

MARIN SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday, January 10 Meeting: Caitlin Bailey, “Filming In The Deep Sea”

Based in San Antonio, Texas, Caitlin Bailey is a wildlife cinematographer, photographer, and ocean explorer.



Caitlin is happiest on or deep under the water.

Her accomplishments include:

- She's worked as part of the [Global Foundation for Ocean Exploration](#) video team onboard NOAA Ship *Okeanos Explorer* since 2016, surveying the deep sea with remotely operated vehicles.
- She's created nearly 100 deep sea videos for NOAA.
- She was the inaugural participant in National Geographic Society's (NGS) Second Assistant Program, working with National Geographic Photographer David Littschwager on a project on microplastics and plankton.
- She is a National Geographic Society Explorer, grant recipient, and is currently in the Field Ready Program.
- She is also a member of the Emerging League at the International League of Conservation Photographers.

Caitlin's work has taken her to Antarctica, the Arctic, Ireland, Alaska, and more. She earned a B.S. in Animal Biology from Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, and a M.F.A. in Science and Natural History Filmmaking from Montana State University.

Join us on Wednesday, January 10th for her extraordinary films and images. Visit <https://www.caitlinbailey.com> and engineeringfordiscovery.org to see more.

November Meeting Recap: Renee Capozzola, Award-Winning Photographer

A large audience was treated to a fantastic presentation in November by one of the world's best photographers.



Sharks are a favorite image but they're very shy.

Renee Capozzola focuses her considerable talent on conservation, turtles, sharks, rays, dolphins, and sunsets, particularly wide angle and “over-under” images (also known as “half and half” or “stunning splits”).

Her essential equipment includes a large dome port (230 mm), wide-angle lens, dual strobes to light and freeze the action, and mask defogger for the camera lens. Among her favorite places to shoot are Maui. She prefers low light and likes to get close to her subjects if possible.



“Triple Turtle Sunburst” on Maui.

See more at www.beneaththesurfaceimaging.com/.

2023 MSC Holiday Party Recap

Barb reported: "It sounds like the lamb chops will be on demand for next year. If we can fish for salmon, we might have both lamb chops, my smoked salmon, and skip the turkey meatballs. WOW. That would be a crowd pleaser."



Everyone agreed: the lamb chops were finger lickin' good!

"I super appreciate everyone's help by bringing food to share."

"Big thanks to Elliott for taking charge of grilling the lamb chops with helpful accomplices of Charles and more."

"Big thanks to Virginia for managing the clean-up."

"Big thanks to Ken and Gil for greeting guests at the door."

"Big thanks to all as it takes participation to create a great party. See you next year!"

Renew Your Membership Now.

Annual renewals for your membership are due by February 29, 2024.

We're again offering the same membership fees as 2023: \$50 for singles and \$79 for couples. This cost also generously includes a year-long subscription to [Undercurrent](#), courtesy of Ken Smith.

After March 1, we'll add a \$10 late fee, so please renew now to avoid paying more than.

If you're a current member, download a form here: <https://marinclub.org/membership/>

New members can download a form here: <https://marinclub.org/membership/new-membership/>

Renew online or contact Julie Finley for a form by emailing her: membership@marinclub.org.

Oct. 25 – Nov. 5 Roatan Dive Trip Report

Fourteen Marin Scuba Club members and friends enjoyed 10 days diving at The Splash Inn on Roatan.



Barb wrote: "All had a great time and both Ric Miller and I shared videos of the trip at our Holiday Party."

Read the blog and watch the two videos: marinclub.org/october-2023-roatan-trip-report/

Blue Friday 2023 Recap and Reset

Here's a recap of activities across the globe on the day after Thanksgiving.

Carmel was a No-Go. As George Constanza once said, "The sea was angry that day, my friends..." but Hawaii and Roatan divers had a great time.



Point Lobos had a very high tide with a big swell.

Ken Carter adds, "The conditions were also awful on Christmas Day so we're now looking at a New Year's Day dive." Read more: marinclub.org/blue-friday-2023-recap-and-reset/

BOTTOM TIMES

MEETINGS

Wednesday, January 10: Caitlin Bailey, wildlife and deep ocean exploration videographer:
<https://caitlinbailey.com/about/>. Hybrid Club Meeting — 7:00-8:45pm.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7983463827?pwd=UGEREJ4VFoycmZRZ2IPWnM5NGp6dz09&omn=89709372917>

Meeting ID: 798 346 3827

Passcode: 755205

Wednesday, February 14: Jim Hellemn, www.BlueOceanArt.com. Hybrid Club Meeting — 7:00-8:45pm.

Wednesday, March 13: Jami Leslie Feldman, “Dive Into Social Media!”,
www.instagram.com/underwaterpaparazzi/. Hybrid Club Meeting — 7:00-8:45pm.

Wednesday, April 10: Jeff Bozanic, Ph.D., “The Coldest Dive: Antarctica”, <https://jeffbozanic.com/>. Hybrid Club Meeting — 7:00-8:45pm. *Recipient of the 2024 NOGI Award, Sports/Education.*

Wednesday, May 8: Jodi Frediani, “Svalbard: Wild Land, Wild Ice, Wild Life”, www.jodifrediani.com/. Hybrid Club Meeting — 7:00-8:45pm.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, June 1 – Sunday, June 2, ScubaShow.com, Los Angeles Convention Center

Thursday, June 6 – Sunday, June 10, Emerald Bay State Park, Lake Tahoe – Ken has booked a premium campsite for up to 10 people. Enjoy diving, hiking, and biking, Contact ken@kennethrcarter.com.

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

January 2024, Philippines, 2 weeks – Ten 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.

July 6-13, 2024 – Ken is organizing a trip to the Sand Dollar Hotel, Bonaire. Price TBD: includes 6 days of shore diving and breakfast. Ken has reserved 10 rooms: 2- and 3-room suites; each room sleeps 2; 1-room suites and studios are available as desired. Boat diving packages as low as \$70/day for 2-tanks. Airfare, gratuities, lunch, and dinner are not included. Contact Ken if you're interested: ken@kennethrcarter.com.
RSVP by February 15th.

Oct. 25 – Nov. 4: Maldives. 10 days of land-based snorkeling and diving followed by an optional 7 days of diving on a liveaboard. Price: TBD. Contact blwambach@comcast.net if you're interested. **RSVP by February 15th.**

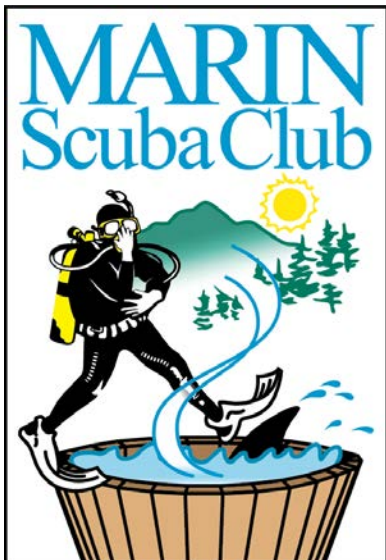
January 18 – Feb 1, 2025, Bahamas – Marin Diving Center is organizing a trip for diving with scalloped hammerheads on San Salvador Island in the Bahamas, then Barbara Wambach is organizing a snorkeling trip with humpback whales aboard the Turks & Caicos Explorer II liveaboard. Contact blwambach@comcast.net.

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:
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Videographer

**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 – avoid the late fee.**

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