

# MARIN SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER

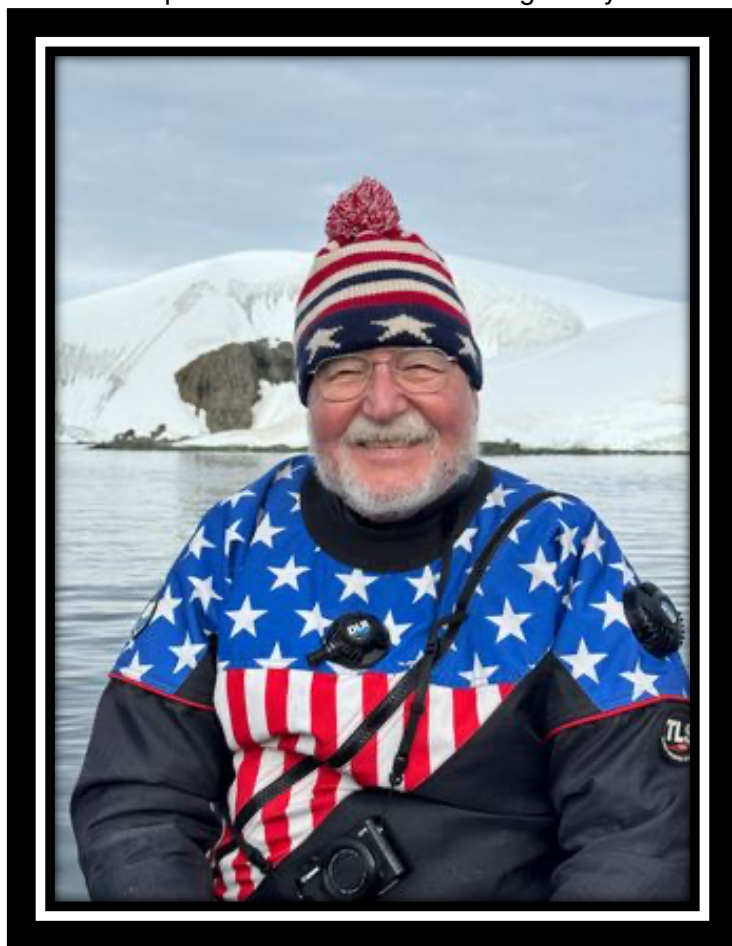
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## October 9 Meeting: Dan Orr, “Safe Diving For Seniors”

Dan Orr, President of Dan Orr Consulting, has been diving **for over 60 years**, since JFK was in the White House.

He created a college-level diver education program at Wright State University (Dayton, Ohio), was an Associate Diving Safety Officer (DSO) at Florida State University, and retired as President of Divers Alert Network (DAN) where he helped focus its worldwide diving safety mission.



*Dan has been an invited speaker at numerous national and international diver conferences and conducts regular webinars for global audiences on diving safety subjects.*

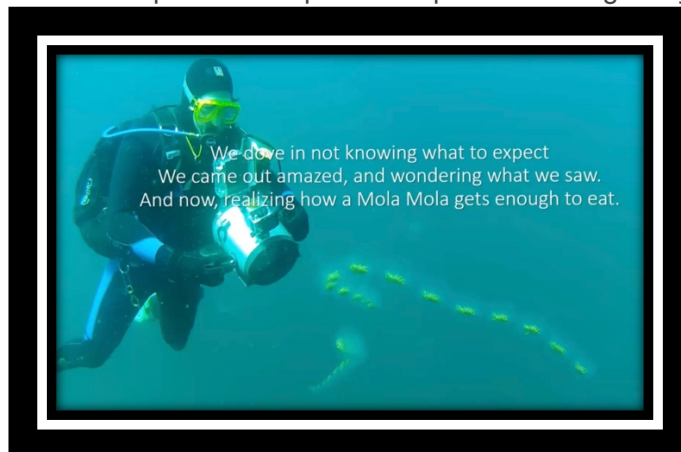
He has published, co-authored and contributed to more than a dozen books and manuals including:

- *101 Tips for Recreational Divers*
- *Scuba Diving Safety*
- *Diving Science-Revisited*

[Read More About Dan Orr on Page 2](#)

## September Meeting Recap: Walter Marti, “A Decade Of Blackwater Diving Images”

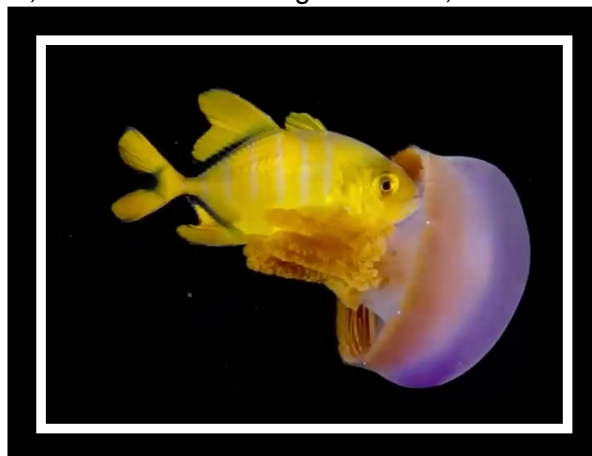
Walter began blackwater diving in 2011 when he wanted to try something different with his Kona dive buddies. They made a 100-foot downline with sliding John-Lines, added weights for a sense of security, then attached a sea anchor to keep the line in place and prevent drifting away.



*Every blackwater dive is filled with discovery.*

He said, “Every night, the Diel Vertical Migration, the largest on Earth, happens as creatures from the deep rise to the surface. We are just scratching the surface of the Deep Scattering Layer of the Biological Carbon Dump, a process that relocates 10 gigatons of carbon annually, the equivalent of a year’s worth of U.S. energy consumption.”

He added, “Blackwater diving is very challenging to maintain buoyancy and spot images, many of which may be macro size. The best places are in or on the edge of a canyon, or at the end of a large 800- to 1,000-foot shelf.”



Watch his Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/1009905162> and visit <https://www.youtube.com/waltermarti>.

## Page 2: Dan Orr (Continued)

- *A Pocket Guide to First Aid for Scuba Diving Injuries*
- *A Pocket Guide for Hazardous Marine Life Injuries*
- *The NOAA Diving Manual* and
- *The DAN Oxygen First Aid for Scuba Diving Injuries Training Manual*

He has also published over 200 articles including:

- *The Normalization of Deviance (aka Shortcut Mentality)*
- *Time to Return to Diving but Cautiously*
- *COVID-19, Local Diving and The Older Diver*
- *The Ageless Diver*
- *A Crisis Lurking Below the Surface—Emergency Hyperbaric Chamber Availability*
- *Diving Safety Is Good Business* and
- *Open-Circuit Diver Fatalities*

Dan has been honored by his peers by being the recipient of many prestigious awards and is a member of the Explorers Club and a member of the Hall of Fame for Disabled Divers, the Diving Industry Hall of Fame, and the International Scuba Diving Hall of Fame.

His October 9th presentation from his home in Idaho will focus on “Safe Diving For Seniors”. We look forward to having you join us. For more information, visit <https://www.divenewswire.com/author/dan-orr-consulting/>.

### Tiny Lizards Dive With a Natural Scuba Tank

Water anoles live in Costa Rican and Panamanian rainforests. To avoid being eaten by snakes, birds, small mammals and larger lizards, they dive into streams and produce a bubble that allows them to remain submerged for 20 minutes or longer. Source: [The New York Times](#).



### Iron-On Patches: Buy Yours While Supplies Last

Turn any shirt into Marin Scuba Club branded merch. Buy them for just \$10 each at our monthly Sausalito meetings or contact [ken@kennethrcarter.com](mailto:ken@kennethrcarter.com).

## California Coastal Cleanup Update

Eighteen Marin Scuba Club members and friends contributed their time and sweat along Kirby Cove during the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 2024 California Coastal Cleanup Day. Marin County stats for Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>:

- Volunteers: 1,080
- Miles Cleaned: 80.10
- Trash Removed: 4,055.40 lbs.
- Recyclables Removed: 1,754.24 lbs.

California stats from a 9/21/24 press release:

- Volunteers: Over 28,751 Californians
- Sites: More than 750
- Trach Removed: 242,312 lbs.
- Recyclables Removed: 12,461 lbs.



Lilli Ferguson found an F-18 catamaran's daggerboard (worth \$1,600); Tom Patterson tracked it down to the Richmond Yacht Club, then returned the part that was lost near Pt. Richmond the day prior to the very grateful owner.



Thanks again to Claire and Sue for organizing our event. Read the full daggerboard story and see more photos here: <https://marinclub.org/blogs/>.

# BOTTOM TIMES

## MEETINGS WILL BE IN THE EXERCISE ROOM THROUGH NOVEMBER 2024

**Wed., Oct. 9: Dan Orr, "Safe Diving for Seniors" via Zoom.** Hybrid Club Meeting, Exercise Room — 7:00-8:45 pm. **MSC will again host members and guests with wine, cheese, crackers, grapes, water, etc. You're welcome!**

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7983463827?pwd=UGEreEJ4VFoycmZRZ2lPWnM5NGp6dz09&omn=83794326153>

ID: 798 346 3827

Passcode: 755205

**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). **LAST MEETING OF 2024.**

**Wed., Jan. 8, 2025: Ana Blanco in person, Int'l. Ocean Film Festival,** Hybrid Club Meeting, Exc. Room — 7:00-8:45 pm.

**Wed., Feb. 12, 2025: Kenneth Stewart via Zoom, Diving With a Purpose: The Guerrero Project and More.**

<https://divingwithapurpose.org>. Hybrid Club Meeting, Exercise Room — 7:00-8:45 pm.

**Wed., March 12, 2025: Nirupam Nigam via Zoom. "Finding and Photographing the Jewels of the Sea of Cortez".**

<https://www.photosfromthesea.com/>. Hybrid Club Meeting, Exercise Room — 7:00-8:45 pm.

**Wed., April 9, 2025: Tiffany Doung via Zoom. Blogger and adventure traveler, writer for Scuba Magazine and Sustainable Investing.** <https://tiffanyduong.com/>. Hybrid Club Meeting, Exercise Room — 7:00-8:45 pm.

**Wed., July 9, 2025: William Cline via Zoom. Member of Scuba Hall of Fame & Publisher of Scuba Diving Industry Magazine.** <https://scubadivingindustry.com/>. Hybrid Club Meeting, Exercise Room — 7:00-8:45 pm.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sun., Dec. 8, Noon–5:00 pm @ Barb's Home.** Save the date for our biggest event of the year. Evites will go out in October for this very popular BYOB Pot Luck Social. Barb will prepare everybody's two favorites: lamb chops and smoked salmon.

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

**Oct. 23 – Nov. 2, 2024: Maldives.** 10 days of land-based snorkeling and diving with 7 optional days of diving on a liveaboard. Contact [blwambach@comcast.net](mailto:blwambach@comcast.net) if interested.

**Nov. 29 – 30, 2024: Blue Friday 4.0, Monterey:** "Don't Shop, Dive." in Monterey. Some members are signing up for a charter aboard the Beach Hopper II dive boat – contact MaryJo Nelson: <http://www.beachhopper2.com/>. More locations will be announced soon. Reach out to Ken Carter: [kc@marinclub.org](mailto:kc@marinclub.org) if interested.

**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. 9 divers so far. **SOLD OUT.** Contact [blwambach@comcast.net](mailto:blwambach@comcast.net).

**April 11 – 23, 2025, Palau Royal Resort – 12 days/11 nights:** \$3,572/double occupancy: **8 diving days, 17 boat dives.** Ask Gil for details about this trip being organized by an Irvine dive club: 6 seats are still available: [gil@zeimer.com](mailto:gil@zeimer.com).

**April/May 2025, Coral Triangle** – April 29-May 4 ( 5 nights) at Pura Vida Beach and Dive Resort in Duain/Dumaguete. May 4-10 (6 nights) ferry to Magic Oceans Dive Resort, Anda, Bohol. Contact [ellen\\_hope@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ellen_hope@sbcglobal.net) if interested.

**July 2025 (Dates TBD), Sand Dollar Hotel, Bonaire.** See page 2 for Ken's summary of the recent trip. Details to come soon regarding a summer dive trip next year. Contact [ken@kennethrcarter.com](mailto:ken@kennethrcarter.com) if interested.

**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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Next Meeting:  
Wednesday, October 9,  
Dan Orr,  
"Safe Diving for Seniors"

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.

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