

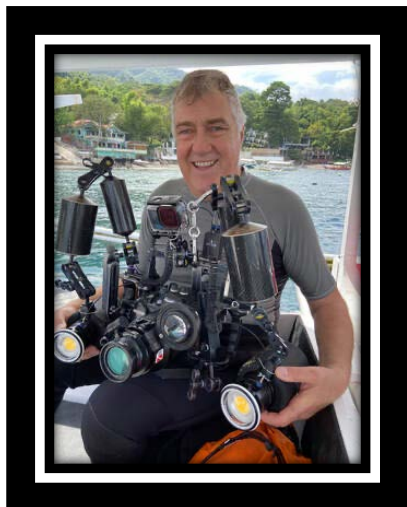
MARIN SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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September 11 Meeting: Walter Marti, “A Decade Of Blackwater Diving Images”

Walter has been filming the underwater world since the 1980s. As an accomplished videographer, his shots have been shown on BBC, PBS and many others.



His documentary-style films have been shown in numerous national and international film festivals. He recently retired to pursue his passion for videography full time.

In 2011, he started diving in the offshore depths, before it was known as Blackwater Diving.



His films can be seen on Facebook or YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/waltermarti>

Walter runs regular videography clinics around the world, often teaming with Mike Bartick. Their next Underwater Photo & Video Expedition to share Walter's unparalleled experience of videography will be in October in Burma:
<https://www.thesmilingseahorse.com/burma-7d-photo-video-training.html>

His September 11th presentation will focus on how he got started in Blackwater Diving, how you can do it, where you can do it, and what can be seen.

August Meeting Recap: Michael Stocker, “Sounds of The Sea: What Wuzz That Sound?”

Michael is Founder and Executive Director of [Ocean Conservation Research](http://OceanConservationResearch.org). Its scientists, engineers, and ocean advocates are improving the sea's environmental health.



*“The ocean is 10x louder now than 50 years ago”
according to this expert in marine bioacoustics.*

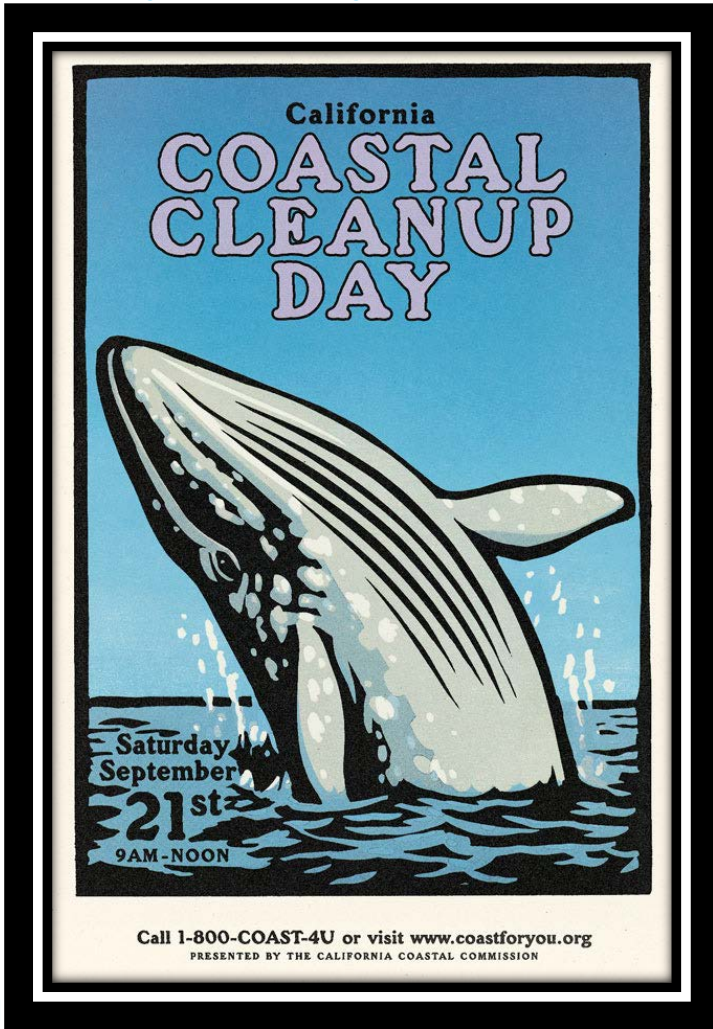
His very entertaining and interactive “Sounds of The Sea” presentation of various types of noise pollution kept us guessing. The sounds rapidly saturating our oceans include:

- **Invertebrates** – Singing, chirping, buzzing, purring, and snapping
- **Fish** – Humming, clacking, chortling, and roaring
- **Marine Mammals** – Zipping, chirping, hammering, and clicking
- **Geological** — Waves, earthquakes, etc.
- **Weather** – There are more than 8,000 lightning strikes daily across the world's oceans
- **Human Industry-Generated Noises** – Vessels, oil and minerals extraction, low- and mid-frequency military sonar, seismic surveys, underwater communication, ocean power generation, and international shipping (90K to 100K ships on the water at all times)

Visit Michael's website at www.OCR.org for published papers, articles, ocean sounds, and media on ocean noise pollution and other marine conservation issues.

For a recap of his August meeting watch his Vimeo:
<https://vimeo.com/1000427058>.

Save The Date: California Coastal Cleanup Day — Saturday, September 21st



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

The Place: Kirby Cove, Sausalito. Meet here at 9:00 am – bring work gloves, your lunch, and a beverage.

To Order Your \$25 “40 Years And Counting” T-Shirt: 100% ring spun cotton, marine color, crew neck.

Order by 9/10 to ensure delivery by 9/21:

<https://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/shop/tshirt2024.html>

To Volunteer for This Event, Please Contact:

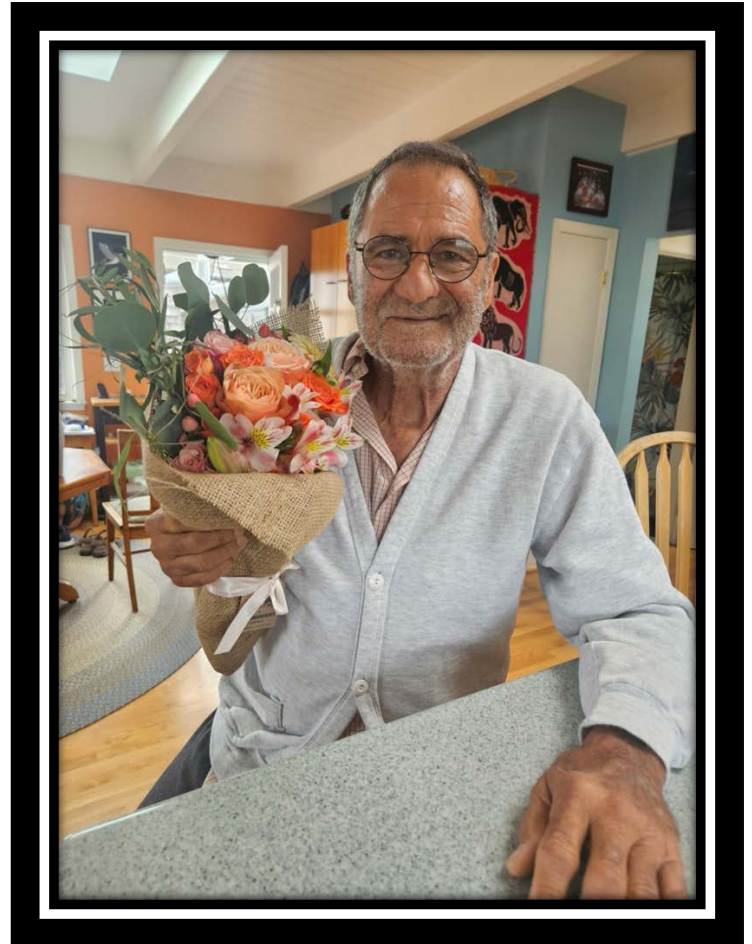
Claire Mikowski (ClaraMikowski@gmail.com) or Sue Estey (Sue.Estey@sonic.net).

Please complete the online digital waiver via Docusign AND bring a printed copy on 9/21. Here’s the link at the bottom of this blog:

<https://marinclub.org/california-coastal-cleanup-day-september-21st/>

“MSC ❤️ E.Z.”

As you may have heard, our dear friend and former MSC President, Elliott Zalta, is recovering from quadruple bypass surgery. The surgery went very well.



E.Z. arrived home on 8/23 to a Get Well card signed by our Board and these beautiful flowers from our leader, Barb. He reports that he’s feeling better, day by day, and that his heart surgeon says he should be able to dive again!

Iron-On Patches: Buy Yours Now While Supplies Last



We still quite a few iron-on patches for sale so that you can turn any shirt into Marin Scuba Club branded merchandise.

You can buy these for just \$10 at our monthly meetings in Sausalito.

Or you can contact Ken Carter while supplies last: ken@kennethrcarter.com.

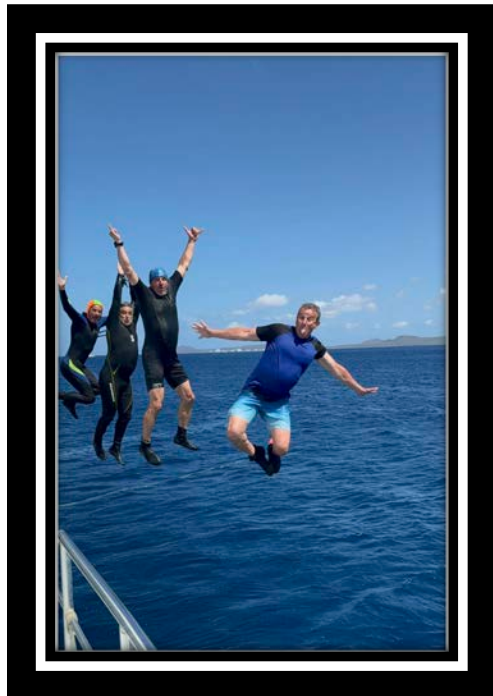
MSC Bonaire Trip Summary

At the end of July, ten members of the Marin Scuba Club traveled to Bonaire for a family-friendly week of diving and more diving, and a little bit of doing nothing. This trip was organized by Ken Carter.



MSC members embracing the best of Bonaire.

They enjoyed three gorgeous days of boat diving, then drove and dived all over the island. Twilight dives were a group favorite.



"Bombs away" in Bonaire!

At the end of the trip, the group had so much fun, plans are being made for another trip next summer to return to the Sand Dollar Hotel in Kralendijk. Read more: <https://marinclub.org/msc-bonaire-trip-july-2024-by-ken-carter/>

August Dive 'N Dine Recap

Barb reports, "We had a wonderful weekend minus rain on Friday night. It was a great time of diving and dining."



A hearty group braved rain and low vis.

The Diving: On Thursday morning, three of us went free-diving to check out the cove for Friday scuba diving. Visibility was good at around 20 feet. We saw lots of abs and some trophy abs near shore in an area with a lot of seaweed. We also saw a ling cod, many rockfish and perch. Further out, it became an urchin desert.

On Friday, four of us did a scuba dive... the visibility had deteriorated to five feet near shore (as there was a small storm coming in) and at best 20 feet in the deeper water which was largely an urchin desert. The rain started around 8:00 pm on Friday and divers decided to bail on Saturday morning as we knew that vis would be worse.

The Social: We enjoyed hikes to the waterfalls and along the bluff at Mendocino. We celebrated Larry's 84th birthday with cake and champagne courtesy of Jane, Rolf and Nancy. We walked to the beach every night for amazing sunsets!

Dining: The food was amazing as usual. Mike contributed his smoked beef Wednesday night, we had a Mexico theme for Friday, and both Barb and Ellen hosted margaritas as Charlie could not make it. Sean served up Caprese Salad and Nancy cooked up her famous chili and more.

BOTTOM TIMES

MEETINGS WILL BE IN THE EXERCISE ROOM THROUGH NOVEMBER

Wed., Sept. 11: Walter Marti, “A Decade of Blackwater Images” via Zoom. Hybrid Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45 pm.
Starting this month, MSC will 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=81803040410>

ID: 798 346 3827

Passcode: 755205

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.

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

Wed., March 13, 2025: Nirupan Nigam via Zoom. “Finding and Photographing the Jewels of the Sea of Cortez”.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat. Sept. 21, 9:00 am – Noon, A Coastal Cleanup Day, Kirby Cove, Sausalito. Sue Estey is now helping Claire coordinate this event. **NOTE: You must complete a digital release form; see page 2 for details and a T-shirt order form.**
Contact claramikowski@gmail.com or Sue.Estey@sonic.net.

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. Price: \$2,655 pp double occ. or \$3,130 single. Plan to depart on 10/21 or earlier; arrive on 10/23 at [Vilamendhoo Resort](#) for 10 nights. 11 divers have signed up; the resort is sold out. Contact blwambach@comcast.net if you're 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 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.

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 the 16 seats are taken: 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 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 if interested.

August 23-30, 2025, Sea of Cortez aboard the Rocio Del Mar with Nirupam Nigam. Contact 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, September 11,
Walter Marti (LA UPS):
"A Decade of
Blackwater Images"

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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