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Explore our ocean with the Maritime Museum of BC through our *What Lies Beneath Lecture Series*. Every fourth Wednesday from 7-9pm, we will host a presentation on various topics that currently affect this underwater environment. These presentations will feature key-note speakers who are active every day in understanding, studying and monitoring our ocean.

We begin this journey on Wednesday, January 25th exploring our ocean frontier with Verena Tunnicliffe, Director of the VENUS Coastal Observing Network. Tunnicliffe will reveal unknown wonders and imagery from expeditions to hot vents, and subsea volcanoes. According to Tunnicliffe, lack of visual connectivity beneath the surface of the ocean usually means “out of sight, out of mind”. And, because the ocean is a key to our survival, it is very important that we learn all we can about what lies beneath.

The next presentation to follow will be on February 22nd. Howie Robins, President of the Artificial Reef Society of BC, will discuss the need for artificial reefs and whether they are an underwater paradise to the organisms that rely on reefs, or just plain old pollution.

For a full list of all the upcoming lectures, please visit our website at mmbc.bc.ca and search under Featured Exhibits, or call 250-385-4222. Children under 12 are now free at the Museum!

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