

MARIN SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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August 10th Meeting: Cindy Hansen, Orca Network: “Orcas Of The West Coast”

Our August in-person/Zoom meeting will feature Cindy Hansen, Education and Advocacy Coordinator for Orca Network since 2016.



Cindy works from her home on San Juan Island.

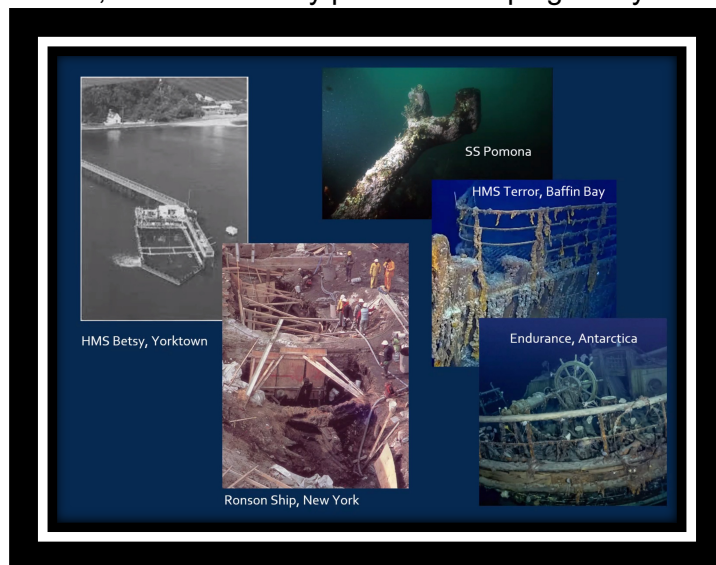
From Namu to Free Willy to Blackfish, orcas have fascinated us for generations. The West Coast is home to a few different ecotypes of orcas, or killer whales, with unique diets, behaviors, acoustic calls, and cultures. While some are thriving, others are in danger of extinction. Learn about the fascinating biology, social structure and culture of orcas and how you can become involved in ongoing conservation efforts.

Cindy received a degree in Zoology from the University of Washington and has worked as a naturalist and educator for over 20 years. She has also migrated with the gray whales to San Ignacio Lagoon in Baja Mexico for many years, where she works as a naturalist/guide for Baja Discovery.

Please join us for her presentation on Wednesday, “Orcas of The West Coast”, August 10th at 7:00pm PT. Read more: www.orcanetwork.org/

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

We discovered that Denise Jaffke and Dr. Sheli Smith have located, explored and excavated Sonoma Coast wrecks, as well as many prominent ships globally.



Sunken ships they've explored include the Antikythera (Greece); Cape Gelidonya (Turkey); Basque Whaler (Labrador); MHS Betsy (Yorktown), S.S. Pomona (Fort Ross, CA), Ronson (NY) and Endurance (Antarctica).

They work for SCHUNRS.org, 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.

To map the ocean floor, coastline and rivers throughout Sonoma County, they use Side Scan Sonar, Magnetometry, Multi-Beam Sonar, Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV), and Photogrammetry to take hundreds of overlapping images, but the Side Scan Sonar (Tow Fish) is ubiquitous within the industry.

How can you help?

Always take photos with measuring tapes or something that provides a point of reference. Use the Epicollect5 app. Most importantly, SCHUNRS needs more volunteers and donations. Contact them via info@schunrs.org.

August Dive And Dine: August 11-14

This year, we've booked the Group Campsite at Russian Gulch State Park. We hope you can join us for some culinary miracles at this annual MSC event:

- Campers pay \$38
- Non-campers pay \$15 + a park entrance day fee per auto if required
- Let Barb know if you need a sign-up and waiver form for additional information
- Check-in on Thursday, 8/11 at Noon
- Tell the Gate Guard you're with Marin Scuba Club and mention Claire Mikowski

The Weekend Schedule:

- Thursday/Friday pm: campfire camaraderie
- Saturday morning: scuba diving and snorkeling
- One-day fishing license is required to remove urchins (\$17.54 online)
- Saturday afternoon: hiking
- Saturday night: appetizers & dinner around 5pm

Organizers "Delighted" After Successful Urchin Harvesting Festival

Thanks to Virginia Bria for finding this article from *The Mendocino Voice*, 6/27/22. This story is relevant to removing urchins during the Dive & Dine weekend.

"The morning of June 18... an estimated 120 people gathered on the sand... at Van Damme State Beach... to see a live demonstration of uni harvesting from urchin freshly caught that morning; to learn of overpopulation of purple urchin as kelp and abalone populations suffer along the coast; and to enjoy just one of the events that underpinned the first UniFest, a new annual festival driven by sustainability."

"In Fort Bragg there are people trying to develop a blue economy, and I'm hoping this festival can support that going forward," said Cally Dym, a MendoParks board member.

Read more:

<https://mendovoice.com/2022/06/organizers-delighted-following-mendocinos-purple-urchin-festival-the-first-of-its-kind-in-the-u-s/>

38th Annual September Coastal Clean-Up: Saturday, 9/17

Meet club members from 9am – Noon at Kirby Cove. Bring a picnic lunch and sturdy gloves. RSVP to claramikowski@gmail.com or lissaralston@gmail.com.



23rd Annual California Ocean & Coastal Amateur Photography Contest

Thanks to Claire for sharing info: it's free and open to all amateur photographers. See mycoastalphoto.com for previous winners, rules, categories, and prizes:

- Contest Opens: 8/1
- Submission Deadline: 9/19
- Deadline for Viewers' Choice Award: 10/2
- Announcement of Winners: End of October

The Rules: <https://mycoastalphoto.com/contest-rules/>



2021 1st Prize: "Great Blue Heron in Eelgrass"
by Susan Cook, Sands Beach, Santa Barbara, CA

BOTTOM TIMES

August 10 (Wed): Cindy Hansen, The Orca Network, "Orcas of The West Coast".
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 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), Julie Finley (Palau); and Gil Zeimer (How to Get Published). If anyone has a 5-10 minute maximum presentation, contact Virginia. 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 12 (Wed) – Kathi George, Project Manager for Global Response on Rescuing Whales, The Marine Mammal Center. Hybrid Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

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

November 9 (Wed) – Renee Cappozola, "Beneath The Sea Imaging", 2021 Underwater Photographer of The Year Winner, 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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Next Meeting:
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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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