

MARIN SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**Wed., July 14 Zoominar: Jim Elliott,
Diveheart.org – “SCUBA Therapy:
Imagine The Possibilities”**

For our next meeting, MSC presents the Director and Founder of www.Diveheart.org.

Jim Elliott left a successful career in the media business to launch Diveheart, a 501c(3) not-for-profit organization that helps build confidence and independence in people of all ages—children, veterans, and others—with disabilities through zero gravity and SCUBA therapy.



*Diveheart seeks to instill a
“can-do” spirit in its participants.*

See page 2 for more about Diveheart.org

**June Meeting Recap:
Mark Stanley, Co-Owner,
“What’s New at The Old Bamboo Reef”**

Mark presented the history and future of Bamboo Reef dive shops in San Francisco and Monterey.

The flagship SF store dates back to 1961 when it was founded by world-famous underwater cinematographer Al Giddings. Next, Sal Zammitti ran both stores from 1972 to 2016. Now, Mark and his son Brian are managing these two shops, though at one time, there were five.



Both shops are SSI Platinum Training Facilities.

We learned that both Bamboo Reef shops offer:

- SCUBA certification classes
- Free and tech diving classes
- Dive tours to Monterey Bay & Point Lobos
- Beach Clean Up Dives
- Boat Dives, Beach and Night Fun Dives
- Gear, repairs and maintenance
- Trips to Mexico, Alaska, and the tropics

For more info about Mark Stanley and Bamboo Reef, visit <https://www.bambooreef.com/>.

More About Diveheart

When working with people who have disabilities, the organization doesn't discriminate, serving cognitively and physically impaired individuals worldwide.

Since 2001, Elliott, a volunteer with no salary, has initiated SCUBA Therapy research with university medical centers around the U.S., including the first study on Autism and SCUBA Therapy and the world's most innovative Adaptive SCUBA Training program for instructors, dive buddies, and Adaptive Divers. He also lectures and trains dive pros in the "Business of Adaptive SCUBA".

He'll be joined by Tinamarie, a Chicagoan, who was the first in her family to attend and graduate college. She's always found way to give back—through candy striping, coaching softball, teaching Sunday school, or swimming to people with disabilities.



When asked what drew her to Diveheart, she said: "I grew up with a cousin who lived his life with both physical and cognitive challenges. Joey didn't let much hold him back and I just know he would have loved SCUBA had he known about Diveheart."

Join us on Wednesday, July 14, from 7:00–8:45pm for this important discussion about those less fortunate than ourselves.

Read more at www.Diveheart.org and watch this video: tinyurl.com/fudy2xm5.

Annual Summer Picnic Was a Big Hit!

Simma and Jeffrey hosted our Summer Social at their seven-acre farm home on June 26th. It was fantastic on many levels because it was:

- The first time our club could meet in person since the December 2019 Holiday Party
- The first time that many members socialized with groups outside their immediate social circle for 15 months
- Great spending time together, felt like yesterday, and all wanted to catch up
- A party that everyone loved!

Our hosts share a love of art and have studios on their property. Jeffrey has a wood sculpture barn and Simma has two locations for her jewelry art. We all enjoyed a tour of both as well as their gardens. She was generous to pick some produce and shared that as a hostess gift.

The food was amazing! Charlie Hunter gets the prize for cooking a large Paella dish on site with olives, artichokes, tomatoes, and more.

Thirty-four members attended the event—again, a big thanks to Simma and Jeffrey for hosting!

Can't wait to see most at Ocean Cove for our Dive & Dine on Friday, August 20th.

See photos at www.marinscubaclub.org/photos

MSC Movie Outing at Smith Rafael Film Center: "The Loneliest Whale"

The Loneliest Whale: The Search for 52 is a cinematic quest to find the "52 Hertz Whale," which scientists believe has spent its entire life in solitude, calling out at a frequency that is different from any other whale.

We're planning a group outing which will be announced via email soon. It opens July 9th: \$7 for CFI Members; \$9 Seniors; \$12.50 General.

You can view the trailer here: <https://rafaelfilm.cafilm.org/lonliest-whale/>

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.

July 14 (Wed): Jim Elliott, “Scuba Therapy: Imagine The Possibilities,” Director / Founder, www.Diveheart.org, a 501c(3) not-for-profit organization that helps build confidence and independence in people of all ages—children, veterans, and others—with disabilities through zero gravity and SCUBA therapy. Zoom / Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

July 16 – 28 (Fri – Sun): Channel Islands Dive Trip. SOLD OUT!

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.

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.

September 18 (Sat): Clean Up at Kirby Cove. Details to come from Alissa and Claire.

October 8-10 (Fri – Sun): Lake Tahoe Diving / Camping Trip. Arrive on the 8th; dive on the 9th; mountain biking on the 10th. Jim Van Gogh will lead high-altitude dives. For details, contact Ken Carter.

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 fully rebooked with 21 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. Contact blwambach@comcast.net for details.

November 10 (Wed): Speaker – To Be Determined, 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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Next Meeting:
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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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