

MARIN SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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July 13th Meeting: Denise Jaffke & Sheli Smith, “Taking Heritage Stewardship Underwater”, SCHUNRS.org

Our July in-person/Zoom meeting will feature Denise Jaffke & Sheli Smith of the Sonoma Coast Historical and Undersea Nautical Research Society (SCHUNRS).



*Denise and Sheli:
Protecting our underwater heritage*

[SCHUNRS.org](https://schunrs.org) is an all-volunteer organization using public education, historical research, and maritime archaeology to document physical traces of our maritime heritage before they are lost forever. Its mission is to discover, protect, and promote greater knowledge and public stewardship of local maritime cultural heritage along the Sonoma-Mendocino Coast, on land, and under the waves.

Denise Jaffke currently works as Principal Investigator and Archaeologist for Far Western Anthropological Research Group, Inc. and a volunteer scientific diver with the California State Parks Dive Team. Along with serving as SCHUNRS Secretary, she also leads the Documentation Team to ensure that all identified resources are recorded to professional standards. Denise assists with public outreach efforts — online, locally, and statewide.

Sheli Smith has been working with California's maritime heritage for decades, excavating shipwrecks, teaching and promoting stewardship. In addition to serving as SCHUNRS VP, Sheli also serves on the California State Parks Dive Safety Advisory Board. Sheli assists SCHUNRS research and outreach efforts.

Please join us for their presentation of “Taking Heritage Stewardship Underwater” on Wednesday, July 13th at 7:00pm PT.

June Meeting Recap: Jett Britnell: “A Life in The Depths – Sharks, Shipwrecks & Other Assorted Undersea Adventures”

Jett presented his “highlight reel” of favorite images spanning a 30-year career as a wildlife and underwater photographer out of Vancouver, B.C.



Like most of us, he watched “Sea Hunt”, launching dreams of being a diver and underwater photographer.

Jett started by entering photo contests. He surprisingly won many, buoying his confidence.

His first published story was in *Diver Magazine* in August 1987. Though not a trained writer or photographer, he got a cover photo and a four-page photo layout.

Jett then began to submit cover shots and photo spreads for magazines ranging from *Fisheye View* in Florida to *Northwest Dive News* to *Scuba Press* and many, many more, which led to his first cold-water cover for *Sport Diver*.

One key to his success has been shooting horizontal 50% of the time and vertical the rest of the time to create a greater number of editorial opportunities.

Jett has taken photos of Oceanic White Tip Sharks in Cat Island, Bahamas, for about 30 years. Overall, it was an amazing presentation!

His Vimeo: <https://marinclub.org/meetings/> and his website is: <https://www.jettbritnell.com/>.

Donations for UC Santa Cruz Science Diving & Science Program

Virginia Bria reports that it was a successful effort for collecting gear: over 20 wetsuits, several scuba tanks, buoyancy compensators, masks, fins, snorkels, regulators, dive bags, dive lights, weight belts and accessories which were in excellent working condition and ready to use by students.

Thank you to Julie Finley, John Lewis, Virginia Bria, Jeffrey Zankel, Bryan Eckert, Dave Buller, and David Chervin, who donated gear and brought it to our June meeting or directly to Virginia, collection coordinator for the drive. Special thanks to Dave Buller who donated thousands of dollars of excellent gear from his former commercial diving business to UCSC. The administration at UCSC has received the gear and will provide tax deductible donation receipts to those of you who requested such.

The equipment will benefit students who cannot afford to purchase expensive gear and foster the next generation of science divers, so much appreciated! For those of you who missed this opportunity to donate in this drive, you can contact UC Santa Cruz's Diving/Science Department directly. They are suspending donations until November due to a change of staff at the University. But if you wish to donate then, you can email Dave Benet directly for information at: benet@ucsc.edu



Dear Simma & Jeffrey...

Thank you so much for hosting our Spring Social on Saturday, June 18.

As always, it was a lot of fun for all at your beautiful farm home. Everyone loves Jeffrey's art studio tour, your combined garden tour, Simma's art jewelry tour and Jeffrey's special surprise of the Philippines dive trip slide show.

And thank you personally for allowing Jitterbug to attend, as I could not find a sitter for her.

Above is the group photo for our July newsletter.

Thank you so much,
Barb and The Marin Scuba Club

El Galleon Dive Resort, Philippines Recap

After 3 years (COVID) of planning and anticipation, 7 members (Rick Miller, Jeffrey Zankel, Steve Ralston, Donna Lohrmann, Kerwin Louis, Ellen Sakoloff, and Patrick Ritter) of the MSC arrived at the El Galleon Dive Resort in Puerto Galera, Philippines, which had lovely seaview rooms and good food.

Asia Divers, on site, ran a top-notch operation, with 5 dive trips a day. Fantastic Verde Island can also be arranged, about 40 minutes away. While not known for large pelagics, many unusual sea life critters were seen, such as pipe ghost fish, Pygmy seahorse, peacock mantis shrimp, many nudibranchs, and hawksbill turtles.

We're so thankful to be able to finally enjoy this trip!
Ellen Sakoloff
(See photo on <https://marinclub.org/trips/>)

BOTTOM TIMES

July 13 (Wed): Speaker – Denise Jaffke and Sheli Smith, “Taking Heritage Stewardship Underwater”, Sonoma Coast Historical Undersea Research Society (SCHUNRS), Hybrid Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 798 346 3827

Passcode: 755205

August 10 (Wed): Cindy Hansen, The Orca Network, “Orcas and Releasing Them In Captivity”.
Hybrid Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

August 11 (Thursday) – 14 (Sunday): Summer Dive ‘N Dine: The MSC has reserved Russian Gulch group campsite arriving Thursday, August 11th and departing Sunday August 14th. We booked the site for three nights to accommodate those who prefer to arrive on Thursday and secure an advantage in booking this lovely group campsite. The “Dive” is Saturday, coordinating with an urchin crushing event; a fishing license is required.

September 14 (Wed) – Club Members Presentation: Featuring Virginia Bria (Maldives), Lisa Perla (Anilao, Philippines), Barbara Wambach (Ft. Lauderdale), and Julie Finley (Palau). If anyone wants to join, please contact Virginia. Presentations are 5–10 minutes max. Hybrid Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

September 17 (Saturday): 38th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day. 9am – Noon, Kirby Cove.
Bring a picnic lunch. RSVP to Claire Mikowski or Alissa Ralston.

Oct 18 – Nov 1: Kona, Hawaii Dive Trip. Let Barb know if you can join her for part or all of a two-week Kona trip in late October with 15 club members. She’s planning on staying at the Kona Reef Condos and dive with a few different operators. Contact [Barb Wambach](#) for details. Mahalo.

October 19 (Wed) – TBD. Hybrid Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

Early October (date TBD). Family Snorkeling, Monterey Breakwater. Details to come from Ken Carter.

November 9 (Wed) – TBD. Hybrid Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

November 25 (Friday): Blue Friday, the Day After Thanksgiving, Dive Monterey. Don’t miss the best view of the fall and winter. RSVP to Ken Carter.

December 4th (Sunday afternoon): MSC Holiday Party. Save the date for our biggest event of the year at Barb’s house. BYOB. The club will provide non-alcoholic drinks, smoked salmon and more. Evites will be sent in October.

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.

Renew Your Membership Now at Pre-COVID Rates.

Annual renewals for your membership **now have a \$10 late fee:** \$60 for singles & \$89 for couples. Download a form here: <https://marinclub.org/membership/>

If you want to join MSC, download this form: <https://marinclub.org/membership/new-membership/>

Renew online now or contact Julie Finley for a form.

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**(In-Person & Zoom
Hybrid Meeting:
Sausalito Parks & Rec
Center, Edgewater Room,
420 Litho Street,
Sausalito.)**

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

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