



Abby Nickels is the LIMPETS Program Manager for GFA. She trains teachers and supports existing LIMPETS teachers and students in their monitoring efforts. Abby earned her B.S. in Marine Biology from the University of California Santa Cruz and her M.S. in Marine Resource Management from Oregon State University. She has had the opportunity to work on a variety of projects including: Pacific salmon ecology, black abalone monitoring and visitor 'free-choice learning' in museums, aquariums, and other informal education institutions. Prior to joining LIMPETS, Abby was an ORISE fellow in the Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds with the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington D.C. Abby is happy to be back on west coast working for GFA where she can combine her love for the ocean and marine sciences with teaching. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, hiking and camping.



Adrian Skaj is a native San Franciscan who graduated from San Francisco State University with a BA in Women's Studies and a Minor in Holistic Health. She is happy to use her administrative skills to support the fine work accomplished here at FMSA where she serves as the Finance Officer. Adrian is also a Certified Iyengar Yoga teacher and teaches at Iyengar Yoga Institute, YMCA, ClubOne and the USF Koret Center in San Francisco.



Bob Wilson is the Executive Director. He is a retired attorney for the federal government. Bob now spends his time volunteering for marine issues. He has long been associated with The Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito not only as a crew and stranding volunteer, but also as a Director emeritus and is the policy liaison for TMMC. He is the former Board President, and now Treasurer of the Farallones Marine Sanctuary Association where he also volunteers as part of the Beach Watch program. He recently served as a stakeholder in the California Marine Life Protection Act process for establishing a network of marine protected areas in North Central California. He is also a former Director of Polar Bear International. Bob lives in Tiburon, CA.



Courtney Buel is one of the fabulous Marine Science Instructors for the sanctuary association. Originally from the SF Bay Area, she relocated to UC Santa Cruz to pursue her B.S. in Marine Biology. There she realized her passion for the California coast, and spent her free time scuba diving and working on her tan around Monterey Bay. After graduating, she spent a summer working with kids on Catalina Island, during which she received her NAUI Divemaster certification. On her days off you can find her adventuring around the Bay area with her dog Nala and eating thai food.



Dru Devlin is a Research Associate for the Greater Farallones Association. Dru has worked with Beach Watch, a long-term monitoring program, for over twenty years. She conducts beach surveys and assists with the recruitment, training and management of Beach Watch volunteers. She is a wildlife observer and team member of the ACCESS Partnership, a partnership supporting marine wildlife conservation and healthy marine ecosystems in northern and central California by conducting ocean research to inform resource managers and conservation partners. Dru earned both her Masters of Public and Business Administration, and B.A. in Social Ecology from the University of California at Irvine. She resides in Half Moon Bay and spends as much time as possible playing on the beach with her dog, Mango, traveling, kayaking and SCUBA diving.



Kate Bimrose is the Bolinas Lagoon Restoration Project Coordinator. Kate works to facilitate the implementation of restoration projects at Bolinas Lagoon through project planning, outreach and education, and field work activities. Kate received her undergraduate degree at UC Santa Barbara and graduated from the University of San Francisco's Master of Science program in Environmental Management in 2009. Kate is a native of the area and loves the food, music, sports, and outdoor activities that San Francisco has to offer!



Kirsten Lindquist is the Ecosystem Monitoring Manager. She manages Beach Watch, a long-term monitoring program that utilizes the expertise of over 100 citizen scientists to collect data along the coast. Kirsten earned a degree in Environmental Studies and Marine Conservation from Prescott College in 2001. Since then she has worked in the remote field studying seabirds and marine mammals throughout the Pacific, Antarctica, and most notably here throughout the California Current. Kirsten is happily setting down roots here in the bay area which she has called home for ten years.



Monika Lynn Krach is the Science Education and Technology Manager for the LIMPETS program and the Greater Farallones Association's Development Associate. She earned her undergraduate degree in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from Princeton University and master's degree from Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego. Along with researching California coastal ecology, she studies invertebrates living in extreme environments including methane-seep sediments and Antarctic winter waters. Prior to working at the Greater Farallones Association, she was the Communications Director for Green Renaissance, an environmental film company in Cape Town, South Africa. She is a SCUBA diving fanatic, adventurer, and avid fossil collector. She loves playing tennis, swimming, biking, and watching action movies.



Peter Winch is the Visitor Center Naturalist and Education Specialist at The Gulf of The Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, and assists with the running of the visitor center and their educational programs. He has a BS in Environmental Science from Plymouth University, England, and has a background as a scientist and as an educator. He has studied seabirds in Alaska, Hawaii, Baja Mexico and Oregon for US Fish and Wildlife and The Island Ecology Group, and worked as a naturalist for Oceanic Society Expeditions on Whale Watching Trips off California for 9 years. Peter surfs and dives, and explores the ocean whenever possible. After graduating he spent three years working as an activist for The Sea Shepherd Conservation Society and is an advocate for marine conservation. Peter is a filmmaker and an artist. He published his first book "The Giant Ocean Coloring Book" in September 2016.



Rachel Rhodes is the Communications Coordinator for GFA and also works as the Administrative Assistant for the Sanctuary. Rachel earned a B.A. in International Relations and Environmental Studies at Tufts University. Growing up in Carpinteria, Rachel was an ocean enthusiast and spent her summers exploring the waters off the Santa Barbara coast. She ran her first marathon this year in the Alps, and loves backpacking, climbing, surfing when the waves are small enough.



Rietta Hohman is a member of the education staff for the Greater Farallones Association, where she develops marine science curriculum and coordinates the At Your School Marine Science Outreach Program and the Marine Explorers Summer Camp. Rietta has a B.S. in Biology from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and is currently in the process of earning a M.S. in Environmental Management from the University of San Francisco. She is a SCUBA instructor and scientific diver and has worked and volunteered with various institutions such as Bodega Marine Lab, the Tahoe Environmental Research Center, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Reef Check and the Southwest Fisheries Science in Santa Cruz on various subtidal research projects in California.



Sara Heintzelman is the Field Excursions & Social Media Manager. She runs the Sanctuary Explorations series, which provides monthly opportunities for the public to connect with, and experience, their natural marine sanctuaries through fun excursions while learning ocean conservation ethics and wildlife etiquette. Using social media as a virtual education tool, she reaches a global audience with amazing photos and interesting information about the ecosystems of the sanctuary and its fascinating inhabitants. Sara earned her B.S. in Ecology from the University of California San Diego and her M.S. in Marine Science from University of California Santa Barbara and has enjoyed teaching environmental education programs since 2000.



Sara Hutto is the Ocean Climate Program Coordinator for Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary where she integrates climate-smart adaptation into Sanctuary management and provides training for marine protected area managers around the country to undertake climate-smart adaptation planning. Sara's background is in rocky intertidal ecology, and she holds a Master of Science in Marine Science from Moss Landing Marine Laboratories. Sara calls Santa Cruz home, and enjoys being a mom while exploring California's mountains and coasts.



Taylor Nairn is a Research Associate with Beach Watch, where she conducts beach surveys and manages data flow. She is an ecosystem monitor with years of experience in varying terrain and biodiversity. She has undergone several trainings in order to be prepared for oil spill response, and participates in ACCESS Partnership Cruises at sea with the Conservation Science team. Taylor earned a B.S. in Environmental Science from San Francisco State University in 2010, with a concentration in Natural Resource Management and Conservation. She has several years of field and horticultural experience in plant restoration and tracking, and enjoys going on adventures and being a lifelong learner of birds and mammals through Beach Watch.