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May 14 Meeting: Martin Broen, Award-Winning Photographer, “Light in The Underworld”

Martin Broen is an award-winning photographer, proficient technical diver, and explorer. He leverages his design sensibility as creator of experiences to craft one-of-a-kind images that encapsulate the exquisite beauty of the planet and its inhabitants, aiming to inspire awareness and foster conservation efforts.



A Mayan skull in a Yucatan Cenote.

His presentation will focus on images from his book, “Light in the Underworld”, published by Rizzoli, as part of his conservation effort for the Mayan aquifer, where he photographed more than 300 Yucatan cenotes.

Martin’s photographic works have graced the pages of numerous magazines and newspapers, earning him a collection of over 50 distinct photography awards.

See the following page for some spectacular images...

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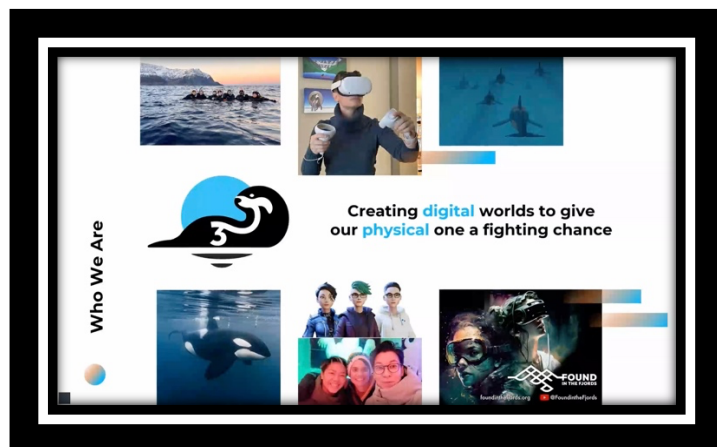
April Meeting Recap: Tiffany Duong and Louise Edwards, “Found in The Fjords: An Arctic Ocean VR Experience”

Three Otters Media (TOM) is a collective, immersive learning studio created by Tiffany “Tiff” Duong (from Milpitas), Dr. Louise “Lou” Edwards (from England), and Aya Walraven (from Canada).



It’s a virtual digital world based on real data.

Their first game, “Found in The Fjords”, was inspired by a trip to Norway. Designed to bring awareness, empathy, education, and support to Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 14, titled “Life Below Water”. It has been named as the Top Prizewinner in the UN’s Metaverse for the SDG’s competition.



“Found in The Fjords” leverages awe and wonder as an environmental solution

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Join us to watch the beauty and secrets of these underwater cave systems.



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These include DPG B&W Winner three years in a row and Best of Show in 2023/2022, UPY Wreck Category 2024, Epson Pano Awards Second 2022, 2022 Nature Discovery of the Year, 2022 Speleophotography Grand Prize, 2022 Black & White Photo of the Year, 2022 World of Archeology Winner, 2022 Landscape Photograph of the Year, 2021 Exploration Photographer of the Year, among others.

Martin's prolific background encompasses hundreds of innovative products in the market and over 130 innovation patents. These breakthroughs allow him to solve underwater photo challenges in creative ways, capturing unique otherworldly scenes hidden in the darkness below this planet's surface.



Originally from Argentina, and currently based in New York, Martin works in design innovation and sustainability.

Join us on Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00pm for this very special presentation of "Light In The Underworld" by Martin Broen.

Buy his book: <https://www.amazon.com/Light-Underworld-Diving-Mexican-Cenotes/dp/084783090X>

For more information, visit: www.martinbroen.com and <https://www.instagram.com/m.broen/>.

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Some interesting facts about the "Found In The Fjords" game:

- It boosts empathy, access, and ocean action.
- It helps players experience total immersion, chose your adventure, and create an "echo" in Norway's fjords, making the same connections that TOM had in shooting the game's video.
- It utilizes Virtual Reality to help your orca eat, move, tail slap, etc., as interspecies embodiment.
- It helps orcas interact with humans by exploring the ecosystem and mutual curiosity.

Watch their Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/1074931043>.

Play their VR game: <https://foundinthefjords.org/>.

Support them: <https://givebutter.com/TheSeaBirds>.

New T-Shirts Now For Sale



Sean O'Day has set us up on Zazzle for 100% double-needle-stitched cotton MSC T-shirts for all members. They're pre-washed, unisex, and great quality. The cost is \$16.92 for lighter short-sleeve or \$20.56 for long-sleeve in many colors.

Order your T-shirts now:

https://www.zazzle.com/store/marin_scuba_club

Buy Your Iron-On Patches

Purchase them for just \$10 each at our monthly Sausalito meetings or contact ken@kennethrcarter.com to purchase as many as you need by mail.

Renew Your Membership: \$10 Late Fee

Renewals cost \$60 for singles and \$89 for couples.

Complete or download a form here:

<https://marinclub.org/membership/>.

BOTTOM TIMES

HYBRID CLUB MEETINGS WILL CONTINUE IN THE EXERCISE ROOM THROUGH 2025, 7:00 – 8:45 PM

Wed., May 14: Martin Broen, award-winning photographer, “Light in The Underworld”. <https://www.martinbroen.com/>.

Join our Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7983463827?pwd=UGEreEJ4VFoycmZRZ2lPWnM5NGp6dz09&omn=81133725300>

Meeting ID: 798 346 3827

Passcode: 755205

This Zoom link is also listed on our website’s Home, Meetings, and Newsletter pages: <https://marinclub.org/>

Wed., June 11: Mike Boom, Videographer **Live**, “Faces of The Philippines”. <https://laughingeel.com/>.

Wed., July 9: William Cline **via Zoom**. Member of Scuba Hall of Fame & Publisher of Scuba Diving Industry Magazine. <https://scubadivingindustry.com/>.

Wed., August 13: Mandy Norman & Bradley Mart, Coral Reef Alliance. coral.org/en/.

Wed., October 8: Ashley Bugge and Tiffany Duong **via Zoom**. “The Seabirds: Lessons from a Diver for a Bold and Beautiful Life”. <https://www.theseabirds.org/>.

Wed., November 12: MSC Member Presentations: TBD.

EVENTS

- **June 21, 2025: Spring Social.** Simma and Jeffrey will again host from 12:30 – 6:00 pm at their home. Save The Date.
- **Aug. 21-24: Fall Dive ‘N Dine.** [Van Damme State Park](#) near Mendocino, group campground. More info to come.
- **Sat., September 20: California Coastal Clean-Up.** Kirby Cove, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Details to come. <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/ccd.html>
- **Sun., Dec 7, Holiday Party.** Save The Date.

DIVE TRIPS – For more info about each trip, visit: <https://marinclub.org/trips/>

April 29–May 10: 5 nights at Coral Triangle, Pura Vida Beach and Dive Resort in Duain/Dumaguete. **SOLD OUT.**

May 4-10 (6 nights): Ferry to Magic Oceans Dive Resort, Anda, Bohol. **SOLD OUT.** Contact ellen_hope@sbcglobal.net.

June 26–June 30: Camping/high-altitude diving trip to Emerald Bay State Park in Lake Tahoe. There’s room for 6-7 other campers; parking for other cars is extra. Contact ken@kennethrcarter.com if interested.

July 19-27, Cozumel, Mexico. 16 are confirmed for 7 days of 2-tank dives/8 nights. **LAST CALL.** blwambach@comcast.net.

August 1-10, Sea of Cortez aboard the Rocio Del Mar with Nirupam Nigam. Contact lisa.perla@yahoo.com.

Oct. 17-25, Cabo Pulmo, Mexico. 16 members are confirmed; 7 days of 2-tank dives/8 nights. **SOLD OUT.**

Contact blwambach@comcast.net.

January 24-Feb. 6, 2026 – Palau. 10 nights per room at the [Palau Royal Resort](#): Room rate is \$1,325 – \$2,650, including daily buffet breakfast. Nine days of 3-tank dive package with Sam’s Tours is an additional \$2,491.50; 5 days of 2-tank and 4 days of 3-tank dives are an additional \$2,249.50. Night dives are extra. The best flight choice is China Air: approximately \$1,300 round-trip. Contact blwambach@comcast.net if interested.

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 page or contact Julie Finley for a PDF application:

<https://marinclub.org/membership/> — **we are not currently accepting PayPal.**



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

**You'll Now Pay a
\$10 Late Fee to Renew
Your Membership.**

Marin Scuba Club meets
on the 2nd Wednesday
of each month.

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