NEWSLETTER

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MAY 2020

May Meeting: Michael Scott, Seacology Island Conservation Program (CANCELLED)

Michael was to have presented an overview of Seacology's history, conservation approach, current projects, and future outlook in 61 countries since 1991, but this meeting has been cancelled as the Bay Area continues to Shelter-in-Place.



Michael enjoys connecting people to projects that protect threatened island ecosystems.

Seacology believes that environmental issues are human issues. Michael, who was born in Brazil, will be rescheduled for September 9th.

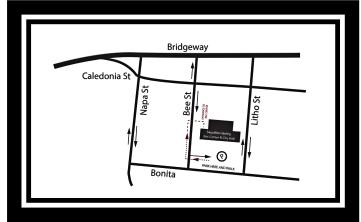
He will discuss examples of island communities where they've helped to protect forest and marine areas, followed by a Q & A.

For more information, visit www.Seacology.org

See page 2 for more MSC News.

New Venue Starting in August: Sausalito Parks & Rec Center on the 2nd Wednesday Each Month

While we have enjoyed supporting Book Passage, we have found a new home for our monthly meetings starting in August. But we will continue to meet in Corte Madera for June and July, assuming Shelter-in-Place has been lifted.



Address is 420 Litho Street, but entrance and parking can both be accessed on Bee Street.

A larger map is on our website.

Starting in August, we'll meet at the Sausalito Parks & Rec Center at 420 Litho Street.

However, the entrance and a parking lot are on Bee Street between Caledonia and Bonita. (NOTE: Bee is a one-way street only between Caledonia and Bridgeway, but two-ways from Caledonia to Bonita).

Directions: From the parking lot, walk down Bee Street and enter at the Rec Center entrance on the lower level.

Our meetings will be held in the Edgewater Room in August and October; and the Game Room for September and November.

NOTE: These will be on the 2nd Wednesday each month starting in August, no longer the 3rd Wednesday!

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April Presentation Recap: Bill Keener, Marine Mammal Center

Because of the coronavirus mandate to Shelter-in-Place, we also had to cancel our April meeting. However, we have rescheduled Bill's presentation to October 14th, 2020.

Virginia Bria, Team Sedna Member

MSC Member / Board Member Virginia is excited to be part of an all-woman team to join the <u>Sedna</u> <u>Arctic Expedition</u> to bring the ocean to eye level with Susan Eaton, Expedition Leader, and many more. It's tentatively scheduled for November 2020 but may be pushed back to 2021. <u>Watch Virginia's video</u>.

5 Ways MSC Members Can Shelter-In-Place By Gil Zeimer

- Get some fresh air every day with social distancing
- Do aerobic exercises to keep in shape for diving
- Reach out to current / past dive buddies and friends to stay in touch via calls, texts, FaceTime and Zoom Cocktail Parties
- 4) Revisit your past dives in your log book
- 5) Review, edit and share your favorite photos and videos on social media to remind everyone of the good times when life was normal and we took it all for granted



Are you wearing PPE while shopping?

RENEW NOW!

We've Raised Membership Fees to Accommodate Rising Costs

Marin Scuba Club will reduce 2021 membership fees for all who have not renewed yet during 2020. The rebate will be based on the number of months that we are closed for meetings: with three closed meetings to date (March, April and May), that is a 27.5% rebate in 2021.



MSC membership is a great value.

About 75% of members have renewed. It now costs \$60 for an individual membership and \$89 for a couple.

The fastest way to renew or join MSC is to complete our interactive online form: https://tinyurl.com/wo23hoo. You can also request a new / renewing membership form from Julie Finley: membership@marinscubaclub.org

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.



WE WILL DECIDE TO MEET OR CANCEL ABOUT A WEEK BEFORE EACH MONTHLY MEETING, OR WILL PROVIDE FURTHER IN ADVANCE FOR EACH DIVE TRIP.

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 dive sites. THIS TRIP HAS BEEN MOVED TO 2021. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: Ellen via relations@marinscubaclub.org

May 20 (Wed): (CANCELLED — TO BE RESCHEDULED IN SEPTEMBER.)

June 17 (Wed): Heidi Herrman, Sea Forager, "Seaweed, Ecology, Use & Harvest", 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): Sal Zammitti, Bamboo Reef Founder / Retired Owner, on his 45-year, 15,000-dive career. 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.

NEW VENUE! Aug 12 (Wed): MSC Club Presentations for Egypt/The Red Sea, Little Cayman, Monterey and more. Club Meeting: Sausalito Parks & Rec Center, Edgewater Room, 7:15 – 8:45 pm. Free for members; \$5 donation 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

September: Coastal Clean-Up: Possibly Kirby Cove. Date: TBD: Alyssa Ralston is coordinating.

Sept 9 (Wed): Guest speaker Michael Scott, Seacology's Island Conservation Program. Watch a presentation of Seacology's history, conservation approach, current projects, and future outlook in 61 countries since 1991. Sausalito Parks & Rec Center, Game Room, 7:15 – 8:45 pm. Free for members; \$5 donation for non-members. (THIS WAS RESCHEDULED FROM MAY.)

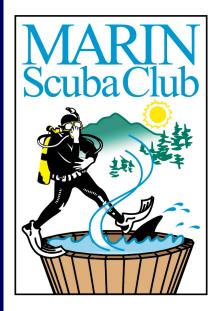
Oct 14 (Wed): William Keener, Marine Mammal Biologist: Whales and Porpoises. Club Meeting: Sausalito Rec Center, Edgewater Room, 7:15 – 8:45 pm. Free for members; \$5 donation for non-members. (THIS WAS RESCHEDULED FROM APRIL.)

November 11 (Wed): Bamboo Reef: Equipment & Trips, etc. Club Meeting: Sausalito Rec Center, Game Room, 7:15 – 8:45 pm. Free for members; \$5 donation for non-members.

(NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ON THIS SOLD-OUT TRIP. IT MAY BE MOVED TO 2021.)

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 stay for 3 nights in La Paz to snorkel with whale sharks, scuba dive, or just relax. Contact: blwambach@comcast.net.

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Next Meeting:
Wednesday, May 20th:
Michael Scott,
Seacology's Island
Conservation Program
(THIS MEETING HAS
BE CANCELLED)

Book Passage 51 Tamal Vista Blvd. Corte Madera

REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP. RATES WENT UP ON 4/1/20.

Marin Scuba Club

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