MARIN SCUBA CLUB
NEWSLETTER

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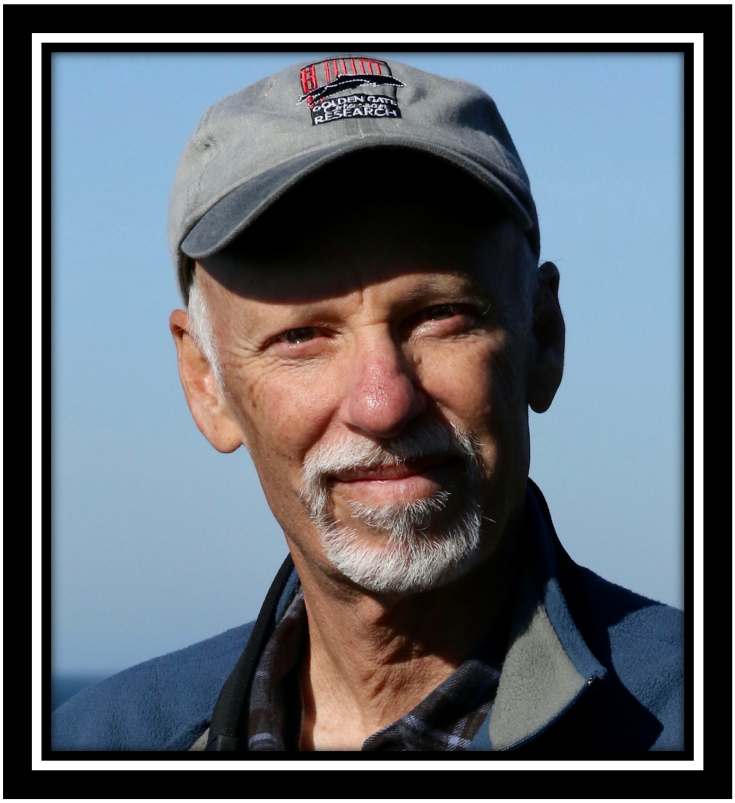
Wed., October 14 ZOOM Meeting: Bill Keener — "Tales of Urban Whales — S.F. Bay's Cetacean Restoration".

For our October Zoom for our monthly meeting, we will host Bill Keener, a Research Biologist at The Marine Mammal Center.



Bill is both a research biologist and an environmental attorney.

The improved health of the Bay has given three species the chance to thrive: humpback whales, bottlenose dolphins and harbor porpoises. This is a good news story about how these fascinating animals have adapted to life in urban waters.

For the past four summers, an unexpected influx of humpbacks have been swimming through the Golden Gate to feed in the Bay. Meanwhile, bottlenose dolphins have expanded their range north from Southern California to become residents along the shores of San Francisco, and harbor porpoises returned to the Bay after an absence of 65 years.

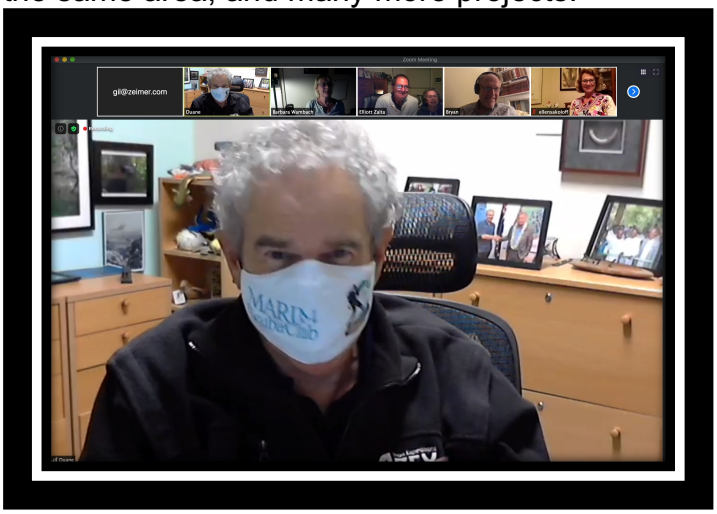
See page 2 for more about Bill Keener.

September Meeting Recap: Duane Silverstein — Seacology

Duane offered a terrific presentation about the hundreds of amazing projects funded by Seacology annually to protect the unique habitats and cultures of islands worldwide, especially their threatened coral reefs.

Duane snorkeled with humpbacks on Tonga.

These include thousands of micro-loans for a Sri Lanka Mangrove Conservation Project, placing mooring buoys in the Red Sea near Hurghada, Egypt where one of the world's most visited scuba sites can often have up to six liveaboard boats in the same area, and many more projects.



For more info, visit Seacology.org or support them at https://www.seacology.org/donate/. Watch Duane's Vimeo presentation here.

See page 2 for more MSC News.

More About Bill Keener & SF Bay Cetaceans

His work with marine mammals began in the late 1970s when he volunteered at The Marine Mammal Center. As a whale-watch naturalist for Oceanic Society Expeditions, he also led trips to the Baja breeding lagoons of the gray whale and to the remote Amazon to search for freshwater river dolphins. Bill's most recent scientific publication is on harbor porpoise mating behavior in the Bay.

In 2010, Bill organized a team of scientists to study the whales, dolphins and porpoises of S.F Bay and the No. Calif. coast. Over the decade, he initiated the first Bay Area photo-ID catalogs for humpbacks, bottlenose dolphins and harbor porpoises.

This is your chance to learn from a local scientist about the lives of great whales, the difference between porpoises and dolphins, and what you can do to help in the study of local marine mammals. Join us on 10/14: https://tinyurl.com/y36rc8oo

"My Octopus Teacher"

Ellen Sakoloff told us about a filmmaker in South Africa who forges an unusual friendship. Now available on Netflix: https://tinyurl.com/y2nz9nzb

More MSC News.

Join Us on Wed., November 18: Dottie Frazier, 98-Year-Old Trailblazer

This amazing woman — a true diving legend — will be our very special presenter in November.

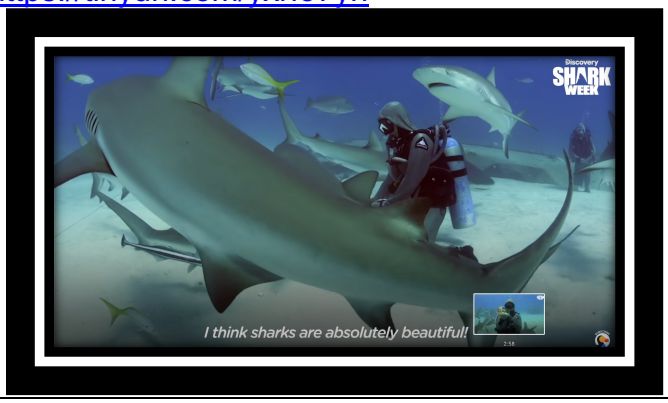
Holiday Quarantini Zoom Party, Sunday, 12/6, 5pm

(Sung to the tune of "Blue Christmas" by Elvis)
"I'll have a blue Christmas without you.
I'll have a Zoom Christmas without you.
You'll be doin' all right, with your holidays of white,
But I'll have a blue, blue blue blue Christmas."

Yes, members and friends, because of COVID-19, we'll be hosting a Holiday Cocktail Party via Zoom, plus six video / image presentations by MSC members. (Details on *Bottom Times*.)

"The Shark Whisperer"

Arlene Rudy shared this video about a woman in Freeport, Grand Bahama Island, who swims with sharks and removes hooks from their mouths: https://tinyurl.com/yxrf57yh



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 MEETING DAY: 2nd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH!

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. 7:15-8:45pm.

November 11 (Wed): Dottie Frazier, Trailblazer and Diving Pioneer. Club Meeting: Zoom. This 98-year-old woman was the world's first female SCUBA instructor, commercial diver, dive shop owner, and more. Join us to hear her extraordinary story live. 7:15-8:45pm. Biography: https://tinyurl.com/y4qyz29c

December 5 (Sun): Holiday Quarantini Zoom Party, 5pm. Marin Scuba Club Group Video and Images Presentation. SAVE THE DATE! 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 next month.

January 13 (Wed) 2021: Professor Ezri Tarazi, Design-Tech Lab, The Technion, Israel. Ezri will discuss his success with 3-D printing of artificial coral reefs out of terra cotta in the Red Sea. Club Meeting: Zoom until further notice. 7:15-8:45pm.

Spring 2021: Philippines El Galleon Dive Resort in Puerto Galera. Rescheduling is on hold until travel is safe. Contact Ellen Sakoloff for details.

Cabo Pulmo / La Paz 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 30th and 10 members are taking a van to La Paz for whale shark snorkeling. We have booked a La Paz B&B; only 1 accommodation is available. 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.

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

We now only have 10 masks left for purchase. Contact 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.

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, October 14:
Bill Keener, Marine Mammal Biologist:
"Tales of Urban Whales — S.F. Bay's Cetacean Restoration
(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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