

Diving the Island of Stone Money: The pristine reefs and fascinating history of Yap

Lecture by **Steven Trainoff, Ph.D.**

Where: Santa Barbara Maritime Museum, 113 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara

When: Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 7:00pm

Doors open to SBMM Members at 6:15pm and to non-members at 6:45pm

Cost: \$10 (SBMM Members) ♦ \$20 (Non-members)

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Yap is a member of the [Caroline Islands](#) of the western [Pacific Ocean](#), a state within the [Federated States of Micronesia](#). It is also known as the Island of Stone Money due to its curious history of using giant stone coins as the medium of trade. It has a rich cultural and maritime history and is surrounded by healthy, vibrant reefs. We invite you to come hear a little about this fascinating place and the rare and beautiful sea creatures that call it home.

Steven Trainoff earned a bachelor's degree in physics from Caltech, and a Ph.D. in experimental physics from UCSB. The Chief Scientist for Wyatt Technology Corporation, Dr. Trainoff designs optical instruments for pharmaceutical and material science research and has been elected as a Fellow of the American Physical Society. In his free time, he has been traveling the globe photographing the strange and beautiful creatures that inhabit the underwater world.



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