

MARIN SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday, October 11th Meeting: Five MSC Member Presentations

Once again, a monthly in-person/Zoom hybrid meeting will feature the best images, videos, and stories by talented members. Here's the roster:



- **Virginia Bria** will focus on the “Antarctica Climate Expedition” with *Ocean Geographic* and Sylvia Earle aboard the “Sylvia Earle” ship. She documented the region’s plight with 100 Ocean global ambassadors fighting climate change.



- **Lisa Perla** will showcase her stunning images of biodiversity within Raja Ampat from her 10-day, 4 dives per day February 2023 trip on the “Aurora”. She enjoyed great visibility and some new moon currents.

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September Meeting Recap: “Blue Frontier Campaign – CA Kelp Crisis”

Unfortunately, the Vimeo recording of David Helvarg’s and Natasha Benjamin’s presentation was not of sufficient quality to post to our website — and your editor was not able to view it while traveling to summarize their key points, so I’m repeating information from September’s newsletter.



David and Natasha headlined our recent meeting.

Blue Frontier is an Ocean Conservation and Policy Group founded in 2003 with support by Dr. Sylvia Earle, Philippe Cousteau, and others.

It’s a national leader in providing resources and opportunities to bring the voice of caring citizens into decision-making processes to positively impact our seas.

David and Natasha said that kelp forests cover 25% of global coastlines, provide food and shelter for thousands of species, and sequester carbon from the atmosphere.

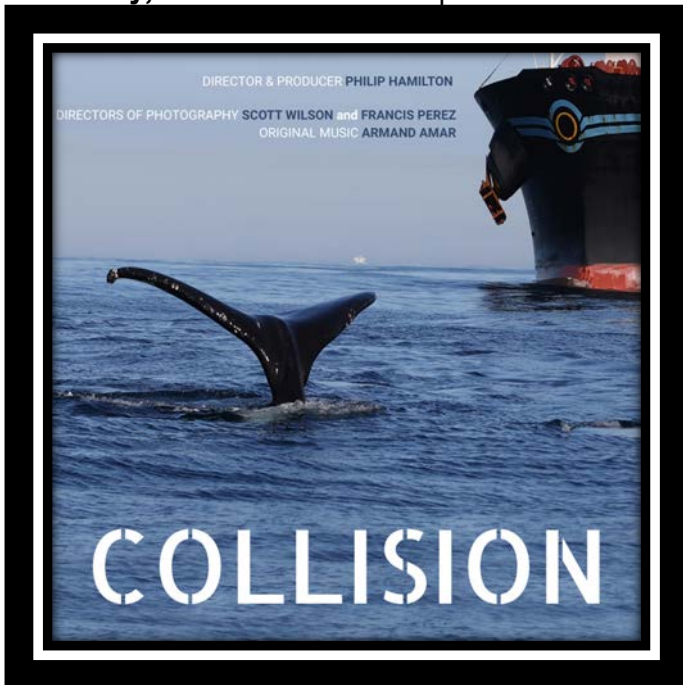
Over the past decade, a third of these kelp forests have been lost across our Blue Planet. But along the 350-mile coastline from San Francisco to the Oregon border, a striking 95% of kelp forests have been decimated. While many other important ocean ecosystems such as coral reefs are getting attention, kelp is the lost forest of the ocean, disappearing before our very eyes.

For more information, or to make a donation, please visit <https://bluefront.org>.

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- **Jeffrey Zankel** will present his images of two trips to Cozumel this year, one in January and the other in late August.
- **Ken Carter** will share his 2023 year in diving photographs, with a different point-of-view, including MSC's January trip to Scuba Club Cozumel, August's Dive and Dine... plus a photo of 3 mermaids on a whale shark.
- **And Gil Zeimer** will discuss his and Ken's efforts to publish, promote, and widen the net of divers participating in "Blue Friday 2023".

Please join us for this MSC group presentation on **Wednesday, October 11th** at 7:00pm PT.



Movie Event: "Collision", Smith Rafael Film Center, October 4th, 7:30pm

The International Ocean Film Festival in partnership with The Marine Mammal Center presents "Collision", a powerful feature documentary which highlights the severely under-reported issue of fatal ship strikes on whales, a threat which is endangering their very existence. The film suggests solutions to encourage and convince governments and global shipping companies to make vital changes.

Screening plus a conversation with filmmaker Philip Hamilton, moderated by Jeff Boehm, Chief Engagement Officer, The Marin Mammal Center. Buy tickets now: <https://rafaelfilm.cafilm.org/collision/>

Kirby Cove Coastal Clean-Up Update

Claire reported, "The California Coastal Cleanup Day was a great success overall and particularly for the Marin Scuba Club. The statewide slogan — 'You Are Bigger Than You Think' — was on full display.

"A great big thank you goes out to the 12 volunteers who showed up even though the air quality was orange level. Kirby Cove was sunny and stunningly beautiful. We cleaned up the beach and the bluff, shared a picnic lunch, then drove to the Bay Model for ice cream donated by Lappert's. It was a glorious day for all who came."



Claire, Lisa, Jane & Larry Clinton cooling off.

Larry added, "We were a small but plucky band. Ralph made the catch of the day. Jane and Julie found treasure on a hillside. Even the locals (raven) pitched in. Claire and Lisa completed their paperwork after ice cream (supervised by Claire's sister Ruth)."

Our club thanks Claire and Lisa Kuhn for organizing this year's MSC event — and we all look forward to a bigger, better, cleaner cleanup in 2024.

BOTTOM TIMES

MEETINGS

Wed., Oct. 11, MSC Member Presentations. Join us for images and videos from Antarctica, Indonesia, Mexico, and more by Virginia Bria, Lisa Perla, Jeffrey Zankel, Ken Carter, and Gil Zeimer. 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

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

2024 Presenters – Contact Virginia or Bryan if you have a speaker to recommend

January: TBD

February: Jim Hellemn, www.BlueOceanArt.com

March: Jami Leslie Feldman, “Dive Into Social Media!”, www.instagram.com/underwaterpaparazzi/

April: Jeff Bozanic, “The Coldest Dive: Antarctica”, <https://jeffbozanic.com/>

May: Jodi Frediani, “Svalbard: Wild Land, Wild Ice, Wild Life”, www.jodifrediani.com/

EVENTS

Fri., Nov. 24 – Blue Friday; Sat., Nov. 25 – Bluer Saturday &/or Sun., Nov. 26 – Bluest Sunday. Join members of MSC and Dive Club of Silicon Valley for their 3rd Annual “Don’t Shop. Dive.” at Point Lobos. Reservations are required in advance for diving and limited to 10 teams per day. Contact Ken Carter: kc@marinclub.org.

Sun., December 3 – Holiday Party. Save the date for an afternoon party at Barb’s home. BYOB. The club will provide non-alcoholic drinks, lamb chops, turkey meatballs, and more. Evites will go out in October.

DIVE TRIPS – FOR DETAILS, SEE <https://marinclub.org/trips/>

October 26 – November 5, Roatan – Thirteen members are now confirmed for 10 nights’ accommodations at The Splash Inn. Contact blwambach@comcast.net if interested. There are a few good rooms still available.

January 2024, Philippines, 2 weeks – Eight members are confirmed. Arrive Manila by January 11th. January 12th: van transfer and stay at the **Buceo Anilao Beach & Dive Resort** (6 nights with 4 days unlimited diving). Resort accommodations, transfers, breakfast and 15 dives included. On January 18th, travel to **El Galleon Dive Resort**. Seven nights’ accommodations, 6 days unlimited diving, transfers and breakfast. A few poolside rooms remain. Contact blwambach@comcast.net if interested — space is still available.

January 18 – Feb 1, 2025, Bahamas – Marin Diving Center is organizing a trip for diving with scalloped hammerheads on San Salvador Island in the Bahamas, then Barbara Wambach is organizing a snorkeling trip with humpback whales aboard the Turks & Caicos Explorer II liveaboard. Contact blwambach@comcast.net if you’re interested.

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 renew or join MSC, visit our Membership pages or contact Julie Finley for a PDF form:

<https://marinclub.org/membership/>

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Next Meeting:
Wednesday, October 11,
“MSC Member
Presentations”

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

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

Renew your
membership now.

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