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## Malibu Library Speaker Series Presents Environmental Activist Dr. Marcus Eriksen, Author of the Book “Junk Ship”

(Malibu, CA) – The 2017 Malibu Library Speaker Series continues with Dr. Marcus Eriksen, environmental activist, co-founder of the 5 Gyres Institute, and author of the best-selling book that was turned into a documentary film, “Junk Ship,” on Wednesday, November 29, 7:00 PM at the Malibu Library.

“There could not be a more timely and important subject than the environmental devastation of plastic pollution and what we can do to stop it,” said Mayor Skylar Peak. “Every person living in Malibu is connected to the ocean, so I urge you to attend this event and learn how we can work together to protect our environment.”

Dr. Eriksen has led expeditions around the world to research plastic marine pollution and co-founded the 5 Gyres Institute with Anna Cummins. To raise awareness about plastic pollution, he sailed 2,600 miles for 88 days from California to Hawaii on the Junk Raft, a sailing vessel built from 15,000 plastic bottles.

In 2014, 5 Gyres published a scientific study that, for the first time, estimated the level of oceanic plastic pollution in the world’s oceans at 5.25 trillion particles weighing 269,000 tons. Dr. Erikson co-authored a paper on plastic microbead pollution in the Great Lakes that led to a federal ban on microbeads.

### About the Series

The 2017 Malibu Library Speaker Series is a program of the County of Los Angeles Public Library, Malibu Branch, and the City of Malibu, featuring experts, authors and notable figures discussing a wide range of subjects, including the entertainment industry, literature, science, motivation, the arts, education, sports, travel, food and the environment.

Past notable speakers in the Library Speaker Series include best-selling author Jeannette Walls, famed civil rights lawyer Gloria Allred; climate change champion and author Bill McKibben; prolific comedy writer and director Tom Shadyac; author of the best-selling novel “Eat, Pray, Love” Elizabeth Gilbert; and award-winning documentary filmmakers Rory Kennedy and Mark Bailey.

The event features a discussion with Dr. Eriksen and a reception with refreshments. The event is free and open to all, but space is limited, so RSVPs are required. Malibu Library is located at 23519 West Civic Center Way in Malibu.

For more information or to RSVP, visit [www.MalibuCity.org/LibrarySpeakers](http://www.MalibuCity.org/LibrarySpeakers) or call the Malibu Library at 310-456-6438.

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