

# MARIN SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## **Wed., July 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Adam Ratner, “Behind The Bark: Saving Seals and Sea Lions in California” (ZOOM Meeting)**

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.*

TMMC 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.

Seals and sea lions serve as sentinels of the sea, providing a glimpse into the ocean's health and potential consequences of our actions on land. As a Zoom meeting, invites will be sent the week of July 13. **See page 2 for more MSC News.**

## **Wed., August 12th Meeting: Amos Nachom, In-Person Meeting (Hopefully)**

The only good thing we can say about COVID-19 is that it has enabled our friend, Amos Nachom, to be in No. California in August as our presenter.

Amos, a master of photographing big animals worldwide, will discuss **“In Harmony with Ocean Giants: Authentic Capture of wildlife Behavior”**.



[Click to Watch.](#)

He has swum with blue whales, killer whales, crocodiles, great white sharks, and anacondas in every significant body of water from the North Pole to Antarctica.

Amos's photographic vision is to raise awareness of ocean giants in their habitats. His images reflect respect and compassion for animals and wilderness.

His photographs strive to dispel the myth of “dangerous” wildlife and show harmonious interactions between man and animal. As an explorer, he leads wildlife photography expeditions through [www.BigAnimals.com](http://www.BigAnimals.com).

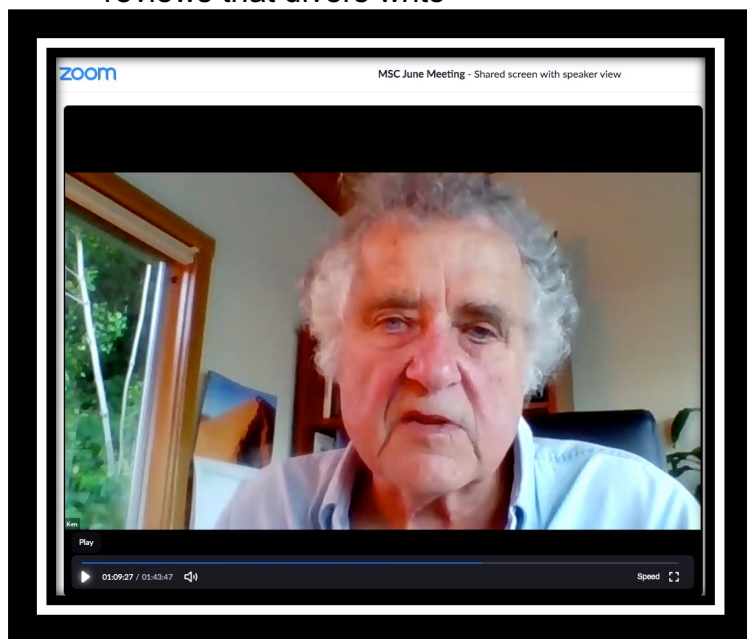
**See page 2 for more about Amos.**

## June's Meeting With Ken Smith, *Undercurrent*

MSC hosted its first ever Zoom meeting for June vs. an in-person gathering and we were very pleased with the results.

Ken Smith, editor and founder of *Undercurrent*, shared stories about how he:

- Became fascinated with scuba diving — thanks to a book by Larry Clinton!
- Started what he affectionately calls “the most despised publication in the dive industry” — a Jamaican resort that was miles from a great beach shown in a magazine story, had very little food, and no fish to see while diving
- Why he refuses to accept advertising for his monthly newsletter and annual The Travelin' Diver's Chapbook — so he won't be beholden to sponsors
- How he determined his nom de plume
- And how he chooses authors — from great reviews that divers write



*Ken Smith, AKA “Ben Davison”*

### GBR Moon Ring.

[Barb shared this link](#) about a large art installation along the Great Barrier Reef with a surface piece that acts as a mood ring, changing colors with variations in ocean temperatures.

### A Whale of a Holograph.

And Arlene Rudy [send us this link](#) of a projection holographique inside a school gymnasium.

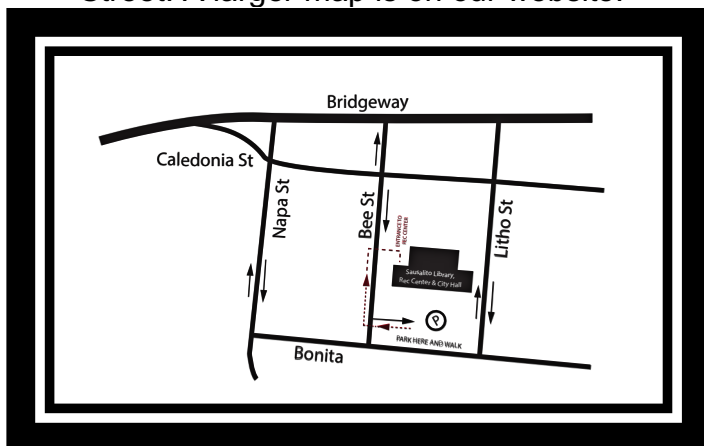
## More About Amos Nachom

But photographing a polar bear face to face in the open ocean had eluded him until he starred in a 2019 documentary — **“Picture of His Life”** — winner of multiple film festivals. Many club members had the pleasure of seeing this amazing film pre-COVID at the Rafael Theatre.

If we are able to meet in person, it will be in Barb's Mill Valley backyard — directions to come in August — but limited to 40 people for social distancing. If not, it will be via Zoom video conference like June's.

**We Will Have a New Venue Once COVID-19 Has Been Conquered: Sausalito Rec Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays**

The address is 420 Litho Street, but entrance and parking can both be accessed on Bee Street. A larger map is on our website.



**STILL TIME TO RENEW!**  
**We've Raised Membership Fees**

MSC 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 in-person meetings.

The fastest way to renew or join MSC is to complete our interactive online form:

<https://tinyurl.com/wo23hoo>.

Or request a membership form from Julie Finley: [membership@marinclub.org](mailto:membership@marinclub.org)

# BOTTOM TIMES

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

**July 15 (Wed): Adam Ratner, Associate Director of Conservation Education, The Marine Mammal Center, "Behind The Bark: Saving Seals and Sea Lions in California".** TMMC is a global leader in health, science and conservation, and the world's largest marine mammal hospital. Zoom MSC Club Meeting, 7:00 – 8:30 pm: Free for all members. **(THIS WAS RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH.)**

**NEW WEEK, 2<sup>nd</sup> WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH!**

**Aug 12 (Wed): Amos Nachom, "In Harmony with Ocean Giants: Authentic Capture of wildlife Behavior".** Club Meeting: Either in Barb's Mill Valley backyard or Sausalito Park & Rec Center, Edgewater Room, 7:15 – 8:45 pm. Free for members; \$5 donation for non-members.

**IF WE MEET IN PERSON, THIS WILL BE LIMITED TO 40 PEOPLE.**

**Aug 21/22/23 (Fri-Sat-Sun): Annual Dive & Dine, Ocean Cove – Save The Date.** The campsite is currently open, but groups are TBD. Sign-up in July: [blwambach@comcast.net](mailto:blwambach@comcast.net)

**TO BE DECIDED AS A GO/NO GO IN JULY.**

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

**STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES ON THIS... AND EVERYTHING ELSE IN OUR DAILY LIVES!!**

**Sept 9 (Wed): 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. Zoom, Barb's backyard, or Sausalito Park & 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: Zoom, Barb's backyard, or 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): Brian Stanley, Bamboo Reef: Equipment & Trips, etc.** Club Meeting: Zoom or 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 plan to leave for Cabo Pulmo for 5 nights / 4 days of 2-tank dives on November 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.**

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Next Meeting:  
Wednesday, July 15th:  
Adam Ratner,  
The Marine Mammal Center  
**(ZOOM ONLINE  
MEETING)**

**PLEASE RENEW YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP.  
RATES WENT UP  
ON 4/1/20.**

Marin Scuba Club

The Club meets the  
3rd Wednesday  
each month;  
**but the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday  
starting in August**  
(except no meeting  
in December).

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