
Don't miss BLUE Ocean Film Festival, St. Pete, Florida, Nov 10-13

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St. Petersburg, FL – November 4, 2016 – The Blue Ocean Film Festival and Conservation Summit will offer over 90 films from 24 countries in venues throughout the City of St. Petersburg, Florida. The event will take place from November 10-13 and will combine panel discussions, technical workshops, award-winning films, special events, and community outreach initiatives.

Join Dr. Sylvia Earle, Mission Blue Founder and National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence; Nainoa Thompson, President of the Polynesian Voyaging Society and native Hawaiian navigator of Hawaii's traditional double-hull sailing canoe *Hokule'a*; world renown kite surfer Susi Mai; just to name a few of the ocean all-stars, filmmakers, photographers, scientists and celebrities from around the globe.

Come be part of a global ocean stewardship movement!

This year screenings will be enjoyed at various locations around St Petersburg, including the Mahaffey Theatre, Muvico, and the Palladium. A special screening of Leonardo DiCaprio's new documentary "BEFORE THE FLOOD" will open the festival and will be followed by an After-Party taking place on Thursday, Nov. 10th at the Mahaffey Theater. St. Petersburg's Mayor Rick Kriseman, will be the guest speaker for the event, as he welcomes attendees from around the world.

Meet, connect and engage with a diverse ecosystem of professional photographers, filmmakers, scientists and conservation experts, as they gather together to share ideas and explore new opportunities for ocean conservation.

The "BEST OF THE FESTIVAL" film will be screened for free in North Straub Park on Sunday, Nov. 13th at 7 pm.

For a complete schedule of 2016 BLUE awards, gala, films, and appearances visit: [BLUE Schedule](#). (Schedule may be changed and updated throughout the event.)

Tickets prices range from \$12.50 for regular screenings to \$6.25 for youth (ages 4-10) and Keynotes are \$15.00. Passes range from \$135.00 to \$725.00. Media Contact: Debbie Kinder, dk@blueoceanfilmfestival.org.

About the BLUE Ocean Film Festival and Conservation Summit:

BLUE is dedicated to utilizing the power of film, visual media and education to expand ocean literacy, increase active engagement in conservation initiatives, and empower an ocean stewardship movement around the globe. Founded in 2009, BLUE alternates each year between Monaco and St. Petersburg, Florida. A unique convergence of arts, science and entertainment, BLUE's unique platform attracts global ocean conservation icons and a diverse public audience to connect, engage and inspire change.

Visit: www.blueoceanfilmfestival.org. or follow us [@BlueOceanFilm](#)



SCHEDULE - 2016 BLUE OCEAN FILM FESTIVAL & CONSERVATION SUMMIT

See you at BLUE? Stay on top of the schedule to see "what's new at BLUE."

PLEASE NOTE: 2016 BLUE schedule is subject to change. Please check for updates.

BLUE website:

[2016 BLUE SCHEDULE \(link\)](#) , or visit www.blueoceanfilmfestival.org

2016 "BLUE app" download:

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INDUSTRY WORKSHOPS with industry experts

KEYNOTES AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS with ocean leaders

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday, November 10, 2016

9:00 - 11:00 am

FILM BLOCK: 'In Pursuit of Plastics' | 'The Open ROV Experience' | 'Vey nou Lagon' | 'Atlantic: The Wildest Ocean On Earth'

Palladium Theater Line-up | Tickets \$12.50

In Pursuit of Plastics follows 22 year-old Dutch inventor and entrepreneur, Boyan Slat's transatlantic expedition of The Ocean Cleanup sailing through the North Atlantic Gyre collecting data on vertical plastics distribution in an attempt to devise a method for cleaning up our ocean.

The Open Ocean ROV Experience - Polk State Chain of Lakes Collegiate HS

Vey nou Lagon follows a traditional fisherman and his family as they show us the state of the ocean through their life experiences on the Mauritian lagoons. (French with English Subtitles)

Atlantic: The Wildest Ocean On Earth - follow a year in the life of the tropical Atlantic.

Endless - music video

9:15 - 11:00 am

FILM BLOCK: 'Our Big Blue Backyard: Northland Harbors' | 'Blue Serengeti'

Sundial Muvico | Tickets \$12.50

Our Big Blue Backyard: Northland Harbors - Follow two New Zealand fur seal pups, born on opposite sides of New Zealand's South Island.

Blue Serengeti - Dr Barbara Block and a team of scientists from Hopkins Marine Station and Monterey Bay Aquarium showcase the hidden world of Monterey Bay, or as Dr. Block calls it - The Blue Serengeti.

9:30 am - 12:15 pm

FILM BLOCK: 'Shark & Lion' | 'On the Line' | 'Empire of a Sailor'

Sundial Muvico Lineup | Tickets \$12.50 ([click here](#))

Shark & Lion - This symbolic short film sheds light on an ecological problem. A shell collecting stranger is stung by a venomous lion fish and falls into the sea. Meanwhile, beneath the surface, sharks and lionfish fight the fundamental game of the world, the game of hide and seek.

On the Line - For Chris Moore, living on a sailboat connects a gap that exists between human progress and environmental vulnerability, it is a lifestyle connected on the line.

Empire of a Sailor - The last journey of a solitary sailor.

11:15 am - 1:15 pm

FILM BLOCK: 'Call from the Sea' | 'Magic & Mystery of Sable Island' | 'Moby Dick: Heart of a Whale'

Sundial Muvico Lineup | [Tickets \\$12.50 \(click here\)](#)

Call from the Sea - This short documentary is about seeing the ocean through the Bajau's eyes. The Bajau are a sea nomadic group who live on top of the water in Indonesia. It is a poetic, personal story about trying to hear the ocean's voice.

Magic & Mystery of Sable Island - About 100 miles off the coast of Nova Scotia sits an island that has fascinated and horrified sailors for the past 500 years. Sailing enthusiast and adventurer, Gary Jobson, sailed to Sable Island to learn more about this curious sand bar sitting in the wide open Atlantic Ocean.

Moby Dick: Heart of a Whale - Discover the true story that inspired Herman Melville's literary masterpiece, Moby Dick.

11:30 am - 12:00 pm

KEYNOTE Panel: 'In Conversation With' Filmmaker GREG MACGILLIVRAY Join an informal discussion with Greg MacGillivray, IMAX film legend and the recipient of BLUE's 2016 Legacy Award. Moderated by James Marshall Crotty. Palladium Theater | [Tickets \\$15 \(click here\)](#)

Award Presentation

Legacy Award Honoree: Greg MacGillivray

Moderator

James Marshall Crotty
Columnist, Forbes/HuffPost

Speaker

Greg MacGillivray
MacGillivray Freeman Films

11:30 am - 1:15 pm

FILM BLOCK: 'Dream' | 'Oceanic Connection' | 'The Weekend Sailor' Sundial Muvico Lineup | [Tickets \\$12.50](#)

Dream - Music Video

Oceanic Connection - This short film is meant to generate one's deepest inner stoke and give insight to the ways one can connect with the ocean.

The Weekend Sailor - In 1973, the **United** Kingdom organized the first head to head sailing race around the world, inviting expert crews from Europe and other countries.

12:15 pm - 2:00 pm

[FILM BLOCK: 'Far Away to Ambon' | 'Close Encounter with a Sperm Whale' | 'Souls of the Vermilion Sea' | 'Call of the Baby Beluga' | Q&A with Filmmakers](#)
[Palladium Theater Line Up](#) | [Tickets \\$12.50](#)

Far Away to Ambon - Music Video

Close Encounter with a Sperm Whale - Texas A&M Professor gets an unexpected but thrilling up close visit doing deep-sea research in the Gulf of Mexico.

Souls of the Vermilion Sea: Searching for the Vaquita - a documentary about the struggle to save the world's most endangered marine mammal, the Vaquita.

Call of the Baby Beluga - A heart-warming story of how belugas live their social and communicative lives and how a stalwart group of scientists use knowledge and empathy to try to save a stranded baby, her extended St. Lawrence River beluga family and the future we all share (no trailer available).

Session includes Q&A with *Call of the Baby Beluga* filmmakers Suzanne Chisholm and Michael Parfit.

1:15 pm - 3:00 pm

[FILM BLOCK: 'Ocean Parks: Exuma Keys' | 'Vamizi: Cradle of Coral'](#)
[Sundial Muvico Lineup](#) |

Ocean Parks: Exuma Keys - For centuries, countries and governments have fought to protect vast expanses of territory above ground, dry-land areas considered too important to lose. This series explores those protected areas in our oceans

Vamizi: Cradle of Coral - Vamizi is the largest island in the Quirimbas archipelago. Its relative isolation from mainland Mozambique has preserved its natural beauty and wildlife.

1:30 pm - 3:15 pm

[FILM BLOCK: 'Safe Passage' | 'UTSUK: A Story of Fat' | 'Of the Sea: Fishermen, Seafood, and Sustainability'](#) [Sundial Muvico Lineup](#) |

Safe Passage - This short film features two Pacific Northwest tribes working to reign in fossil fuel shipments through the Salish Sea, home to endangered killer whales and critical salmon habitat. Spanning US and Canadian waters, this fragile inland ocean is under threat by an exponential increase in fossil fuel exports.

UTSUK: A Story of Fat - In the past, the isolation of coastal northern indigenous communities and the pristine quality of marine environment imparted a human health benefit. Researchers working in collaboration with the Inuit community chronicle the changes taking place in the Arctic environment and Inuit health and society.

Of the Sea: Fishermen, Seafood, and Sustainability - Today, fishing is a rare and challenging way of life – the number of fishing vessels in California has declined from over 6,900 in 1981 to just 1,800 vessels today.

2:00 - 4:00 pm

FILM BLOCK: 'From Drifters to Dynamos: The Story of Plankton' | 'Sea of Life' |

Discussion: Empowering Young Ocean Conservationists

Palladium Theater Lineup | [Tickets \\$12.50 \(click here\)](#)

From Drifters to Dynamos: The Story of Plankton - Most plankton are tiny drifters, wandering in a vast ocean. But where wind and currents converge they become part of a grander story: an explosion of vitality that affects all life on Earth, including our own.

Sea of Life - The ocean is the source of all life on earth and it's in trouble. Sea of Life follows filmmaker Julia Barnes on an underwater adventure to discover the truth about the biggest threats facing the ocean and ultimately ourselves.

Followed by a Q&A discussion with filmmaker Julia Barnes and ocean advocate Sean Russell: 'Empowering Young Ocean Conservationists.'

Speakers

Julia Barnes Director, Sea of Life

Sean Russell Director, Youth Ocean Conservation Summit

2:45 - 4: 15 pm

FILM BLOCK Sun. Nov. 13th @ 2:30pm Sundial Muvico: 'Beneath the Surface' | 'Between Two Harbors'

Sundial Muvico Lineup [Tickets \\$12.50](#)

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

INDUSTRY WORKSHOP: Virtual Reality 360 Filmmaking - UNDERWATER VR: Immerse Your Audience Virtual Reality filmmakers Andy Casagrande and Thomas Hayden provide insider tips and tricks on how to capture and stitch the best underwater VR possible.

Areas of focus include media management, stitching and post-production techniques. Virtual Reality is an entirely new medium that requires new workflows and new ways of thinking. Learn how to dive into VR video for the platforms of today and tomorrow!

BLUE Whale Pass Required ([click here](#)):

Limited Capacity

Speakers Andy Brandy Casagrande Thomas Hayden

The Palladium Workshop Room BLUE Whale Pass Required

3:15 pm - 5:00 pm

FILM BLOCK: 'Coral Reefs: Trouble in Paradise' | 'Atlantic' Sundial Muvico Lineup | [Tickets \\$12.50](#)

Coral Reefs: Trouble in Paradise - This film tells the story of an international scientific team in the Chagos Archipelago, a tropical paradise with some of the healthiest coral reefs on the planet.

Atlantic - Narrated by award-winning Brendan Gleeson, Atlantic follows the fortunes of three small fishing communities - in Ireland, Norway and Newfoundland - as they struggle to maintain their way of life in the face of mounting economic and ecological challenges.

3:30 - 5:15 pm

FILM BLOCK 'Fish Full of Dollars' | 'Tsunami Tuna: Free Billy'
Sundial Muvico Lineup | [Tickets \\$12.50](#)

(Recommended Mature Audience due to content)

Tsunami Tuna: Free Billy - Tsunami Tuna is a giant radioactive tuna. He and his sidekick, RAD, a bionic, ex-Navy albino dolphin, attempt to recruit a recently freed killer whale into their 'fish army' only to discover the 'killer' whale may not be up for the challenge.

Fish Full of Dollars - Indonesia is the number one shark fishing nation in the world. Sharks are targeted species at the Tanjung Luar fish market in Lombo.

4:00 - 5:00 pm

KEYNOTE Panel: 'Cuba's Environmental Future - What Normalizing Diplomatic Relations Means for Cuba's Sustainability'

Keynote Panel: Cuba's Environmental Future – What Normalizing Diplomatic Relations with the U.S. Means for Cuba's Sustainability Palladium Theater | [Tickets \\$15](#)

The past 50 years have seen extreme degradation to the environment, especially in the Caribbean, where tourism and associated coastal development has had a particularly severe impact. The Caribbean has lost 50 percent of its coral cover since 1970. However, many of Cuba's natural ecosystems, including coral reefs, remain remarkably healthy.

As relations normalize with the United States, Cuba faces unprecedented pressures from tourism, foreign investment, and development that threaten its ecosystems, architectural heritage, and culture. Normalized relations bring a new level of collaboration between the two countries, including important scientific and conservation efforts.

Is Cuba doomed to the same fate of the rest of the Caribbean? Or will the country emerge as a shining green jewel of the Caribbean with a sustainable future and enduring protection for its natural heritage?

This high-level panel explores these issues in depth and brings us up-to-date on environmental agreements between Cuba and the U.S., as well as new initiatives, such as the Cuba-U.S. Sustainability Partnership (CUSP), that offer hope for the environmental future of both countries.

Speaker

Dr. David E. Guggenheim
Founder & President, Ocean Doctor

5:30 - 6:30 pm

BLUE DRINKS | Hotel Indigo Relax and mingle with filmmakers, scientists, artists, and entertainment executives during this informal networking reception at the Hotel Indigo bar and lobby.

Open to all BLUE Whale Pass holders.

7:30 pm

Opening Night FILM and WELCOME
Mahaffey Theater | Opening Night Welcome
'BEFORE THE FLOOD' Special Screening
After Party

Tickets: film only - \$25 ([click here, select film only ticket](#)), film and after party - \$95 ([click here, select film plus after party ticket](#))

Join us for a special opening night screening in the Mahaffey Theater. Festival welcome from Mayor Rick Kriseman and Festival CEO Debbie Kinder. Special screening of Before the Flood. Leonardo DiCaprio travels the world exploring the impact of climate change. Directed by Fisher Stevens, produced by Leo DiCaprio, with Executive Producer Martin Scorsese.
After party to follow.

Open to all BLUE Whale Pass Holders and Patrons, as well as individual ticket holders.

Speakers

Debbie Kinder

Co-Founder & CEO, BLUE Ocean Film Festival & Conservation Summit Co-founder of Make a Difference Media, the parent non-profit of the BLUE Ocean Film Festival.

Rick Kriseman

Mayor, City of St. Petersburg

Friday November 11, 2016

9:00am - 10:30am

FILM BLOCK: 'Wastewater: A Widespread Threat and Missed Resource' | 'Fix Florida' | 'Water Brothers: Acid Ocean' | 'Years of Living Dangerously' | Q&A with Filmmakers
Palladium Theater Lineup | [Tickets: \\$12.50](#)

Fix Florida - At one time, Florida was a waterman's paradise, pristine estuaries and healthy fish populations. Recent events have put three of Florida's estuaries in an environmental turmoil, but these events are not new, they are sparked from over a half century of development, agriculture and water mismanagement.

Wastewater: A Widespread Threat - This video shows the impacts of wastewater on human health, water bodies, and coastal ecosystems, and highlights how valuable wastewater can be when adequately managed.

Water Brothers: Acid Ocean - This film introduces the audience to the issue of ocean acidification, something that few people understand, but one that has far reaching and devastating effects.

Years of Living Dangerously - Saving Miami with Jack Black - If nothing is done to curb carbon emissions, Miami is in danger of being underwater by the end of the century. Jack Black is there to find out if and how the city and other low-lying coastal areas can

survive rising seas. He finds a political and business community in denial and talks to a few lone legislators, residents, activists, and scientists trying to do something before it's too late.

This session includes a **Q&A** with filmmakers.

9:15 - 11:00 am

[FILM BLOCK: 'Plastic Pollution: Our Oceans, Our Future' | 'Sea Turtles: The Lost Years' | 'Bad Tidings'](#)

Sundial Muvico Lineup | [Tickets: \\$12.50](#)

Plastic Pollution: Our Oceans, Our Future - Seventeen students from Hawaii examine the impact of plastic pollution on their beaches and envision a sustainable future for the world's oceans (no trailer available).

Value of Life - Humanity is going through a critical period, in all aspects: we are all affected in the form of economic, financial, social and environmental crises, to mention a few.

Sea Turtles: The Lost Years - After sea turtle hatchlings emerge from their nests, they vanish into the sea. Until recently, their journey was largely shrouded in mystery. Now, as technology advances, researchers are beginning to understand where turtles go during their so-called "lost years."

Bad Tidings - Three years after Hurricane Sandy, residents of a New Jersey shore town must cope with sea level rise projections that predict their homes will sink into the ocean. This is a US Premier of *Bad Tidings*.

9:30 am - 11:15 am

[Veterans Day FILM BLOCK: 'Three Miles From Safety' | 'Sharks of War' | 'Sixty Feet of Freedom'](#)

Happy Veterans Day!

Sundial Muvico Lineup | [Tickets \\$12.50 \(click here\)](#) *Veterans attend at no charge with proper ID*

Sixty Feet of Freedom - They lost their freedom fighting for ours, now they are determined to get it back.

Sharks of War - Before World War II, experts dismissed sharks as a threat to servicemen. Then in 1942, Navy headquarters received reports about horrific attacks on castaways adrift from sunken ships and downed airplanes. Many of these reports proved to be true. Soon after the war, diving pioneers sought out sharks, expecting the worst because of the shark attack stories. Instead, they found an animal less to be feared than understood.

Three Miles From Safety - When you think of the might and power of the U.S. Navy, the first thing that comes to mind is not likely to be a tugboat. More likely, you picture a formidable aircraft carrier or a well-armed battleship, operated by hundreds and often thousands of sailors. A tug is an afterthought, if it's a thought at all. So why is the USS Conestoga - a Navy fleet tug - so important?

10:30 - 10:45 am

FILM BLOCK: Virtual Reality Lounge, 'The Crystal Reef'

Virtual Reality Film Block

The Crystal Reef is a short, immersive, virtual reality experience. Use your hands to swim and examine marine life. Dive through a digital replica of the reefs of Ischia, Italy, and learn about how these reefs show the future of all the world's oceans.

[Open to BLUE Whale Pass Holders and Patrons.](#) *The Crystal Reef* VR experience will be available on demand throughout the Festival.

[Don Cesar Hotel](#)

10:30 - 11 am

INDUSTRY WORKSHOP: 'Inside the BBC: Insights for Developing Co-Pro Partnerships'

Palladium Workshop | [Tickets: \\$15](#)

Inside the BBC with Executive Producers James Honeyborne and Mark Brownlow

Speakers

Mark Brownlow

Executive Producer, BBC Natural History Unit

James Honeyborne

Executive Producer, BBC

11:00 - 11:45 am

KEYNOTE Panel: 'Climate Change: Global Agreements, Local Implications'

Palladium Theater | [Tickets: \\$15.00](#)

'Climate Change: Global Agreements, Local Implications'

Panelists include St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman; Dr. Robert Richmond, University of Hawaii; Dr. Seneshaw Tsegaye, Patel College of Global Sustainability, USF. Moderated by Charlotte Vick, Mission Blue.

Moderator

Charlotte Vick

Director of Engagement, Sylvia Earle Alliance/Mission Blue

Speakers

Rick Kriseman

Mayor, City of St. Petersburg

Dr. Bob Richmond

Professor, University of Hawaii

Seneshaw Tsegaye, PhD

Assistant Professor, University of South Florida

11:15 am - 1:15 pm

FILM BLOCK: 'Green Fins for a Blue Planet' | 'Beneath the Bridge' | 'Above & Below Socorro' | 'The Grouper Mystery'

Sundial Muvico Lineup | [Tickets: \\$12.50 \(click here\)](#)

Green Fins for a Blue Planet - Divers and snorkelers can enhance environmental and

economic sustainability through the Green Fins certification program.

Beneath the Bridge - The Blue Heron Bridge in Riviera Beach, Florida, is known as one of the best shore dives in the United States. It's home to a rich variety of marine life, attracting underwater photographers and a scientist who studies how two species of octopus co-exist there.

Above & Below Socorro - A world champion free diver and crew travel to Florian, where they experience diving with manta rays, sharks, and marine mammals.

The Grouper Mystery - Every year, thousands of grouper gather in secret in the Southern pass of Fakarava in French Polynesia, followed by hundreds of sharks.

11:30 am - 1 pm

FILM BLOCK: 'Endless' | 'Killer Whales: The Mega Hunt'
Sundial Muvico Lineup | [Tickets: \\$12.50 \(click here\)](#)

Endless - Music Video

Killer Whales: The Mega Hunt - An epic mega-hunt has been discovered in the waters of False Bay, South Africa, with six deadly and intelligent killer whales hunting 5,000 common dolphins.

12:15 - 2 pm

FILM BLOCK: 'I Am Morgan: Stolen Freedom' | 'Whale Aware' | 'Sonic Sea'
Palladium Theater Lineup | [Tickets: \\$12.50 \(click here\)](#)

I Am Morgan: Stolen Freedom - Have you ever wondered what it would be like to see the world from an orca's point of view? Find out in 4 compelling minutes in this short film.

Whale Aware - Whale Aware is the story of how a mobile app is being used to decrease the number of whale strikes by ships in busy shipping lanes in the US.

Sonic Sea - Oceans are a sonic symphony. Sound is essential to the survival and prosperity of marine life. But man-made ocean noise is threatening this fragile world.

This session includes a **Q&A** with filmmakers and scientists.

1:00 - 2:45 pm

FILM BLOCK: 'I Am Ocean: Chad Wiggins' | 'Living Fossils' | 'Ocean Heroines'
Sundial Muvico Lineup | [Tickets: \\$12.50 \(click here\)](#)

I am Ocean: Chad Wiggins - Chad Wiggins, marine scientist, diver, and spear fisherman, shares his personal connection to the coral reefs in Hawai'i and his motivation to do everything he can to ensure this diverse, yet fragile habitat endures.

Living Fossils - In the deep, dark waters off the coast of Roatan, Honduras, strange flowerlike animals flourish. These sea lilies and feather stars, known as Crinoids, have been around in various forms since before the age of dinosaurs.

Ocean Heroines - This film follows six heroines who have dedicating their lives to save

the worlds most important ecosystem.

1:30 - 3 pm

FILM BLOCK: 'We're Oyster Farmers' | '\$2 Million Wendy Schmidt Ocean Health X-Prize' | 'Saving Jamaica Bay'

Sundial Muvico Lineup | [Tickets: \\$12.50 \(click here\)](#)

We're Oyster Farmers - A fisherman, a scientist, out to change the waters one oyster at a time (no trailer available).

\$2 million Wendy Schmidt Ocean Health X-Prize

Saving Jamaica Bay - Saving Jamaica Bay tells the story of how one community fought official neglect and Hurricane Sandy to clean up and restore the largest open space in New York City, which had become a dumping ground for garbage, sewage, and bullet-riddled mobsters.

2:00 - 2:45 pm

INDUSTRY WORKSHOP: 'Speed Pitching: 7 Minutes to Pitch an Idea to a Potential Funder or Network'

This session is open to [BLUE Whale Pass Holders](#) only. Pre-registration is required.

Email jessica@blueoceanfilmfestival.org to register for this event.

The Palladium Workshop Room

In a one-to-one setting you have the rare in-person opportunity to convince a funder or network commissioner that your film concept is a hit, just waiting for the right partner.

Speakers

James Honeyborne

Executive Producer, BBC

Shari Sant Plummer

President, Code Blue Foundation

2:30 - 3:30 pm

KEYNOTE Panel: 'Ocean Exploration: The Next Step' | Panelists include Scott Parazynski, Oliver Steeds, Bruce Sutphen, Erika Bergman, Sylvia Earle

Palladium Theater | [Tickets: \\$15 \(click here\)](#)

Ocean Exploration: The Next Step

Panelists include Scott Parazynski, Oliver Steeds, Bruce Sutphen, Erika Bergman, Sylvia Earle. Moderated by Colleen Hahn.

Moderator

Colleen Hahn

Speakers

Sylvia Earle

Founder, Mission Blue/Sylvia Earle Alliance

Winner of the 2009 TED Prize and National Geographic Society Explorer-in-Residence

Scott Parazynski
Oliver Steeds
Bruce Sutphen
Erika Bergman

4:00 - 5:45 pm

[FILM BLOCK: 'This Moment' | 'Chapter One' | Q&A with Susi Mai](#)

[Palladium Theater Lineup](#) | [Tickets \\$12.50 \(click here\)](#)

This Moment - This film is a visual poem dedicated to surfing, in particular to that moment when you are out there in the ocean and your body and soul become one with nature.

Chapter One - This film introduces viewers to the most exciting action sport on the planet and writes the first chapter of kiteboarding history.

This session includes a **Q&A** with pro kiteboarder Susi Mai.

Speaker
[Susi Mai](#)

5:00 - 6 pm

[BLUE DRINKS | Hotel Indigo](#)

Informal Networking Reception at the Hotel Indigo Bar. Open to BLUE Whale Pass holders and Patrons.

[Hotel Indigo](#)

7:30 - 9:30 pm

[MAKING WAVES AWARDS Dinner | Honoring David Shaw](#)
[Awards Dinner, Don Cesar Hotel | Open to BLUE Whale Day Pass holders and Patrons](#)

2016 Making Waves Award will be presented to entrepreneur, ocean conservation pioneer, and filmmaker **David E. Shaw**.

David Shaw is being recognized for his leadership in ocean conservation, environmental stewardship, and his commitment to exploring how science and other forms of creativity can intersect to benefit the future of our planet.

A finalist in this year's film competition, his documentary, *Second Century Stewardship: Science Beyond the Scenery in Acadia National Park*, was recently released on the occasion of the historic 2016 centennial celebrations of Acadia National Park and the US National Park Service. The recipient of numerous distinguished awards and honorary doctorates, David possesses many talents. He is founder of Blackpoint Group, Treasurer of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), a director of the National Parks Foundation, and a founding Advisory Board member to Curiosity Stream. BLUE is honored to recognize this extraordinary and inspirational individual.

Saturday, November 12, 2016

9 am - 10:45 am

FILM BLOCK: 'The Hunt: Hunger at Sea' | 'Tropical Sea of Peru' | 'The Legacy' | 'Fully Aquatic' | Q&A with Filmmaker

Palladium Theater Lineup | [Tickets \\$12.50 \(click here\)](#)

Tropical Sea of Peru - honorable mention

The Legacy - Several species have disappeared from where there used to be healthy populations. An example of this was the Giant Pacific Manta Ray that disappeared off the Gulf of California.

Fully Aquatic - Fully Aquatic explores the possible consequences of taking the Florida manatee off the endangered species list.

The Hunt: Hunger at Sea

This series investigates the dramatic relationships between marine predator and prey.

This session includes a **Q&A** with *The Hunt* filmmaker, Hugh Pearson.

Speakers

Hugh Pearson

Senior Producer, Silverback Films

9:30 - 11 am

INDUSTRY WORKSHOP: Photography Masterclass: 'How to Shoot for Competitions' with Michael Aw | One-on-One Mentoring | BLUE Whale Pass Required
Palladium Workshop Room

Limited availability. Pre-registration will open on Nov. 7th.

This is a very special opportunity to be mentored by one of the world's best underwater photographers, Michael Aw. This Masterclass outlines the essentials and provides tips and insights for competing successfully in photography contests.

This Masterclass is suitable for the amateur or up and coming professional interested in being at the top in photography competitions. Michael will also provide one-on-one mentoring. If you would like input on some of your best photos, bring 4-6 images for Michael to evaluate with you.

About Michael Aw

Michael AW is the author of over 30 books, explorer, professional photographer and avid conservationist. His accolades include winning more than 63 international awards and being named as one of the world's most influential nature photographers by Outdoor Photography. In 2013 he was awarded the NOGI for Arts by the American Academy of Underwater Arts and Science. His essays and pictures have been featured in BBC Wildlife, National Geographic, the Smithsonian, Nature, Ocean Geographic, Times, Nature Focus to name just a few.

His latest book is the "Essential Underwater Photography Masterclass". Michael is a

Senior Fellow of International League of Conservation Photographers and Fellow International of the Explorer Club whose members include Roald Amundsen, Neil Armstrong, and Sylvia Earle.

Speaker

Michael Aw

Professional Underwater Photographer; Publisher of Ocean Geographic, Ocean Geographic

9:30 - 11:15 am

FILM BLOCK: ['Fish Fact Fun'](#) | ['You're Not Hallucinating, That's Just Squid Skin'](#) | ['See With Sandy'](#) | ['My Haggan Dream'](#) | ['American Samoa Culture: Youth in Conservation'](#) | ['Changing Seas Series: Saving Sawfish'](#)
Sundial Muvico Lineup | [Tickets \\$12.50 \(click here\)](#)

Fish Fact Fun

You're Not Hallucinating, That's Just Squid Skin - For an animal with such a humble name, market squid have a spectacularly hypnotic appearance. Streaks and waves of color flicker and radiate across their skin.

See With Sandy - Another great adventure with Sandy.

My Haggan Dream - A young island girl dreams of a mysterious haggan, or sea turtle, that sends her on a quest to investigate the sea turtles that nest and swim near her home. This is a screening premier for *My Haggan Dream*.

American Samoa Culture: Youth in Conservation

Changing Seas Series: Saving Sawfish - The strange, prehistoric-looking Smalltooth Sawfish were once coveted by anglers as popular trophy fish. But habitat loss and overfishing have greatly reduced the animals' range and landed them on the endangered species list.

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

FILM BLOCK: ['Kick Plastic: Home Front'](#) | ['Book of Marine Protected Areas'](#) | ['CO\(2\)ld Waters'](#) | ['Second Century Stewardship: Acadia National Park'](#) | Q&A with Filmmaker
Palladium Theater Lineup | [Tickets \\$12.50 \(click here\)](#)

Kick Plastic: Home Front

Book of Marine Protected Areas - This short film tells a true story of the depletion of the Mediterranean Sea.

CO(2)ld Waters - All of the legendary trout streams across the US are sustained by cold water from the mountains, but in the wake of diminishing snowpack, catastrophic floods, and stream closures due to hot summer water, legendary names in the fly fishing community have something to say to fellow anglers.

Second Century Stewardship: Acadia National Park - At the dawn of the second century for the US National Parks and Acadia National Park, the opportunity exists to more powerfully engage science for the benefit of the parks and society.

Includes a special **Q&A** with *Second Century Stewardship* filmmaker and BLUE 2016 Making Waves Award winner, David Shaw.

Speaker

David Shaw
Blackpoint Group

11:15 am - 1:15 pm

FILM BLOCK: ['Thailand's Seafood Slaves'](#) | ['The Water Brothers: Ocean Spies'](#) | ['An Ocean Mystery: The Missing Catch'](#)
Sundial Muvico Lineup | [Tickets \\$12.50 \(click here\)](#)

Thailand's Seafood Slaves - Human trafficking, slavery, and murder in Kantang's seafood industry.

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An Ocean Mystery: The Missing Catch - Follow the work of the world's premier fisheries scientist, Dr Daniel Pauly, as he discovers the true quantity of fish we have caught, and the real speed at which we are running out of fish.

11:30 am - 1:15 pm

FILM BLOCK: ['The Secret Sex Life of Fish'](#) | ['Fishing for Science: Giant Trevally'](#) | ['What We Fish For'](#)
Sundial Muvico Lineup | [Tickets \\$12.50 \(click here\)](#)

The Secret Sex Life of Fish - Fish are the most diverse group of vertebrates on the planet, ranging from the gigantic whale shark to the tinniest minnow. Because of their diversity, fish have evolved very varied reproductive strategies that aren't widely known by the general public.

Fishing for Science: Giant Trevally - Giant Trevally is revered by many cultures and prized by sportfishermen around the globe. Little is known about the interconnectivity of populations of this important species found throughout coastal waters of the Pacific and Indian oceans.

What We Fish For - This film is a rare chance to go eyeball to eyeball with the fish we love in their own world. Join four friends as they each follow their hearts to come to terms with what drives them to go fishing.

12:45 - 2:45 pm

FILM BLOCK: ['Tiger Sharks Fight for Survival'](#) | ['Shark Rescue'](#) | ['Hunt for the Super Predator'](#) | ['Great White Lies'](#)
Sundial Muvico Lineup | [Tickets \\$12.50 \(click here\)](#)

Tiger Sharks Fight for Survival

Shark Rescue

Hunt for the Super Predator

Great White Lies

1:00 - 2:00 pm

KEYNOTE Panel: 'Leveraging the Impact of Film'

Palladium Theater | Tickets \$15 ([click here](#))

Leveraging the Impact of Film - John Hoffman, Discovery Channel; James Honeyborne, BBC; Jeff Orlowski, *Chasing Ice*; Jon Bowermaster, *After the Spill*; Oliver Steeds, Nekton. Moderated by Shari Sant Plummer, Code Blue/Mission Blue

1:30 - 3:15 pm

FILM BLOCK: 'A Plastic Ocean' | 'A Visit to the Trash Museum' | 'Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup: The West Coast Trail'

Palladium Theater Lineup | Tickets \$12.50 ([click here](#))

A Plastic Ocean - Journalist Craig Leeson is searching for the elusive blue whale, but discovers plastic waste in what should be pristine ocean.

A Visit to the Trash Museum - This series voyages the world, featuring cities and exploring a topic that's relevant to the environment or aquatic life.

Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup: The West Coast Trail - Ocean debris is a large and growing threat to our oceans. Can just 10 people make a difference?

2:15 - 3:45 pm

FILM BLOCK: 'Sea Blind: The Price of Shipping Our Stuff' | Q&A with Filmmaker Sundial Muvico Lineup | Tickets \$12.50 ([click here](#))

Sea Blind: The Price of Shipping Our Stuff - 90% of everything we buy comes to us via ship. Globalization and modern shipping has defined our age and yet we are blind to this industry. Container shipping is cheap and uses the dirtiest fuel on the planet. Because of Arctic melt, vessels will have access to a shortcut across the top of the world.

This session includes a **Q&A** with *Sea Blind* filmmaker Sarah Robertson.

Speaker

Sarah Robertson

3:00 - 5:00 pm

FILM BLOCK: 'RiverBlue' | US Premier Sundial Muvico | Tickets \$12.50 ([click here](#))

RiverBlue - US Premier; Narrated by long-time water supporter Jason Priestley, *RiverBlue* follows internationally celebrated river conservationist, Mark Angelo, on an around the world journey-by-river that uncovers the dark side of the fashion industry.

4:00 - 4:45 pm

KEYNOTE Panel: 'Building The Blue Movement: Art + Science + Communication' |
Wallace J. Nichols and artist Henthorne

Author Wallace J. Nichols and Artist Henthorne present '**Building The Blue Movement:
Art + Science + Communication.**'

An ocean story based in fear, guilt, and facts has proven ineffective. Talking points based in 1980's factoids and percentages are boring. How will the next generation of ocean advocates inspire solutions, creativity, and action? Love, neuroscience, art, passion, psychology, creative disequilibrium, and unstoppable.

Speakers

Henthorne
Henthorne Art Photo
Wallace J. Nichols
Blue Mind

6:30 - 7:15 pm

FINALIST FILMMAKER CHAMPANGE RECEPTION

Open to all BLUE 2016 Film Finalists.
Don Cesar Hotel

8:00 pm - 12:00 am

BLUE CARPET AWARDS and GALA
Don Cesar Hotel | Tickets: \$125

Legacy Award Honoree:
Nainoa Thompson
Polynesian Voyaging Society
Hokule'a

Sunday, November 13, 2016

9:30 - 11:00 am

FILM BLOCK - *Thailand's Seafood Slaves*, *Water Brothers: Ocean Spies*, *An Ocean Mystery*, Sundial Muvico | Tickets \$12.50 ([click here](#))

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speed at which we are depleting our fisheries.

Speaker

Alison Barrett

10:00 - 10:45 am

KEYNOTE "In Conversation With" John Hoffman Discovery Channel
Sundial Muvico,

Join us for a very special "In Conversation With" session with John Hoffman, EVP of Documentaries and Specials for Discovery Channel.

Speaker

John Hoffman
Discovery Channel

11:00 am

FILM BLOCK 'Below the Bay' | '26 Years & Counting' | 'Dispatches from the Gulf'
Sundial Muvico,

Below the Bay - This short film shows how naturally occurring species of seagrass brought Tampa Bay's water quality back from the brink.

26 Years & Counting - The 1989 Exxon-Valdez oil spill became a generation's defining set of images and stories for what happens when environmental tragedy spreads.

Dispatches from the Gulf - Six years after Deepwater Horizon – the biggest oil spill in U.S. history – a global team of scientists is working together to understand its environmental impact on humans.

1:00 - 2:30 pm

FILM BLOCK 'Chrome' | 'The Private Lives of Salmon' | 'The Memory of Fish' | Q & A
Sundial Muvico, [Tickets \\$12.50 \(click here\)](#)

2:30 - 4:15 pm

FILM BLOCK 'Fully Aquatic' | 'The Forgotten Coast' | Q&A "How Citizen Science Can Make A Difference"
Palladium Theater, [Tickets \\$12.50 \(click here\)](#)

The Forgotten Coast - Following in the footsteps of a wandering Florida black bear, three friends discover a lost American wilderness that may transform the way we see the natural world.

Fully Aquatic - Fully Aquatic explores the possible consequences of taking the Florida manatee off the endangered species list.

This session includes a Q&A with filmmakers. The topic is "How Citizen Science Can Make A Difference."

Speaker

Carlton Ward Jr
Carlton Ward Photography

4:30 - 5:45 pm

KEYNOTE Presentation: Michael Aw 'Elysium Artists for the Arctic'
Sundial Muvico

Elysium Artists for the Arctic is one of the most exciting, innovative, and inspirational journeys embarked upon in the last hundred years. This expedition will change the way people all over the world see and understand the Arctic, an enlightenment that will hopefully catalyze a much-needed paradigm shift away from indifference and into action to protect the Arctic. Our mission is to promote polar conservation efforts and to educate people globally about the plight of our frozen North.

Speakers

Michael Aw
Professional Underwater Photographer; Publisher of Ocean Geographic, Ocean Geographic

Alex Rose
Editor, Ocean Geographic

5:45 pm - 6:15 pm

FILM BLOCK: 'Saving West Africa's Coastal Assets' | 'Years of Living Dangerously'
Palladium Theater, Tickets \$12.50 ([click here](#))

6:00 - 6:45 pm

CLOSING KEYNOTE: 'We Can Do It! Save Our Sea; Save Ourselves' Dr. Sylvia Earle
KEYNOTE: ***We Can Do It! Save Our Sea; Save Ourselves***
Palladium Theater, Tickets \$15.00

Dr. Sylvia Earle presents the closing keynote and provides insight, inspiration and encouragement on using newly acquired knowledge and the momentum of the festival to be a part of a global stewardship movement to save our ocean and save ourselves.

Speaker

Sylvia Earle
Founder, Mission Blue/Sylvia Earle Alliance

Winner of the 2009 TED Prize and National Geographic Society Explorer-in-Residence, Dr. Sylvia A. Earle is a tireless advocate for our ocean. The legendary marine scientist and deep sea explorer has received numerous distinguished awards including being named a "Living Legend" by the Library of Congress and the first "Hero for the Planet" by Time magazine.

7:00 - 8:30 pm

FILM in the PARK: SPECIAL PUBLIC SCREENING of BLUE'S 2016 BEST of FESTIVAL
Straub Park, Free Public Event

We wrap up BLUE 2016 with a special screening of our Best of Festival Winner. This is a free event open to the public.

Then, come join us next year for BLUE 2017 in Monaco, and back in St. Pete in 2018.



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