

# MARIN SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## **Wed., September 9 ZOOM Meeting: Duane Silverstein, Seacology, “Island Conservation Program”**

Once again, we will see each other via Zoom for our monthly meeting. We're honored to host Duane Silverstein, Executive Director of Seacology, an international non-government organization with the sole focus of preserving islands — their fragile habitats, vanishing species, and historic cultures — throughout the globe.



*Duane has logged hundreds of dives in some of the world's most exotic sites.*

Prior to heading Seacology, Duane was the executive director of the Goldman Fund, one of California's largest philanthropic foundations, for 18 years. He was instrumental in creating and heading the Goldman Environmental Prize, which has been dubbed the “Nobel Prize of the Environment” by National Geographic and worldwide news media. Over his career he has visited more than 200 islands in 83 nations.

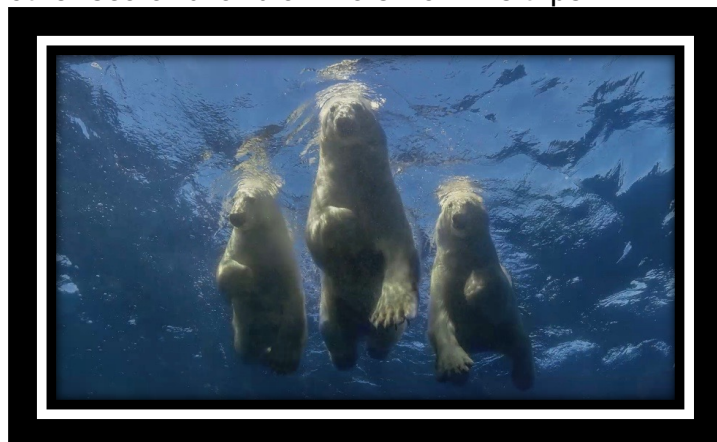
Duane has met with presidents of the U.S., Secretaries-general of the U.N., kings, heads of state, and indigenous chiefs throughout the world on behalf of the environment.

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## **August Meeting Recap: Amos Nachom: “In Harmony With Ocean Giants”**

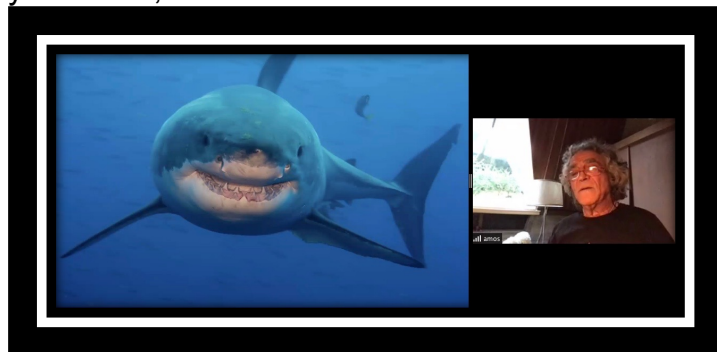
Wow! We were truly blessed for our August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting! Amos Nachom of [www.BigAnimals.com](http://www.BigAnimals.com) global expeditions showcased his incredible images and videos.

He presented one jaw-dropping image after another of blue whales, rays, orcas, striped marlin, sharks, humpback whales, crocodiles, and other sea and land animals from his trips.



*Diving with a polar bear was the one major predator that had eluded Amos.*

The night of his presentation was actually the fifth anniversary of the first dive Amos and his team made with polar bears in Norway. This photo became the focal point of the award-winning documentary: [Picture of His Life](#). If you haven't yet seen it, watch it now.



*That's not Bruce the Shark. It's the real deal*

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## More About Duane Silverstein & Seacology

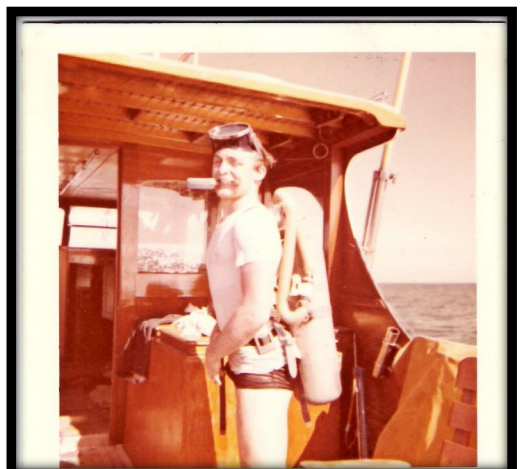
His work has been covered in media such as *Time Magazine*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, and *The New York Times*. Articles he has written have appeared in over a dozen international publications.

In 2009 he was selected by a public vote as a national All-Star Among Us to be honored by Major League Baseball at the All-Star Game in St. Louis. In 2010, Duane was given the Jefferson Award for Public Service.

In giving Duane a 2010 Coastal Hero Award, *Sunset Magazine* called him a “superhero of the deep.” In 2012, he was invited to give the closing speech on the state of the Earth’s islands for the TEDx conference in South Africa’s Cape Town. In January 2015, His Serene Highness Prince Albert II honored Duane on behalf of Seacology for outstanding innovation in a ceremony in Monaco.

Widely considered one of the world’s foremost experts on islands, he is a National Fellow of The Explorers Club and a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. In 2018, he accepted the United Nations Momentum For Change climate action award on behalf of Seacology.

Under his leadership, Seacology was named one of the top 15 US nonprofit organizations to work for. In 2019, Duane was named a Go Blue Award Lifetime Achievement Honoree. Join us for this special presentation on 9/9 at 7:15pm. [www.Seacology.org](http://www.Seacology.org).



Larry, circa 1957, for one of his first dives. Note the knife in his mouth.

## More MSC News.

### Marin Scuba Club's Annual Summer Dive 'N Dine: Cancelled

Unfortunately, because of the Fort Ross fire, we had to cancel this summer's D 'N D. Stay tuned for news about our next event.

### MSC Masks for Sale: \$12/2, \$24/4.



We only have about 20 masks left for purchase. Contact [gil@zeimer.com](mailto:gil@zeimer.com) to order ASAP. Once confirmed, payments should be sent to [Marc Paris](#) via check, Venmo, or via PayPal: 93 Graceland Drive, San Rafael, CA 94901.



Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Larry Clinton!

# BOTTOM TIMES

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

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

**Sept 9 (Wed): Duane Silverstein, Executive Director, Seacology's Island Conservation Program.** Watch a presentation via Zoom of Seacology's history, conservation approach, current projects, and future outlook in 61 countries since 1991. Seacology is an international non-government organization whose sole focus is to preserve islands — their fragile habitats, vanishing species, and historic cultures — throughout the globe. 7:15 – 8:45 pm. **(THIS WAS RESCHEDULED FROM MAY.)**

**Oct 14 (Wed): Bill Keener, Marine Mammal Biologist: "Tales of Urban Whales; S.F. Bay's Cetacean Restoration".** Club Meeting: Zoom. The former Executive Director of The Marine Mammal Center is co-founder of Golden Gate Cetacean Research and an environmental lawyer. **(RESCHEDULED FROM APRIL.)**

**November 11 (Wed): Marin Scuba Club Group Video and Images Presentation.** Club Meeting: Zoom. Presenters will include Barb Wambach (Monterey and Big Sur), Virginia Bria (a Marin Scuba Club walk down memory lane club montage) Ken Carter (Dive Hacks — Storm Whistle Tuck, Carter Snorkel Strap, Six-Gun Dive Knife Holster), Bryan Eckert (Diving the Poor Knights of New Zealand plus Aniloa Macro), John Lewis (Little Cayman), Sue Estey / Tom Patterson (Fiji), and possibly more MSC members. More details to come about each member's images and videos.

**Cabo Pulmo Tentatively Rescheduled for October 2021:** The Cabo Pulmo, Mexico trip has been rebooked for arrival Saturday, October 23, 2021 for a 7-night stay. 18 MSC members are rebooking. Some members will be flying home on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> and 10 members are taking a van to La Paz for whale shark snorkeling. We have book a B&B in La Paz that only has 1 accommodation left. Cabo Pulmo Resort only has 3 accommodations left for our stay. If you want to join this 2021 trip, contact Barbara Wambach: [blwambach@comcast.net](mailto:blwambach@comcast.net).

**December: No meeting is scheduled; holiday party plans are presently in limbo.**  
**2021 Meetings: Presenters to be announced soon for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.**

## **THERE'S STILL TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!**

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)

## **WE'LL HAVE A NEW VENUE ONCE COVID-19 HAS BEEN CONQUERED: SAUSALITO REC CENTER**

The address is 420 Litho Street, off Bee Street. A map can be found [on our website](#).

**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, September 9:  
Duane Silverstein,  
"Seacology Island  
Conservation Program"  
**(ZOOM ONLINE  
MEETING)**

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

**Marin Scuba Club**

The Club now meets on  
the 2nd Wednesday  
each month  
(except no meeting  
in December).

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