

# MARIN SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## August 14 Meeting: Michael Stocker, “What Wuzz That Sound? Ocean Sounds and The Animals That Make Them”

Michael Stocker is the Founder & Executive Director of [Ocean Conservation Research](#). He had established a love of nature — and particularly sea life — at an early age.

When he was young, his Mom could take him to the beach and drop him in a tidepool, after which she could stretch out on the sand, crack a novel, and not be pestered for the rest of the day.



Michael on the Alaska Bowpicker with his ear to the water.

Due to the efforts of an exceedingly tedious biology teacher in high school, Michael diverted away from studying biology in university, and studied music, physics, acoustics, and electronics – rounding out his continued love for marine life with marketable skills.

These all came together when physical oceanographers were proposing the ensonifying of the entire ocean with communication signals for nefarious purposes.

[See Page 2: Michael Stocker](#)

## July Meeting Recap: Carly Anderson, “Underwater Images”, “The Two-Year Dive Trip”, and “Dealing With Insta-Buddies”

Carly hosted three presentations via Zoom last month. They included a creative mixture of still images and videos of her adventures traveling abroad, living in 29 countries, and diving in 12 of them.

Her seminar focused on a 2021 trip that began with a one-way plane ticket to Cairo. It was planned as a three-month solo sabbatical to travel and dive, but it lasted two years.



Carly dove in a dozen of these countries.

As a solo traveler, she was almost always paired with “insta-buddies” within minutes of entering the water, and the stories of what happened were surprising. Their number of dives or years of experience did not equate to their capabilities.

Watch Carly’s presentation on Vimeo:

<https://vimeo.com/984597664>

Visit her website at [www.globalseahorse.com](http://www.globalseahorse.com) and follow her on <https://www.instagram.com/globalcolorpop/>.

## Not Just Tourists: Take a Suitcase, Change a Life — Diving Volunteers Needed

Your editor met Carl Eaton at Scuba Show. NJT is a volunteer-run organization focused on providing critically needed medical supplies to poorly funded clinics worldwide. Since 2018, NJT-OC has delivered more than 30 tons of supplies to over 60 countries that are primarily donated by local hospitals. Divers volunteer to carry suitcases with them on trips. To find out more, read: <https://njt.net/>.

Knowing that the sea creatures would not enjoy this, Michael girded his loins, and brought his skills to bear on advocating for the sea.

Now he is the “go-to man” for ocean colleagues worldwide for any and all issues related to protecting the ocean’s natural soundscapes, upon which all marine life depends.

He has advised and designed environments and technical online systems for a diverse array of clients, including the U.S. National Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., George Lucas’ “Skywalker Ranch”, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Mexico City’s “El Museo Papalote” children’s museum, and various Hollywood sound and film studios.

From LinkedIn: “Michael Stocker is a generalist by predilection, an acoustician by trade, and a musician by avocation. He has written and spoken about ocean bioacoustics since 1992, presenting in regional, national and international hearings, television, radio, news publications, and in museums, schools and universities. His understand- ding of both physics and biology has proven invaluable in court testimony and legal briefs, defending the environment against the dangers of human generated noise in the sea.”

**Join us for his presentation: “What Wuzz That Sound? Ocean Sounds and The Animals That Make Them”** on Wednesday, August 14, 7:00 – 8:45 pm PT, in person with Michael in Sausalito or via Zoom.

Read more about Michael at <https://ocr.org/>.

**Iron-On Patches: Buy Yours Now While Supplies Last**



We’re not willing to give you the shirt off our back because we’re no longer making MSC T-shirts.

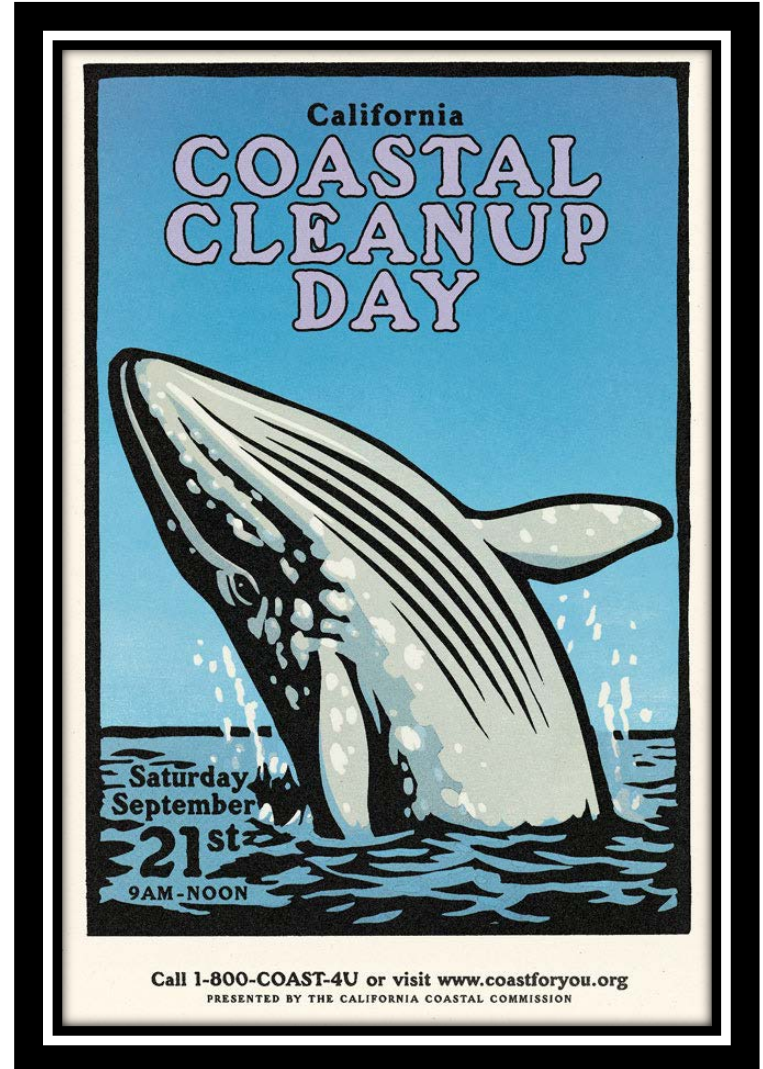
But we now have iron-on patches to turn any shirt into Marin Scuba Club branded merchandise.

You can buy these for just \$10 at our meetings or contact Ken Carter while supplies last: [ken@kennethrcarter.com](mailto:ken@kennethrcarter.com).

**Save The Date: California Coastal Cleanup Day — Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

Once again, join Marin Scuba Club volunteers as we spiff up Kirby Cove in Sausalito on California Coastal Cleanup Day. It’s easy, it’s fun, and to quote Martha Stewart, “It’s a good thing.”

Just bring work gloves and your lunch. More information to come in the September newsletter and via email.



*Contact Claire to help this statewide effort.*

**The Date:** Saturday, 9/21 9:00 am – Noon

**The Place:** Kirby Cove, Sausalito.

**To volunteer or help** with this event, please contact: [Claramikowski@gmail.com](mailto:Claramikowski@gmail.com)

**Please Welcome Ric Miller to The MSC Board**

As you know, we held our annual elections at the June meeting and all were re-elected. Now, our Treasurer, Marc Paris, will be replaced by the noble volunteerism of **Sue Estey** this month. And **Ric Miller** has raised his hand as Social Activities Coordinator. Thanks, Sue and Ric! If anyone else wants to step up, we still need back-ups for **Warm Water / Family-Friendly Dive Trips** and **Secretary**. Please let us know at our next meeting if you can donate some time to make MSC better than ever.

# BOTTOM TIMES

## MEETINGS WILL BE IN THE EXERCISE ROOM THROUGH NOVEMBER

**Wed., August 14: Michael Stocker, "What Wuzz That Sound? Ocean Sounds and The Animals That Make Them" in person and via Zoom.** Hybrid Club Meeting in the Exercise Room — 7:00-8:45 pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7983463827?pwd=UGEreEJ4VFoycmZRZ2lPWnM5NGp6dz09&omn=84103851066>  
Meeting ID: 798 346 3827 Passcode: 755205

**Wed., Sept. 11: Walter Marti (LA UPS), Blackwater images via Zoom.** Hybrid Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45 pm.

**Wed., Oct. 9: Dan Orr, "Safe Diving for Seniors" via Zoom.** Hybrid Club Meeting, Exercise Room — 7:00-8:45 pm.

**Wed., Nov. 13; Marin Scuba Club Presenters in person: Topic: TBD,** Hybrid Club Meeting, Exc. Room — 7:00-8:45 pm. If you have a presentation of five minutes or less, contact Virginia: [splash4us@yahoo.com](mailto:splash4us@yahoo.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, August 21 – Sunday, August 25, 2024: Summer Dive 'N Dine – Russian Gulch State Park. Save The Date!** Details to come. Campers pay \$38/day. Contact [blwambach@comcast.net](mailto:blwambach@comcast.net) if you're interested.

**Sat. Sept. 21, 9:00 am – Noon – CA Coastal Cleanup Day, Kirby Cove, Sausalito.** Claire needs help coordinating. Contact [claramikowski@gmail.com](mailto:claramikowski@gmail.com).

**Sat., Dec. 8, Noon – 5:00 pm @ Barb's Home.** Save the date for our club's biggest event of the year. Evites will go out in October for this very popular BYOB Pot Luck Social.

**DIVE TRIPS – For details about each trip, see: <https://marinclub.org/trips/>**

**Tue., Aug 27 – Fri., Sept. 6, 2024: Cocos Island Shark Tagging Research Expedition w/ Todd Steiner: [tsteiner@tirn.net](mailto:tsteiner@tirn.net)**

**Sept. 14 – 21, 2024: The Best of Cayman – Jim Hellemn has invited MSC to join this trip.** It includes guided dives exploring the East End, a "Grand Cayman Safari", Little Cayman's Bloody Bay Wall, the Kittiwake Wreck Dive, a potential fish spawning dive, a Sunset Stingray photoshoot with Courtney Platt, the X-Dive with sharks, and more. \$2,655 pp double occupancy or \$3,130 single occupancy. If interested, email [gil@zeimer.com](mailto:gil@zeimer.com). **LAST CALL.**

**Oct. 23 – Nov. 2, 2024: Maldives.** 10 days of land-based snorkeling and diving with 7 optional days of diving on a liveaboard. Price: \$2,655 pp double occ. or \$3,130 single. Plan to depart on 10/21 or earlier; arrive 10/23 at [Vilamendhoo Resort](http://Vilamendhoo Resort) for 10 nights. Contact [blwambach@comcast.net](mailto:blwambach@comcast.net) if you're interested.

**Nov. 29 – 30, 2024: Blue Friday 4.0, Monterey: "Don't Shop, Dive."** in Monterey for shore dives, perhaps the Beach Hopper II, and more locations to be announced soon. Contact Ken Carter: [kc@marinclub.org](mailto:kc@marinclub.org).

**January 25 – Feb 1, 2025, Dominican Republic –** The 7-night Turks & Caicos Explorer II liveaboard has a capacity for 20 guests. Snorkel with up to 7,000 humpbacks during calving season: \$4,721 (15% negotiated discount, includes \$450 permit fee, \$450 port fee, meals, and accommodations. **SOLD OUT.** Contact [blwambach@comcast.net](mailto:blwambach@comcast.net).

**April 12 – 21, 2025, Palau –** 10 days/9 nights at Palau Royal Resort: \$2,912/dbl occ. with 14 boat dives. Ask Gil for details about this trip being organized by a San Diego dive club: 12 of 16 places are now taken: [gil@zeimer.com](mailto:gil@zeimer.com).

**April/May 2025, Philippines or Indonesia.** Ellen and Jeffrey are researching a possible trip. Contact Ellen if interested: [ellen\\_hope@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ellen_hope@sbcglobal.net).

**August 23-30, 2025, Sea of Cortez aboard the Rocio Del Mar with Nirupam Nigam.** Contact [lisa.perla@yahoo.com](mailto:lisa.perla@yahoo.com).

**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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**Wednesday, August 14,**  
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**In-Person & Zoom**  
**Hybrid Meeting:**  
**Sausalito Parks & Rec**  
**Center, Exercise Room,**  
**420 Litho Street, Sausalito**

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

**Final reminder:**  
**Renew your**  
**Membership today.**

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### Marin Scuba Club: Board of Directors

<http://www.marinscubaclub.org>

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