

MARIN SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday, November 10: Mike Boom, “Egypt Above and Below”

For an in-person meeting only (not via Zoom), Mike Boom will be our November presenter. He’s an underwater videographer living in Oakland.



Mike is a videographer with a sense of humor.

Mike has turned his camera loose in locations worldwide, from the South Pacific to California to Alaska, around the Caribbean islands, throughout the Indian Ocean and Red Sea.

He has worked as the underwater video pro on the live-aboard dive boat Nai'a in Fiji, sells video footage that's been used in commercials and educational videos, and has written video articles for dive magazines and web sites.

See page 2 for more on Mike Boom

October Meeting Recap: David McGuire, “Sharktober”

Dave McGuire, Founder and Director of Shark Stewards was our October presenter. His international non-profit organization has saved millions of sharks over the last 16 years.



The GWS gets all the publicity as apex predator.

He said:

- There are 350 – 500 species of sharks worldwide, but 71% of oceanic sharks and rays are gone
- There are now only about 3,000 – 5,000 left worldwide, about 1,000 in California.
- “Sharktober” celebrates the return of the GWS to California each year as highly migrating animals.

What GWS Eat; Rarely People.

Young GWS eat stingrays. When they get older, they eat marine mammals like pinnipeds. Their favorite foods are plentiful at the Farrallon Islands Steller sea lions, California sea lions and elephant seals: mostly the sick, stupid, and the slow — the DNA architect of the oceans.

Now, the GWS is threatened with extinction – the COVID of the ocean. Perhaps 1% of the world’s population of sharks die because of overfishing, illegal fining, etc.

See page 2 for more on Dave McGuire

More About Mike Boom

His YouTube channel – [LaughingEelVideos](https://www.youtube.com/user/LaughingEelVideo/videos) — has a goal to help viewers experience being underwater without the bulky scuba gear, heavy tanks, or spitting in your mask. Watch some of his high-definition video shorts:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/LaughingEelVideo/videos>.

Join us on Wednesday, November 10 @ 7pm for our last presentation of the year. We will meet at the Sausalito Parks & Rec Center, Edgewater Room, 420 Litho Street, Sausalito.

NOTE: BECAUSE THIS WILL BE A HIGH-DEFINITION VIDEO PRESENTATION, IT WILL LOOK MUCH, MUCH BETTER IN PERSON, SO THIS MONTH'S MEETING WILL BE IN PERSON AND NOT VIA ZOOM.

“Home for Kelp Recovery”.

Bryan Eckart has shared this link to a story about how the kelp forests are slowly getting better:
<https://www.yahoo.com/news/drone-images-hope-return-kelp-100820274.html>

Blue Friday: November 26 & 27 – Point Lobos.

See “Bottom Times” on the next page for details about this planned family dive the Friday and Saturday after Turkey Day. [Email Ken](#) if you would like to participate.

More About Dave McGuire

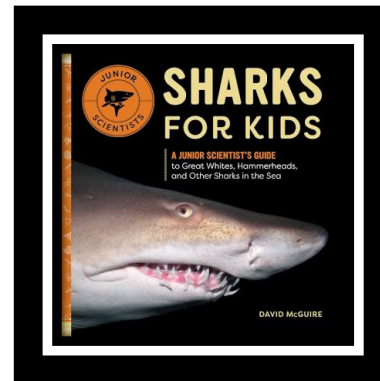
The Bottom Line.

Sharks are more important to the ocean than to a bowl of soup. Shark Stewards’ mission is to save endangered sharks and rays from overfishing and the shark fin trade, as well as to protect critical marine habitats.

What Can You Do?

Donate and volunteer in fundraising. Become an advocate. Support your sanctuary. Join a Farallon Islands Eco-Adventure, only scheduled a few times a year each fall. Find out more:
<https://sharkstewards.org/>

EZ’s Generosity.



Elliott Zalta has generously offered to buy this wonderful book – “Sharks for Kids: A Junior Scientist’s Guide to Great Whites, Hammerheads, and Other Sharks in The Sea” – for members’ families.

Please contact EZ at driftinez@comcast.net if you want to take him up on this kind offer.



Holiday Party: Sunday, December 5, 1-5pm.

After 18 months of self-quarantine, social distancing, and self-imposed isolation, it’s time for our biggest social event of the year: the Marin Scuba Club Holiday Party. Mark your calendars and circle the date. Barb will again host this event, but it will be appetizer-focused this year with her famous smoked salmon as the centerpiece. As always, it will be BYOB and Potluck. An evite will be sent in early November.

“The Shark is Broken” – Now a London West End Play

After opening at the Ambassadors Theatre, this comic play reveals the behind-the-scenes drama on Steven Spielberg’s blockbuster movie “Jaws”. Ian Shaw stars as his father Robert Shaw with Liam Murray Scott as Richard Dreyfuss. The production runs in the West End for a limited season until January 15, 2022. www.thesharkisbroken.com

October Cabo Pulmo / La Paz Dive Trip Recap.

This trip was fully rebooked to arrive in Mexico on Saturday, October 23 for a 7-night stay, and some extended their trip to snorkel with whale sharks. Barb Wambach will share some photos and more stories at our November meeting. She wrote:

“Twenty-one club members enjoyed beautiful weather and six days of diving in Cabo Pulmo. David McGuire shared that there were now Bull Sharks in Cabo Pulmo. Some of us enjoyed swimming with up to a dozen large Bull Sharks, some up to +10 feet long. It was both spectacular and magical. Water temps were in the low 80's. Visibility was excellent the first three days of diving and then became low with 25 feet of visibility the last three days because of krill, etc.

“We gathered for three Happy Hours pre-dinner (see next page photo). It was a super fun trip and the first club trip since COVID-19. Unfortunately, in La Paz, the whale shark permits were not yet released, as there are more restrictions around the ratio of boats to sharks. In lieu of a whale shark snorkel, 12 members enjoyed a beautiful day of snorkeling and lunch on the beach. A good time had by all.”



Bull Sharks were plentiful in Cabo Pulmo.



Mucho, Mucho Happy Hour.

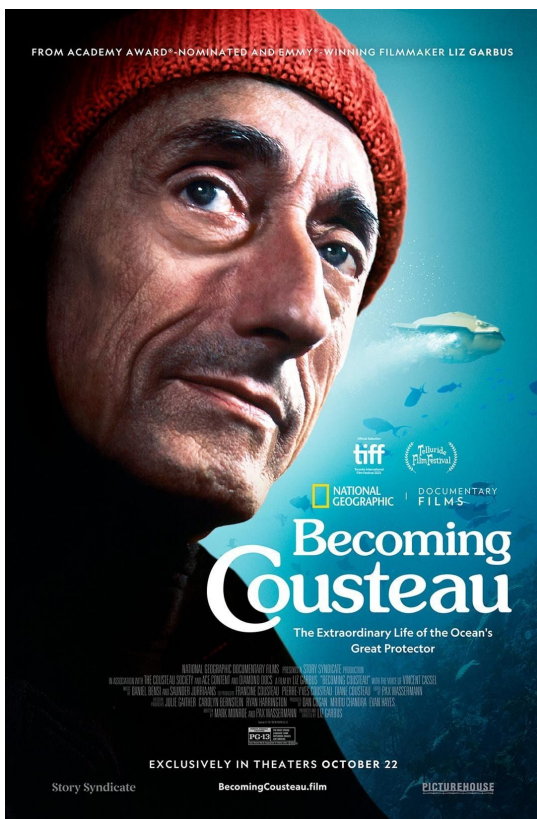
MSC Movie Night: “Becoming Cousteau”

This highly heralded documentary opens Friday, November 5th at The Rafael Film Center.

Here’s an overview from the theatre’s website: “In BECOMING COUSTEAU, from National Geographic Documentary Films, two-time Academy Award®-nominated filmmaker LIZ GARBUS takes an inside look at Cousteau and his life, his iconic films and inventions, and the experiences that made him the 20th century’s most unique and renowned environmental voice — and the man who inspired generations to protect the Earth. Rated PG Director: Liz Garbus (US 2021) 94 min.

We will discuss a group outing mid-month at our November 10 meeting.

<https://rafaelfilm.cafilm.org/becoming-cousteau/>



BOTTOM TIMES

Blue Friday: Friday, November 26 and Saturday, November 27, 2021 – Point Lobos.

Forgot about Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Ken Carter is organizing a dive trip he's calling Blue Friday. He's booked all of the slots at Point Lobos for Friday, November 26th (the day after Thanksgiving) and Saturday, November 27th. It's \$30 per dive team and you need to be vaxxed to attend. [Email Ken](#) if you would like to participate.

November 10 (Wed): Speaker – Mike Boom, “Egypt Above and Below”, Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm. We will only be meeting at Sausalito Parks & Rec Center, Edgewater Room, 420 Litho Street, Sausalito. This meeting will NOT be available on Zoom.

December 5 (Sun): Our Holiday Party will again be at Barb's Mill Valley home. BYOB Potluck. 1-5pm. She'll send an evite in early November.

January 12 (Wed): Marine Life Naturalist Mary Jane Schramm, “Love Among The Leviathans”, explores how air-breathing mammals like us who live in the sea — whales and dolphins — play the DNA Game: courting, mating, giving live birth, nursing, and teaching their young to survive — all in challenging ocean environments. Many species, even some in our national marine sanctuaries, have still not recovered from past centuries' whaling. They now face modern and emerging threats including shipstrikes, entanglement, ocean noise, pollution and climate disruption. Insights we gain from studying their reproductive patterns, behaviors and habitat needs can help wildlife managers, policymakers, and scientists to act effectively to ensure their survival. 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, “Whither 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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Next Meeting:
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**The Club now meets on
the 2nd Wednesday
each month.**

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