

“The Sea Around Us”

Winter Lecture Series 2010

Friday Evenings, 7:30pm

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Admission: Adults \$6 • Students and Pensioners \$4 • Friends of MERC \$2

June 11 th	On it, in it and under it: our growing use of the sea for recreation and tourism. Professor Mark Orams , Associate Director, Coastal and Marine, New Zealand Tourism Research Institute, AUT University
June 18 th	Discovery of the 1851 Wreck of the French Corvette “L’ALCMENE” 230 crew and a Swedish Count and Countess aboard. History, drama and detective work. Noel Hilliam , Founding President of Dargaville Museum. 50 yrs of diving, recovery of relics, research and salvage.
June 25 th	Oceans, Waves, and Ice: the mindset and stories of an extreme adventurer. Jamie Fitzgerald , 2003 (with Kevin Biggar) world record winner of the 5,000km Trans-Atlantic Rowing Race. In 2007 Jamie became the first Kiwi to reach the South Pole on foot and unsupported after 52 days dragging a 160kg sledge.
July 2 nd	Life on the Bow with Team New Zealand! Guts and glory days with the best yachtsmen in the world. Joe Allen , one of New Zealand’s most experienced and revered yachtsman, is one of few people to have twice won both the Around the World Race (Flyer and Yamaha) and the America’s Cup (Team New Zealand 1995 and 2000). Joe Allen has grown into one of the world’s most in demand yacht coaches. He assisted with coaching for BMW-Oracle’s recent America’s Cup victory in the massive tri and is the senior coach for Emirates Team New Zealand. <i>Joe is a great story teller and a real character. Don’t miss this opportunity; you’ll kick yourself if you do!</i>
July 9 th	The Scow “Jane Gifford”: her history and restoration. Built by Davie Darroch in Omaha 1908 and still working in 1985. She has been heroically restored and returned to an active life in her home port of Warkworth. Peter Thompson , Builder, Chairman of the Warkworth Riverbank Enhancement Group and Founder Trustee of the Jane Gifford Restoration Trust
July 16 th	A Kiwi on Seabirds: marine ornithology in the extinction isles. Dr Matt Rayner , Foundation for Science Research & Technology post-doctoral fellow based at NIWA and a research associate of the School of Biological Sciences, University of Auckland
July 23 rd	Whales of the Hauraki Gulf Dr. Karen Stockin , Coastal Marine Research Group Massey University.



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