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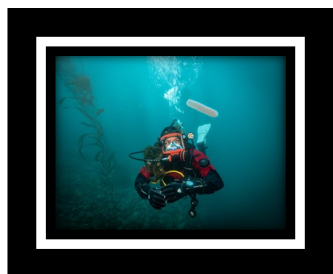
NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2022

November 9 Meeting: Anne De Souza – “Building My Scuba Dream: The Story Behind The Lens”

Anne De Souza is a Brazilian oceanographer, scuba instructor, and passionate underwater photographer. She's now the marketing manager at a local underwater lighting manufacturer, Light & Motion, where she got to deepen her knowledge about photography and lighting.



Anne is a rare above-water moment.

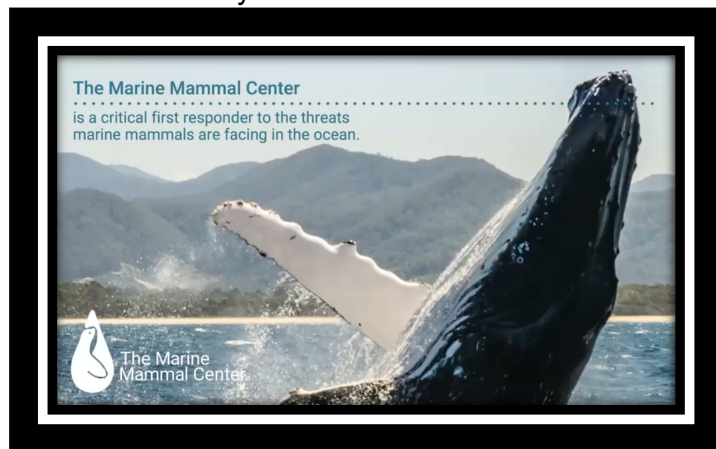


Being immersed in the diving community made a lifelong dream of capturing the wonders of an exquisite, submerged world a reality. Diving in all of its forms is not only Anne's greatest passion, but an important tool to spark a connection between ocean and society.

Please join us on Wednesday, November 9 from 7:00 – 8:45pm for Anne's incredible images.

October Meeting Recap: Kathi George, TMMC, “Human Impact on Whales”

As Director of Field Operations and Response and the Level 3 NOAA Large Whale Entanglement Network at The Marine Mammal Center, Kathi oversees 600 miles of California coastline, from San Luis Obispo through Mendocino County.



TMMC is taking action to protect our shared ocean environment for the future.

Kathi has expanded her advocacy efforts to address three of the greatest threats to whales worldwide: vessel strikes, which account for about 80 strikes per year, including humpbacks, blue, and grays, plus malnutrition, and entanglements.

[WhaleSafe.com](https://www.whalesafe.com) is a tech-based mapping and analysis tool. It tracks her efforts by acoustically listening to sounds in the water, every 15 minutes, and coordinating with satellite data, to identify the types of whales within the bay on a given day.

Kathi's been working on entanglements for 15 years. They include fishing nets, fishing lines, buoys, Dungeness crab fisheries, and more.

To help Kathi and TMMC advance global ocean conservation through mammal rescue, rehabilitation, research and education, please:

- Visit TMMC in the Marin Headlands
- Sign up for a whale watching trip
- Call the network hotline at 1-877-SOS-WHALE
- Go to <https://www.marinemammalcenter.org/> and click DONATE

October Kona, Hawaii Dive Trip

Barb reports: "Thirteen members enjoyed 10 days in Hawaii. Water temps were very warm at 82 degrees. We enjoyed a wide range of diving experiences hosted by Jack's Dive Locker and Blue Wilderness Divers. Five members did the famous Manta Night Dive and were surrounded by several Mantas, one knocked Mike Ralston's mask off. Six members did the advanced dive. Highlights were a dozen reef sharks, lots of out in the open octopi, swimming eels, abundance and diversity of fish, and top side, a breaching whale.

"Five members enjoyed blackwater diving. Barb's highlight was a close encounter with an aggressive oceanic white tip shark. All needed to abandon the dive. We moved the boat and resumed our blackwater dive with amazing sea creature diversity. Eleven members dove up north with Blue Wilderness Divers. We loved the turtle cleaning station dive, clear water, and turtles surrounded by yellow tangs and more. In addition, we had great Happy Hours and dinners together on four evenings. We'll have a video loop of our fantastic diving and dining at the Holiday Party."



The MSC Hawaiian Divers enjoying a poolside BBQ.

The Holidays Are Almost Here. Time to RSVP for the Holiday Party!

It's the most wonderful time of the year when we all get together to enjoy the MSC Holiday Party on Sunday, December 4th from 1:00–5:00pm at Barb's house. The club will provide non-alcoholic drinks, Barb's world-famous smoked salmon, and more. BYOB and a dish to share. Evites will be sent in early November.

October Monterey Family Snorkeling Trip

Ken Carter wrote your newsletter editor that this trip to the Monterey Breakwater on October 16, followed by lunch at San Carlos Beach, and a group visit to the Monterey Aquarium was a huge hit. The weather was temperate and "the conditions were primo".

Blue Friday, November 25th *Don't Shop. Dive.*

We'll celebrate the 2nd Annual Blue Friday Holiday at Point Lobos State Marine Reserve (https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=27221) the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 25th. We will also be diving for a second day on Saturday the 26th, if you'd like to do the day-after dives.

This is a perfect way to work off your big Thanksgiving meal and do something totally different the day after, instead of sharpening your elbows and fighting the crowds at the mall to do your holiday shopping when you'll probably do more of it in mid- to late-December.



Photo by Kenneth R. Carter from Blue Friday 2021

In addition, there has been some interest in doing a Sunday boat dive; however, the Beach Hopper 2 is not running that weekend.

If anyone wants to make a dive reservation, please RSVP to Ken in case weather and plans change: krc17@caa.columbia.edu.

Cozumel Trip, January 6-13

We're already looking forward to the next club trip. This one's to Cozumel in early January. It will include 5 days of 2-tank dives, unlimited shore diving, breakfast and lunch for \$856.85 per person at [Scuba Club Cozumel](#). You have to book your own airfare but most of us are flying on American Airlines. We now have a waiting list, so please contact Barb if you're interested and she'll asked the resort to advise if there are any cancellations.

BOTTOM TIMES

Wednesday, November 9 – Anne Louise De Souza – “Building My Scuba Dream: The Story Behind The Lens”. Hybrid Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7983463827?pwd=UGereEJ4VFoycmZRZ2IPWnM5NGp6dz09>
Meeting ID: 798 346 3827 **Passcode:** 755205

Friday, November 25: Blue Friday, the Day After Thanksgiving, Dive at Point Lobos State Natural Reserve, Carmel-By-The-Sea. Join us for this 2nd Annual “Don’t Shop, Just Dive” event with the best vis of the fall and winter. See details on page 3. RSVP to Ken Carter.

Sunday, December 4, 1:00 – 5:00pm: MSC Holiday Party. Join us at Barb’s house for the biggest event of the year. BYOB. The club will provide non-alcoholic drinks, smoked salmon, and more. Evites will be sent soon.

BEING RESCHEDULED: Renee Cappozola, “Beneath The Sea Imaging”, 2021 Underwater Photographer of The Year Winner, Hybrid Club Meeting — TBD, 7:00-8:45pm.

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, Hybrid Club Meeting. Speaker: TBD. Details to come. 7:00-8:45pm.

Wednesday, February 8, 2023, Hybrid Club Meeting. Speaker: Dirk Rosen, “Working With Robotic Submarines All Over The World”. Details to come. 7:00-8:45pm.

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 Meeting, Todd Steiner (via Zoom), “Diving Cocos Island Costa Rica for Conservation Science” with updates on ‘Why Have All The Turtles Left?’ and the Cocos-Galapagos Swimway Campaign. A wildlife ecologist and executive director of Turtle Island Restoration Network (Seaturtles.org), Todd led sea turtle and shark tagging research expeditions for 10 years before COVID. 7:00-8:45pm.



Cocos Scuba Research Expeditions with Turtle Island Are Back in 2023!

Please join Turtle Island for a choice of two 10-day liveaboard adventures (5/23-6/2 or 11/18-28) to experience, view, and photograph the incredible marine biodiversity of Cocos Island, as well as support and participate in crucial shark and sea turtle migration research. They will be partnering with two other organizations: Sea Change Agency and CREMA, so they recommend booking quickly before all spaces are filled. For details, visit <https://seaturtles.org/our-work/our-programs/cocos-island/>, contact Todd Steiner at tsteiner@tirn.net, or call him at (415) 488-7652.

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.

If you want to join MSC, download this form: <https://marinclub.org/membership/new-membership/>
Renew online now or contact Julie Finley for a PDF form.

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Next Meeting:
November 9 (Wed):
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“Building My Scuba
Dream: The Story
Behind The Lens”

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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