

MARIN SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Wed., May 12 Zoominar: Alex Rose, "From Pole to Pole: Exploration With A Purpose"

For our next meeting, Marin Scuba Club is pleased to present Alex Rose, the Science Editor for [Ocean Geographic Magazine](#), and the Managing Editor for [Ocean Geographic Explorers](#).

In her six years there, more than 50 of her titles have been published both in print and online. Additionally, she has been published in Alert Diver, Sea Technology Magazine, Womanscape, and has contributed text to three books.



Alex is a scientist, underwater photographer, writer, explorer, and violinist.

Ms. Rose has served as the Project Manager on several expeditions including two – one to the High Arctic and the other to Clipperton Atoll – that were granted Explorers Club flags.

See page 2 for more about Alex Rose

April Meeting Recap: Shane Gross, "Bahamas Underwater: A Decade of Exploring the Marine Creatures and Habitats"

Shane wowed our Zoom audience with amazing photos and stories of his thousands of hours dedicated to creating a shark sanctuary. So far, so good for his tourism and conservation efforts.



Invasive Lionfish



Hammerheads create bubbles with rapid tail movements; lionfish are surprisingly good eating.

See page 2 for more on Shane Gross

More About Alex Rose

As a vocal ocean advocate, she has given more than 30 public presentations in the last year on a variety of topics ranging from purposeful exploration and plastic pollution, to climate change and the ethics of underwater photography.

Rose is also a professional photographer, accomplished violinist, Explorers Club Fellow, and PADI Divemaster. In the last year, she placed in five international underwater photography competitions, including taking second in the UN World Ocean Day Photo Competition, first in the Beneath the Sea Imaging Awards, and Grand Prize in the National Wildlife Photo Contest.

She founded a membership-based ocean conservation company, Blue Ring, at the beginning of 2017 in an effort to create a new method of ocean conservation accessible to and inclusive of everyone. Since then, she has raised \$20,000 to support the work of marine conservation nonprofits.

Alex is also a co-founder of Wave Film Fest, a Chicago-based video celebration of our world's waters that saw its inaugural event last year, and is the Secretary of Deep Hope, a nonprofit founded by Dr. Sylvia Earle to build citizen submarines.

Her driving goal is to find ways to protect our planet's precious marine habitats through diving, writing, photography, education, and research.

Her presentation: "From Pole to Pole: Exploration With A Purpose" will take you on an extensive journey of her vast diving experiences around the world, sharing photos, and the fascinating stories behind them. Find out more: www.BlueRing.blue



**June 26 BYOB
& Vegetarian
Potluck
Summer Social**
at Jeffrey and
Simma's lovely
Farm Home in
Sebastopol.
Evites to be sent
soon.

More About Shane Gross

His favorite islands featured in his book are:

- **Harbor Island** for lionfish, blue holes, and 800,000 seahorses in one pond.
- **Eleuthera** for manatees and spectacular nightlife.
- **Bimini** for great hammerheads, dolphins, southern stingrays, and snorkeling in the mangroves.
- And **Andros**, the biggest, but is least explored.

His book, [*Bahamas Underwater*](#), available on Amazon, supports the [Bahamas Reef Environmental Education Foundation](#) (BREEF) to fund in-water experiences for local kids.



Queen Conch is one of 11 chapters in his book.

Read more at www.ShareGross.com or follow him on Instagram @shanegrossphoto.

**You Can Still Renew Your
2021 Membership for 50%
or Join Now.**

Your club's Board has decided not to charge late fees for 2021 member renewals, so they'll remain at \$25 for singles and \$35 for couples. To renew your membership, complete an online form: <https://marinscubaclub.org/membership/>.

Or to join, you'll pay full rate of \$50 per year for an individual membership or \$79 for a couple:
<https://marinclub.org/membership/new-membership/>.

Each couples member can check off your Release of Liability with online forms.

Attend a meeting if you want to learn more before joining: <https://marinclub.org/>.

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.

May 12 (Wed): Alex Rose, “From Pole to Pole: Exploration With a Purpose”. Science Editor of [Ocean Geographic](#) and Managing Editor for [Ocean Geographic Explorers](#). We first met Ms. Alex when she accompanied Michael Aw to a MSC meeting. Zoom Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

May 15 – 25 Kona Trip with Barb, Jeffrey, Simma, and Ellen Sakoloff with Kona Hunu dive shop. Contact Ellen for details: relations@marinclub.org

June 9 (Wed): Mark Stanley [Bamboo Reef](#), San Francisco. Mark will discuss his decades of diving and co-owning one of the city’s oldest dive shops. Zoom Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

June 26 (Sat): BYOB & Vegetarian Potluck Summer Social at Jeffrey and Simma’s Farm Home. Evites to be sent soon.

July 14 (Wed): Tim Elliott, “Scuba Therapy: Imaging The Possibilities,” Director / Founder, www.DiveHeart.org. Zoom / Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm. *For this and future meetings, if Marin County allows groups of 25 or more to meet indoors or outdoors, we will decide whether to gather in person or via Zoom about one month prior.*

Aug 11 (Wed): Mike Bartick, “Blackwater, The Ultimate Photo Op”. Zoom/Club Mtg, 7:00-8:45pm.

August 20 – 22: Summer Dine & Dive: Reserved for Ocean Cove. Details to come from Barb.

September 8 (Wed): Speaker – To Be Determined. Zoom/Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

October 13 (Wed): David McGuire – “Sharktober”– Details TBD. Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

October 23 – 30: Cabo Pulmo / La Paz, Mexico: This trip has been rebooked with 22 MSC members for arrival Saturday, October 23, 2021 for a 7-night stay. Some members will be flying home on Saturday, October 30th and 10 members are taking a van to La Paz for whale shark snorkeling. There is now an opening for one Deluxe Room. Contact blwambach@comcast.net for details.

November 10 (Wed): Mike Boom – “Egypt Above and Below” + “Sexual Frenzy in Catalina” (a short show). Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

December 5 (Sun): Save the Date for our Holiday Party at Barb’s. BYOB Potluck. Details to come.

Spring 2022: Philippines El Galleon Dive Resort in Puerto Galera. Rescheduling is on hold until travel is safe. Contact Ellen Sakoloff for details: relations@marinclub.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.**

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(ZOOM ONLINE MEETING)

**PLEASE RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP NOW
FOR 2021.**

The Club now meets on
the 2nd Wednesday
each month.

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