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March 9th Meeting: Hannes Klostermann – “The Best of Baja: Exploring The Wild West”

Our in-person / Zoom March hybrid meeting will feature Hannes Klostermann, an award-winning photographer and scuba instructor.



A California Gray Whale. Photo by HK.

Hannes says, “Baja is a special place. Separating the Sea of Cortez and the Pacific Ocean, the Baja California Peninsula is home to amazing landscapes and incredible wildlife. Due to its unique location, it hosts some of the most impressive animal migrations on the planet, as well as plenty of photogenic residents.

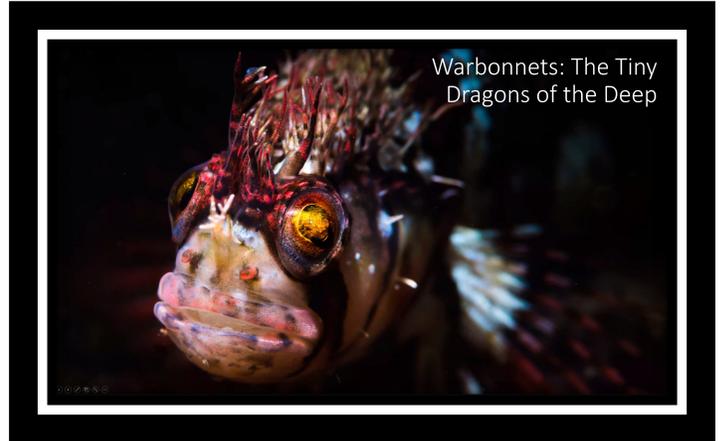
“In this presentation, I will introduce you to some of the area’s most exciting animals and explain how to maximize your chances of seeing and interacting with them. From cute baby sea lions to the ocean’s largest predators, there’s always something interesting to discover. You never quite know what you’ll come across when you head out in the morning!”

His Bio: Hannes has a particular passion for capturing images of sharks and other big animals, as well as actively supporting their conservation.

See Page 2 for more on Hannes Klostermann

February Meeting Recap: Nirupam Nigam – “Northwest Oddities: Wolf Eels & GPOs & Lumpsuckers, Oh My!”

Nirupam grew up in Los Angeles but has lived in Washington state for 11 years.



Warbonnets: The Tiny
Dragons of the Deep

Here is shore dive summary of his presentation:

- Candy Stripe Shrimp love crimson anemones. Max size: 1.8”.
- Pacific Spiny Lumpsuckers, proof that God has a sense of humor. Max size: 1.0”.
- Warbonnets: The tiny dragons of the deep; very reflective eyes. One of his favorites.
- Decorated Warbonnets: Larger, can get up to 15”. Live among barnacles.
- Mosshead Warbonnets: Only about 6” long. Like to hide in caves and rocks.
- Nudi-Break: The Giants of the Salish Sea, can be huge, up to 15mm.
- Anemones: Rubies in the Emerald Sea, related to jellyfish.
- Anemone Hotspots: Sekiu and Salt Creek, Sund Rock, and Deception Pass, where you’ll see the most in your life.
- Rock Greenlings are “The Real Bigfoot”, seen in a very elusive spot in shallow surf zones with sea palms, sea grass, and feather boa with Stellar Sea Lions near Sekiu and Port Angeles. These are his favorite spots to dive.

See Page 2 for more on Nirupam Nigam

More About Hannes Klostermann

He is currently the resident photographer at The Cortez Club in La Paz, Mexico where he offers all services related to underwater photography: workshops and private guiding, as well as photo shoots. Hannes also runs pelagic expeditions for the annual marlin migration.

He began his underwater adventures in 2003 in a dark and very cold lake in Germany and since then, his travels have taken him to many of the world's most exciting diving destinations.



To see more, visit his underwater photography website: <https://www.hk-underwater.com/index>

Please join us for his presentation on Wednesday, March 9th at 7:00pm PT.

More about Nirupam Nigam

- Red Irish Lord is the prettiest sculpin, hard to spot because they blend in well in current-swept rocky reefs.
- Wolf Eels, with a face only a mother could love. Can be as big as a person. See them at Day Island Wall in Tacoma.
- Puget Sound King Crab – can be 4' wide.
- Giant Pacific Octopus (GPO) – the world's largest and among the smartest in the sea, can reach up to 20' and 156 lbs.

To see more of Nirupam's images, visit:

- www.pnwdiving.com – dive reports
- www.nwdiveclub.com and
- www.uwphotographyguide.com

Reef Burials: The New Diving Trend

Thanks to Virginia Bria: Many of us want our loved ones to scatter our ashes once we pass. But now, some divers are updating their wills with desires to become part of a living coral reef.

One company capitalizing on these thoughts for a final resting place is Eternal Reefs. This Florida-based charity mixes one's cremated remains into a perforated concrete dome known as a reef ball. It then becomes part an artificial reef, providing a second life on the seabed.



Photo: Eternal Reefs

To date, this company has worked with the Reef Ball Foundation and Reef Innovations to sink nearly 3,000 memorial reefs across 25 sites from Texas to New Jersey. The cost is \$3,000 to \$7,500. Read more: <https://tinyurl.com/ydmsvt9j> and <http://www.eternalreefs.com>.

BOTTOM TIMES

March 9 (Wed): Speaker – Hannes Klosterman, “The Best of Baja: Exploring The Wild West”.

Zoom / In-Person Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

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

Meeting ID: 798 346 3827

Passcode: 755205

April 7-10: 19th Annual International Ocean Film Festival, live at Cowell Theatre, San Francisco; and April 11-24: virtual screenings. For more info, visit <https://intloceanfilmfest.org/>

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 6-15: 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. **THIS TRIP IS NOW FULL AND WE HAVE STARTED A WAITING LIST.** Contact Ellen Sakoloff for details: relations@marinclub.org

May 10-16: Big Sur Dive Trip. Join Barb for a Channel Islands Expeditions “Vision liveaboard” that departs Monterey on May 10th, then returns to Morro Bay on May 16th with an included shuttle back to Monterey. Four+ days of diving. Contact [Barb Wambach](#) for details.

Summer Social: Vegetarian Pot Luck at Jeffrey and Simma’s Ranch. Details to come from Barb.

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.

Summer Tahoe Dive: Emerald Bay. Join [Ken Carter](#) for some biking, hiking, and high-altitude diving in Lake Tahoe. The campsite needs to be booked urgently for July so let him know if you can join, ASAP.

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. She’s planning on staying at the Kona Reef Condos and dive with a few different operators. Contact [Barb Wambach](#) for details. Mahalo.

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. We’re Going Back to Pre-COVID Rates.

Annual renewals for your membership are due by March 31, 2022: \$50 for singles and \$79 for couples.

Avoid a \$10 late fee by renewing prior to 3/31/22.

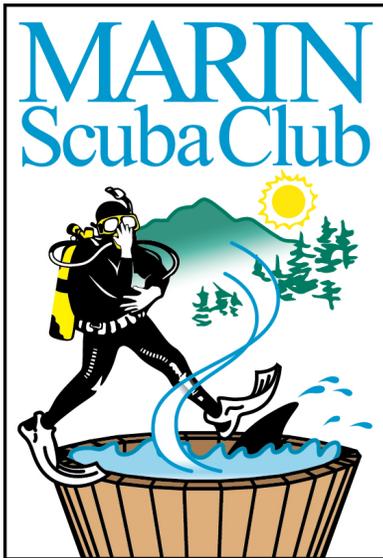
Download a form here: <https://marinclub.org/membership/>

If you want to join MSC, download a new membership form here:

<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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