

# MARIN SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## November 13 Meeting: Six MSC Presenters

For the third straight year, our monthly in-person/Zoom hybrid meeting will feature the best images, videos, and stories by talented MSC members. It will include:

- **Virginia Bria** will focus her talents on Santa Maria Island in the Azores.



- **Ric Miller** is compiling two short videos:
  - 1) The **August Dive 'N Dine** with some historical photos from events past and
  - 2) The **MSC 2024 Philippines dive trip** featuring extended stays at Buceo Anilao and El Galleon dive resorts.



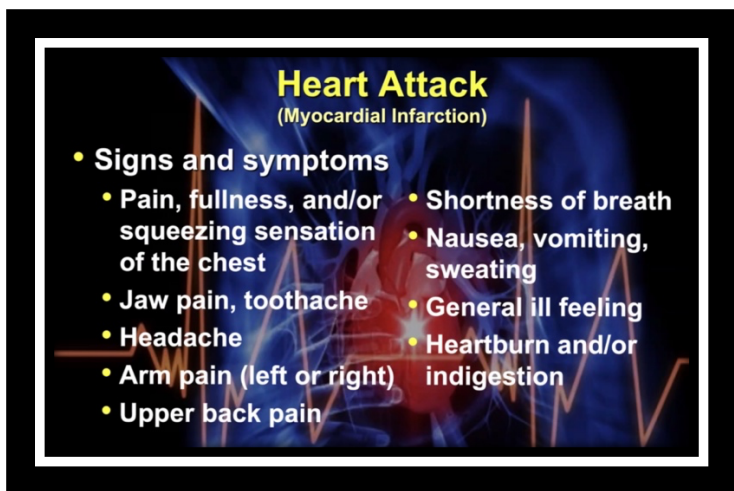
- **Lisa Perla** has shot and edited a five-minute video of Chuuk Lagoon/Truk Atoll.
  - **John Lewis** is on his way to the Maldives and will showcase some amazing stuff that he saw.
- [Read More MSC Presentations on Page 2](#)

## October 9 Meeting Recap: Dan Orr, "Safe Diving For Seniors"

Dan Orr, AKA "Captain America", provided an interesting, insightful, and educational presentation for divers 60 and older. He said, "Age should not be a barrier to diving your dreams" and he's living proof of what he preaches.



*How do you compare to Dan's diving activities?*



*According to Divers Alert Network research in 2015, heart attacks are most common causes of deaths.*

He recommended that older divers hydrate, apply skin screen liberally, get trained in Nitrox, and schedule annual physicals. Watch <https://vimeo.com/1018739878> and visit <https://www.divenewswire.com/author/dan-orr-consulting/>.

## Page 2: MSC Presentations (Continued)

<sup>a</sup> **Ken Carter** will present his marine life discoveries from a trip to Hawai'i and pictures of the Loch Ness Monster from Scotland.

- **And Gil Zeimer** will showcase his latest scuba blogs and articles.

**Please join us for the MSC group presentation on Wednesday, November 13 at 7:00 pm PT.**

## Calif. Coastal Cleanup Day: Final Statistics

- With 100% of the cleanup sites reporting, the statewide count stands at **46,201 volunteers at nearly 750 sites.**
- Those volunteers picked up **332,861 lbs. of trash** and an additional **65,793 lbs. of recyclable materials**, for a total of **398,654 lbs. or 199 tons.**
- Order your 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary T-shirt here for \$25: <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/shop/tshirt2024.html>

## 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) to purchase one by mail.

## Blue Friday 4.0: “Don’t Shop. Dive!” on Black Friday

Once again, MSC is promoting Blue Friday, the brainchild of Ken Carter who wanted to dive with his son in 2021 instead of going to the mall. This year, Ken may be diving in New York on November 29<sup>th</sup>, while local divers are planning to charter the [Beach Hopper II](#) out of Monterey. Contact [captmaryjo@gmail.com](mailto:captmaryjo@gmail.com) to join the boat dive or email [gil@zeimer.com](mailto:gil@zeimer.com) to help publicize your Blue Friday event. Read more: <https://marinclub.org/blue-friday-4-0-go-diving-not-shopping-on-black-friday/>

## Don’t Hold Back: Undercurrent Reports

Over 11,000 independent Readers’ Reports have now become essential reading for traveling divers. You can post photos too. Don't hold back on your dive resort and liveaboard reports. Visit [www.undercurrent.org/SubRR](http://www.undercurrent.org/SubRR) to file yours and *Undercurrent* will include it in this year's *Travelin’ Diver’s Chapbook*, sent to readers in early December.

## Save The Date: “Hope In The Water” Screening

Join the [International Ocean Film Foundation](#) (IOFF) in partnership with [Northern California Public Media](#) and [Fed by Blue](#) on Wednesday, 11/20, for a screening of PBS's new series *Hope in the Water* at the Fort Mason Center For Arts & Culture’s Cowell Theater from 5:00–8:30 pm.

This screening will be followed by a special panel discussion of ocean experts and a blue food reception catered by [Pacific Catch West Coast Fish House](#).

Save the date if you're interested in volunteering or attending. See the [Fort Mason Event Page](#) or contact Ken Wu: [ken@intloceanfilmfest.org](mailto:ken@intloceanfilmfest.org).

## Wanted: Public Safety Divers in SF Bay or Pacific Coast

The San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office Dive Unit needs more folks. You must have a minimum of 100 dives (but they prefer 250+), Rescue Diver and PSD Certifications.

He said, “You’ll be doing dangerous work in freezing temps in black water, at night, in 20 kt winds under the San Mateo Bridge and surrounding areas with Nitrox and Sheriff Dive SOPs.”

Contact Geoffrey Baehr. Read more at *Undercurrent*: <https://tinyurl.com/ej28t5tn>

# BOTTOM TIMES

## **WE WILL CONTINUE TO MEET IN THE EXERCISE ROOM THROUGHOUT 2025**

**Wed., Nov. 13: Six Marin Scuba Club Presenters in person**, Hybrid Club Meeting, Exercise Room — 7:00-8:45 pm. See pages 1 and 2 for details. **THIS WILL BE OUR LAST MEETING OF 2024.**

**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=UGEREJ4VFoycmZRZ2IPWnM5NGp6dz09&omn=89653330618>

ID: 798 346 3827

Passcode: 755205

**Wed., Jan. 8, 2025: Ana Blanco in person**, Int'l. Ocean Film Festival, Hybrid Club Meeting, Exercise Rm., 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 T.V. 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 were sent on 10/30 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/>**

**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: 4 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**. Details to come soon from Ken regarding a dive trip next summer.

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/> — **we are not currently accepting PayPal.**



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Next Meeting:  
Wednesday, November 13,  
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Presentations

**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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### Marin Scuba Club: Board of Directors

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