

MARIN SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Wed., Oct. 13 Hybrid Meeting: David McGuire, Shark Stewards, “Sharktober”

For our next meeting — in person and via Zoom — MSC presents David McGuire, Founder and Director of Shark Stewards, a project of the Earth Island Institute.



*David's a marine biologist, ocean explorer,
and documentarian.*

David's presentation, “Sharktober: Celebrating Sharks from California to China & Connecting Cultures for Conservation”, will focus on [Shark Stewards](#). In 2003, his non-profit introduced the California shark fin trade ban and has led several states and international movements limiting overfishing of sharks and shark fin trade.

David is an Adjunct Professor at the University of San Francisco, teaching marine policy, and a research associate at the California Academy of Sciences, conducting shark research studies in San Francisco Bay and in Malaysia.

David also works in education and monitoring with the Ocean Protection Council and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in our state marine-protected areas, and with NOAA in West Coast National Marine Sanctuaries.

See page 2 for more about David McGuire

September Meeting Recap: Dr. Pia Winberg, “The Science and Importance of Seaweed”

Pia hosted a very informative presentation from her home base in Australia. By founding [Venus Shell Systems.com](#) and [PhycoHealth.com](#), she's beginning to make a difference from farm to fork in the world's food chains.



“Utilizing wasted nutrients streams from the food industry, VSS seaweed can muscle more protein per hectare than a cattle farm, with more nutritional potency than a broccoli patch”

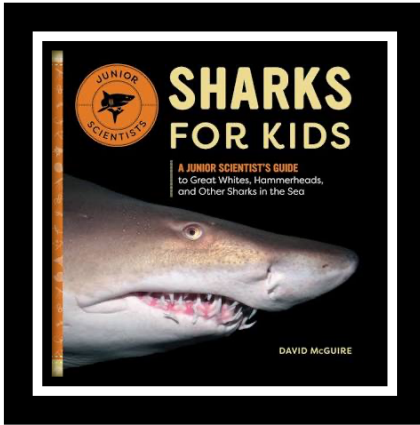
Using smart technology to capture nitrogen from seaweed in giant pools, she has created a new, unique food crop that is 50% more sustainable than other foods.

Products made from her nitrogen-rich seaweed include pasta and Kombucha, animal feed, supplements, medical devices, agriculture and soil management, clothing, foot ware, and building materials.

When asked, “What's the one thing we can all do to help save the planet?” she replied, “If we could replace 10% of the protein that we eat daily with seaweed, we could all positively reverse climate change.”

Thank you again, Dr. Pia!

More About David McGuire



David has written many articles and three books. “Sharks for Kids: A Junior Scientist’s Guide to Great Whites, Hammerheads, and Other Sharks in The Sea” — is now available on Amazon.

He co-wrote “Surviving The Shark” and a third book on sharks and sanctuaries will be published later this year.

David said, “An estimated 73 to 100 million sharks are killed for their fins each year. There is much to be done and each of us can play a role.”

He’s also produced several award-winning documentaries on sharks, diving, and adventure, and has been involved with the International Ocean Film Festival San Francisco since 2007.

Recent work includes pattern recognition on tiger sharks and manta rays using photography, algorithms, and applying the data to local conservation.

Join him on Wednesday, October 13 from 7:00 to 8:30pm to learn and discover a new or deeper fascination with sharks.

Read more: <https://sharkstewards.org/>

37th Annual CA Coastal Clean-Up Update

Six club members (Ralston, Paris and Finley) were joined by four friends on Saturday, September 18th to clean-up Kirby Cove in the Sausalito Headlands as part of the California Coastal Clean-Up.



After they talked trash, they ate lunch.

Organizer Alissa Ralston, wrote, “The morning started out with heavy fog, but was lovely when we stopped to count our bounty and enjoy our picnic. Our small but mighty crew left the cove minus lots of Styrofoam, cigarette butts, plastic, an old shop vac, a pet bed, and various bits of other trash.”

The California Coastal Clean-Up folks added, “With 50% of sites reporting, the statewide count stands at 20,029 volunteers. Those volunteers picked up 153,281 pounds of trash and an additional 9,256 pounds of recyclable materials, for a total of 162,538 pounds or 81 tons.”

Read more: <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/ccd.html>

Where In The World Is It Safe to Dive Right Now?

According to our friends at [Undercurrent](https://www.undercurrent.com/), “the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention listed many diving destinations as having the highest risk for COVID-19 infections. The good news is that destinations such as Bonaire, the Cayman Islands, Saba, Belize, Honduras’ Bay Islands, Cozumel, and Egypt don’t make that list.”

BOTTOM TIMES

October 8-10 (Fri – Sun): Lake Tahoe Hiking / Diving / Camping Trip. UNFORTUNATELY, CAL PARKS HAS CANCELLED THIS EVENT DUE TO FIRES IN THE AREA.

October 13 (Wed): David McGuire – “Sharktober – Celebrating Sharks from California to China and Connecting Cultures for Conservation”. Hybrid Club Meeting — in person and via Zoom, 7:00-8:45pm. Sausalito Parks & Rec Center, Edgewater Room, 420 Litho Street, Sausalito.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7983463827?pwd=UGEREJ4VFoycmZRZ2IPWnM5NGp6dz09>

Meeting ID: 798 346 3827

Passcode: 755205

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.

Late October / Early November: Monterey Snorkeling / Scuba Diving Trip. Date: TBD.

For details and the date and time of this planned event, contact [Ken Carter](#).

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

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

January 12 (Wed): Mary Jay Schramm, “TBD”. Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

February 9 (Wed): Speaker – Nirupam Nigam, “Photographing Northwestern Giants and Critters – From GPOs to Wolf Eels to Warbonnets.” Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

March 9 (Wed): Speaker – Hannes Klosterman, “Underwater Photography: Sea of Cortez”. Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

April 13 (Wed): Speaker – Mark Palmer, “Wither Whales? History & Current Status of Whaling”, Earth Island Institute and Director of Intermediate Marine Mammal Project. Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

May 2021: Philippines El Galleon Dive Resort in Puerto Galera. Join Ellen at this land-based resort for 9 nights. Boats depart 4 times daily for a short-run to dive sites. Breakfast is included; airfare and Transfers are not. Other fees: 5% charge for credit cards, \$16 daily for rental gear; \$66 per week for Nitrox, extra charge for Verde Island dive. We don’t expect a material change in pricing. Contact Ellen Sakoloff for details: relations@marinclub.org.

**The Marin Scuba Club promotes 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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“Sharktober – Celebrating
Sharks from California to
China and Connecting
Cultures for Conservation”

**(Zoom Online Meeting &
In-Person at Sausalito
Parks & Rec Center,
Edgewater Room, 420
Litho Street, Sausalito)**

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

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