.*

The Marine Mammal Center rescues between 700-2,000 sick and injured seals, sea lions and other marine mammals each year from over 600 miles of the California coastline as well as the Big Island of Hawai'i.

See page 2 for more TMMC News.

RENEW BY 3/31/20 & SAVE! We've Raised Membership Fees to Accommodate Rising Costs

As you may have read in previous months, MSC is raising our annual dues for the first time in at least 10 years. This will help cover the 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.

Our Early Bird Special Rates have now been extended through 03/31/20 to renew or join Marin Scuba Club. Almost half of our members have renewed to date.

But if you join or renew after 4/1/20, you'll pay a late fee of \$10 more, so the cost will be \$60 for an individual membership and \$89 for a couple.

The fastest way to renew your membership or join MSC is to complete our interactive online form:
<https://marinclub.org/membership/>.

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

See page 2 for more MSC News.

Adam Ratner & TMMC (Continued)

Seals and sea lions serve as sentinels of the sea, providing a glimpse into the ocean's health and potential consequences of our own actions on land.

Join us at Book Passage on Wednesday, March 18th

Our club meeting will run from 7:15 – 8:45pm to hear Adam's latest stories of his patients, new research on marine mammal health, and what actions we can take as individuals and communities to help protect marine mammals and ourselves for generations to come.

February Presentation Recap: Mike Boom & "7 Weeks in Indonesia"

Mike shared amazing videos of his two trips to Indonesia's best dive sites.

To see more, visit his YouTube Channel:
<https://tinyurl.com/t7b4clq>

The Deep Sea: An Educational Site

Arlene Rudy found this fascinating website with images of what can be found at different ocean depths.

Check it out: <https://tinyurl.com/v2yzcug>



Little Cayman Resort: Dive Trip Report By Gil Zeimer

Nine MSC members and two prospects just got back from Little Cayman and Reef Divers.



We didn't care that they misspelled our name as "Marine Scuba Club" Because we took 17 dives over 6 days, enjoyed perfect 80-degree weather and splashed around in 80-degree water.



We dove on a 330-foot Russian wreck, saw reef sharks, barracudas, turtles, crabs, lobsters, and all of the colorful reef fish along the extremely healthy and vibrant Bloody Bay Wall.



Read more: <https://tinyurl.com/rzx4ksd>

BOTTOM TIMES

March 6/7/8 (Fri-Sat-Sun): Join Barb on the Monterey Beach Hopper 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 17 (Wed): Guest speaker and presentation: TBD. 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 for a pot luck vegetarian gathering. Contact: blwambach@comcast.net

July 15 (Wed): Guest speaker Sal Zammitti, Bamboo Reef, San Francisco. Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45 pm. Free for members; \$5 for non-members.

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 19 (Wed): Guest speaker and presentation: TBD. Club Meeting: Book Passage, 7:15 – 8:45 pm. Free for members; \$5 for non-members.

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

Nov 7-15: 20 MSC members are leaving for Cabo Pulmo for 5 nights / 4 days of 2-tank dives on November 7th for \$863 - \$916 per person double occupancy. Some members will extend the trip for 3 nights in La Paz to snorkel with whale sharks, scuba dive or just relax. This trip is now waitlist only. Contact: blwambach@comcast.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.

Marin Scuba Club
28 Marinero Circle, #30
Tiburon, CA 94920



Next Meeting:
Wed., March 18:
Adam Ratner –
“Behind The Bark –
Saving Seals and Sea
Lions in California”

Book Passage
51 Tamal Vista Blvd.
Corte Madera

**REMEMBER TO RENEW
YOUR MEMBERSHIP
WITH EARLY BIRD
SAVINGS BY 03/31/20.
RATES GO UP ON 4/1/20.**

Marin Scuba Club

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

**Marin Scuba Club
Board of Directors**

<http://www.marinscubaclub.org>

BOD Chair

Barbara Wambach, Chair chair@marinscubaclub.org

BOD Vice Chair/Social Media

John Lewis, Vice Chair vchair@marinscubaclub.org

Treasurer

Marc Paris treasurer@marinscubaclub.org

Secretary

Lisa Kuhn secretary@marinscubaclub.org

Membership Coordinator

Julie Finley membership@marinscubaclub.org

Member Relations

Ellen Sakoloff relations@marinscubaclub.org

Newsletter Editor/Publicity/Webmaster

Gil Zeimer newsletter@marinscubaclub.org

Activities Coordinators

Barbara Wambach activities@marinscubaclub.org

Niles Szwed activities3@marinscubaclub.org

Program Coordinators

Virginia Bria program@marinscubaclub.org

Bryan Eckert program2@marinscubaclub.org

Special Program Coordinator

Kenneth R. Carter kc@marinscubaclub.org