

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR
OUR COMPLIMENTARY
LECTURE SERIES.**

**Complimentary Reception: 5:45 PM
Featured Presentation: 6:15 PM**

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**WELLS
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017

Cristina Zenato, Professional Diver and Member of The Women Divers Hall of Fame

Sharkcentric

Cristina's passion for the ocean, sharks, and caves has reached as far as China and Singapore, changing people's perception of sharks. Cristina is a PADI Course Director, NSS-CDS Advanced Cave Diving Instructor, a TDI Technical Instructor, and member of The Women Divers Hall of Fame, The Explorers Club, The Ocean Artists Society and a recipient of the Platinum Pro 5000. Cristina will share how her desire to protect sharks goes beyond ocean and shorelines to how our actions can help conserve our One Ocean and its every life form.



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2017

Jonathan White, Author and Founder/Former Director of The Resource Institute (Seattle, WA)

TIDES, The Science and Spirit of the Ocean

Jonathan's love for the sea began as a boy on the beaches of southern California. He's built boats, logged over 100,000 miles sailing the Pacific and Atlantic, and surfed all over the world. Ten years of research took him to five continents where he saw the largest, fastest, scariest and most amazing tides. He has slithered through a hole in arctic ice, gathered mussels in dark cavities left behind by dropping tide, and witnessed the world's largest tidal bore, a 25-foot wave charging upriver at 25 mph in China. His talk will share inspiration for his newest book: *TIDES, The Science and Spirit of the Ocean*.

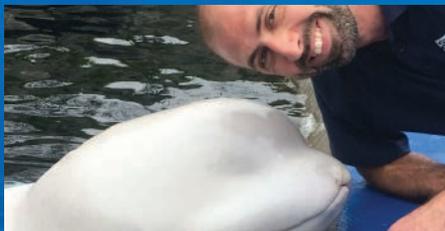


WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018

Dr. Philip Motta, University of South Florida

Feeding Biology of Sharks and Other Predators

Dr. Motta's research spans decades, from Hawaii to Mexico, studying feeding mechanics and behavior of sharks and bony fishes. His work is featured on Discovery television, Animal Planet, the BBC and the Daily Planet TV series. An author of over 100 scientific publications, his current research is on scales of the fastest shark, the mako. From whale sharks to king mackerel, he investigates bite force, strike speed, and how jaws and teeth work. He has taught in higher education for 36 years, and his talk will discuss feeding adaptations, function of teeth and jaws, bite force, how sharks capture prey, mako shark speed, and how his research may be applied to real-life problems.



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018

Dr. Ari Fustukjian, DVM, CertAqV, and Associate Veterinarian at The Florida Aquarium

The Doctor is IN...the Fish Tank!

A Tampa Bay area native, Ari Fustukjian grew up enchanted with the diverse array of wildlife found in and around Florida's rivers and beaches. Now, as the Associate Veterinarian for The Florida Aquarium, his patients range from sharks to sea anemones, and everything in between. "When working with aquatic animals, each species brings their own unique challenges to every case." From sea turtle rescue to seahorse lifejackets, join Dr. Ari as he talks about the rarely straightforward, often messy, always exciting world of aquatic animal medicine.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018

Dr. Jennifer Collins, University of South Florida
Dr. Charlie Paxton, National Weather Service (retired) and Certified Consulting Meteorologist

Florida's Wild Weather and Climate

Philosopher John Ruskin said, "There's no such thing as bad weather, only different types of good weather." Floridians may disagree. In sunny skies and dry weather, too much sun can lead to drought and wildfires. Some rain is good. Too much? Residents are flooded. Florida is the US thunderstorm and lightning capital, bringing hail, wind, and flooding rain. Some of the worst tornado outbreaks occur in Florida, and despite a ten-year hurricane reprieve, 2016 and 2017 showed us it is "game on." Dr. Collins and Dr. Paxton will delve into Florida's wild weather and climate, including hurricanes, tornadoes, windstorms, hail, drought and wildfires, dense fog, climate change and sea level rise, topics covered in their new book, *Florida Weather and Climate: More Than Just Sunshine*.



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