



"An Evening with Whales, Seals & Dolphins ... with a side dish of Sharks and Dragons

By Captain Bret Gilliam, Monday, August 20, 8pm, In the Tabernacle

Bret Gilliam has had a 41-year career in professional diving, logging over 18,000 dives in military, commercial, scientific, filming, and technical diving operations. He is one of the diving industry's most successful entrepreneurs with investments in publishing, training agencies, manufacturing, resorts, dive vessels, cruise ships, and film production companies. He is widely considered as one of diving's best photo-journalists and has won numerous international awards for his work and speaking presentations.

Author of over 1000 published articles, his photos have graced over 100 magazine covers, and he is principal author or contributor to nearly 60 books & manuals. His writing and photography has been published worldwide. He also has worked as location director, cameraman, and operations manager on scores of Hollywood movies, television series, documentaries (including *National Geographic* and the *Cousteau* series), and IMAX films.

He is a Fellow National of the elite Explorers Club and the world record holder as the deepest scuba diver on conventional scuba equipment and is the recipient of numerous other awards.

After over 30 years living in the Caribbean and equatorial regions worldwide, he now lives in Maine celebrating all four seasons. He is still active in special film and publishing projects. His latest book, a large hard-bound coffee-table style volume, *Diving Pioneers & Innovators: An In-Depth Series of Interviews*, has been met with widespread enthusiasm by reviewers internationally.