



«Poets change the world»



Convince to Conquer

For Jacques-Yves Cousteau's 101st anniversary on June 11th 2011, Cousteau Divers organized an online poetry contest attended by thousands of ocean lovers. Join us at www.cousteaudivers.org. The journey continues!

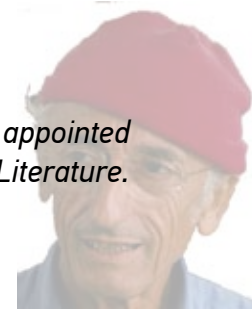
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My profound gratitude goes to all of those who have helped me, by their trust, by their work or by their generosity, to unearth Excalibur, the invincible and luminous sword of King Arthur, who won his wars by loosing all of his battles.

Excalibur, you are now mine, all made of crystallized water, pure as the Antarctic ice, incorruptible as the diamond, fragile as glass but invincible like the perfume of flowers, who overthrew the dinosaurs.

Before all of my friends, here and throughout the world, I solemnly take oath, as did Lancelot, to fight, with you Excalibur, symbolic weapon of the poets who alone can change the world, and to serve under Viviane, Lady of Water, and of Galaad, the pure conqueror of the Grail.

Text by Jacques-Yves Cousteau, on the day he was appointed «Immortal» by the prestigious French Academy of Literature.





Ocean Poetry Contest Winner

This winning poem will be engraved on a memorial plaque and taken to the seabed of the Mediterranean Sea by Pierre-Yves Cousteau, Jacques' youngest son, to celebrate the 101st anniversary and the launch of Cousteau Divers.

*Gazing in the sea
Our passion, muse and mother
Sense of timeless home*

-Stephen James Matadobra

Second place

*The ocean currents
feels like flowing through my veins
Its part of my heart*

-Gilli Nicola Graham

Third place

*He lived to adore
His beloved Mare Nostrum
The deepest blue sea*

-Jemfyr Tree





Ocean Haiku Contest Entries

For Jacques-Yves Cousteau's birthday, the following poems were entered into the poetry contest. The poems are listed in alphabetical order (first name). Enjoy!

Cousteau Divers

We are a non-profit organization dedicated to uniting divers, snorkelers and ocean lovers worldwide to help study and protect marine life. The information and images divers uploaded on our website help us monitor the health of the oceans in near real-time. With this knowledge we can help create marine sanctuaries, influence public opinion and react locally to alerts, acting as an immune system for the sea. Join us on cousteaudivers.org!



*I live my nice days
when the sound of the ocean
falls into my soul*

-Alberto Gallucci

*in this world,
salvation is respect,
nature will reward us.*

-Alessandro Brunello

*your tide is our pulse,
Without you, we'll all surely die
Heal our oceans health NOW!!*

-Alison Banks

*Your transparent swells
beckon me to your wonder
Bliss is your caress*

-Alyson Walsh-Fernandez



Expressive currents
Lure me, in bearing life and
Clearm bottomless love

-Amy Lennon

Our squalls raise waters
As trawling spellbound plenty
with half took up burns

-Andy Adkins

slowly driven' way
underneath the waving sea
diving world is ME!

-Andreas Mekel

Into the deep
Regulator offered gladly
To a fish for air

-Arthur Kerns



Opening my eyes
Show me your many wonders
I will protect you

-Barbara Dixon Helmly

Swaying rhythm, light,
Captured, raptured, seeing blue
Moving to the sound

-Barb Janisch

When I am down,
or when life is full of joy,
I rather go dive.

-Bength Ohlen

Hail Albert Falco
the call of the deep blue sea
Rise now Calypso

-Bill Trusewicz



Humpback cries for him
The dolphins still swim with him
Still they shed their tears

-Bonnie Beeson Layfield

Life was born, within me.
Child of mine, learn and enjoy me.
For those coming, protect me.

-Bruno Lacombe

Mostly water we
Searching for our deepest sea
Yielding as waves be

-Bruno Cappello

These lives under sea
Rise and fall on the same waves
We do, and go on.

-Caitlin Bowler



All The Oceans Blue...
Seas To See The Salty Smile...
Of Cap Jacques Cousteau...

-Capt Larry Lawhorn

Undulating waves
Swallowing me to the depths
And freeing my soul

-Catherine Balbas

Aboard Calypso
A four-year-old in Heaven
I still have the shells

-Carla St. Laurent

I don't understand
you, my lapis ocean love,
but oh, how you live!

-Catherine Pham







Bright rays of sunlight
Illuminates the coral,
while fish blow bubbles.

-Carol Toogood

I remember Jacques,
approaching the mother seal,
my breath stopped halfway.

-Chris Jordan

Down to sea I go
To seek peace and joy I know
Blue heaven that glow

-Cathrine S Prajitno

deep inside of it
peace and love shine in the dark
deep inside of me

-Christian La Placa



I'm glad to see you
Ocean, embrace my great dreams
We can make it both

-Cristina Ozores

Dreams made of bubbles,
Blue Dreams embracing dolphins
Endlessly in love

-Daniela Balint

Blue Green Ocean Dream
Sustain The Veins Of Our Earth
Fill Our Hearts With Love

-Dan Allison Reid

White Blue Green...
the sea cry's...
Ocean floor is BLACK.

-Darrell Paczas



I would like to go
On Jacques great boat, Calypso
And love the sea too

-Darren Parrett

the silent world beckons'
it's salty kiss awaits us
treasures and mysteries

-David Lewis

you opened my eyes
with all the gifts you gave me
and taught me to sea

-Dave Rothwell

it is my first love
dark seas home away from home
my life forever

-Deb Leach-Cummings



*Our living oceans,
Intriguingly beautiful
Dive in and explore*

-Debbie Coats

*Surface calm masking
a majestic world below
of beauty and grace*

-Denice Grace

*Swim through endless blue
Go to sleep with salty lips
Live in ecstasy.*

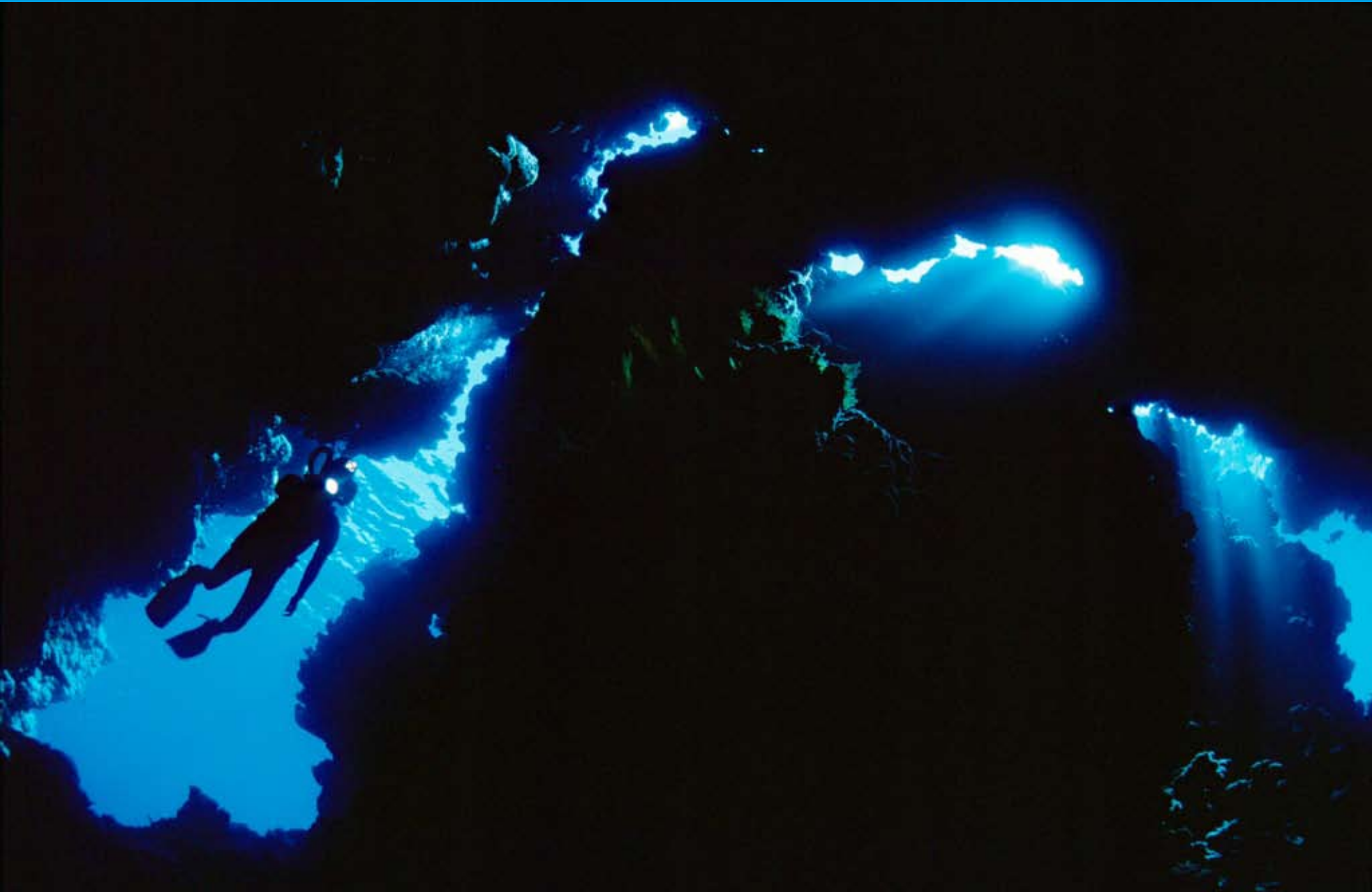
-Denise Hemphill

*Once a week I watched
In each other now we swim
Once a dream now real*

-Dexter Newman







*The peaceful serene
beauty of the ocean-shifts
me into mermaid*

-Diana Burgos Perez

*Coeur de fleurs sur pierre
à st andré de cubzac
nuages gris... Soleil!*

-Diane E. Cousteau

*Each wave hails a call
To join you, Mother Ocean
~ Purification*

-Ed Kobrinski

*To survive, we must
protect the world: that which we
previously fought*

-Eileen Rush



*Deep within the sea
Blooms the peace of one man's dreams
Visions of hope freed.*

-Elaine Leonard Balliet

*Seize the sea, father
The mermaids need our power
To reverse the tide*

-Enric Sala

*No return, non stop
Dive deep to see My Brothers
AT-ONE-MENT ahhh...PEACE!*

-Elisabeth Girard

*Foamy spirit leap
Seeing your soul, so blue
Move me like music.*

-Eve Dyott



Oh, if I could dive,
Graceful wonders I would see
Swimming with beauty.

-Gail Kean

Brave new explorer,
below the seas and oceans;
inspiring us still.

-Graeme Andrew Barber

submerged, frolicking
the water holds me just right
here I can be free

-Hannah Audreyelle Cardenas

Healing the oceans
for future generations;
We praise your passion!

-Hector Salvador



*Dreams of blue waters
Brings life to all within them
Life returns the dream*

-Holly Sykes Elliott

*dive into the sea
feel the universe of life
deep in every vein*

*-Internationales Maritimes Mu-
seum Hamburg*

*Beauty in the Deep
Feeling at One with the Sea
Life Transforms Your Spirit*

-Jean Otto

*Ensembles à jamais
My deep blue love my mistress
Eternal lovers*

-Jean-Louis Courteau







*From You all things come
Mother Ocean, life itself
to You, all return*

-Jen Hammer Cardenas

*No longer holding
breath flows as bubbles gift me
the beauty of blue*

-Jennifer Aicher

*From the deepest blue
Shadowy shape emerges
Behemoth whale shark*

-John Kim

*The silent sea calls,
New worlds within our Mother,
Shared Father Cousteau*

-John Taylor



Fish are friends not food
Stop killing the sharks and rays
Eat things that go «moo!»

-Jonathan Bird

Listen Ocean Waves
Beautiful Marine Creatures
Thank God For Nature

-Karen Chee

he showed us the sea ~ and how
it relates to me ~ connected
always

-June O'Reilly

ancient, raw, awesome
our life maker giver please stay
forever here

-Kate Matadobra



~smell the sweet ocean
~let us drift upon her swells
~love her blue beauty....

-Katherine Reed

The ocean is Life
Powerful yet endangered
Ravenous for love

-Kelly Mc Ginn

explored the seas
opened our minds to the deep
north pole to the south

-Kely Dunn

Sunlight filters from above,
Rainbow colored fish,
play among coral.

-Kevin Neumann



Blue eternity
Sun kissed water; pierces deep
Our love will shine on

-Kimberly Miller

I looked at the Sky
My feet are touching the Ground
My path is the Sea

-Konstantinos Alexiou

Forgive us dear sea
You are the cradle of life
Our true giving tree

-Land Wilson

All The Oceans Blue...
Seas To See The Salty Smile...
Of Cap Jacques Cousteau...

-Larry Lawhorn







You make my heart pound...
You will take my breath away...
Blue, Crystal, Waters.

-Leah Ryan

We came from the sea
And tried to live on the ground
Oceans left behind

-Lillaume Laurent

I went to the sea
She gave up nothing from the deep
Save a mirror to my own keep.

-Li Gardner

These lives under sea
Rise and fall on the same waves
We do, and go on.

-Lindsay Coleman



Oceans are alive
Blue waters hold life secrets
Secrets yield wisdom

-Lisa Edwards

Jacque Cousteau taught me
How beautiful, fierce, and cruel
Our Oceans can be.

-Lorrie Noel Martin

Under the Ocean~
Under the Blue~He made it his life
Mr. Jacque Cousteau..~

-Lynne Salzer

dive into the sea
feel the universe of life
deep in every vein

-M.M. Hamburg RT



*el mar le dará al mundo nuevas es-
peranzas, como el dormir a los
sueños!!!!*

-Marta Masdeu

*We BLESS the Ocean
With future wisdom of man
To know the truth now.*

-Marilyn Potter

*I long for my home.
Calling for me night and day.
Our Ocean, my home.*

-Matthew J. West

*To the man who lived/ In waves of
shimmering blue/ And strengthened
the sea...*

-Michelle (@cataclysmicha twitter)



*Carry me away
Through the ocean deep and blue
To comfort my pain*

-Michelle Sessions Francis

*Ancient sea of life
liquid prism of spirit
eternal beauty*

-Miriam Dunn

*A life begins
Evolution Thrives
Constantly evolving*

- Michael Wetherall

*To drift in blue light;
To brush past colorful reefs,
Forever oceans*

-Mitch Minshull







*Breathe under water,
Admire the marine life,
And stay for a while...*

-Myriam Saïrah

*Oh see the Sea wave,
to all who visit, welcome
home with its Glory.*

-Nancy Dudley Rotolo

*listen with your hearts,
to echoes of blue ages,
sages of the deep.*

-Nancy Pearson

*Drop of our Oceans
Supports all of lives and souls
Love Water Planet*

-Naoko Funakoshi



gone but still with us
our memory forever
your tears are the sea

-Nevil Shute

The beauty we see
When we look at the ocean
Must be protected

-Paul Cater Deaton

Water is spirit -
as water is oceans' soul
Inspire me, ocean!

-Pascal Kolb

He loved the ocean;
was of the ocean; his love
made lovers of us

-Paul Evans



The ocean's blue hues
Carry me on forever
May they carry you

-Peace of the Ocean

riding the sea horse:
in the privacy of the abyss,
a breathtaking silence

-Raluca Bontas

Tip toe-ing through the periwinkles
so thankful they're back
Splishing cool water..

-Roseanna Ovington

Oceans are my church
Water my own religion
Earth's divinity

-Samatha Whitcraft



Beauty, rage and peace
shining like an emerald
deep blue, worlds of water

-Siegfried Daly

World of green and blue,
Far, a majestic whale sings
For its lost sweet home

-Sophie Delorme

Here lies human hope
By dark tides driven we
Return to the sea

-Stacy Ericson

Alone, alone, all alone...
On a great wide sea!.....
an albatross around my neck

-Steve Curran



Dancing waves of light
The sun has met her partner
Ocean sunset love

-Sue Harris Tryon

Plonger dans le bleu
Des océans infinis
Planer et rêver

-Sylvain Belloir

Soothing me softly
embracing my tired soul
Welcoming me home

-Sundance Divers

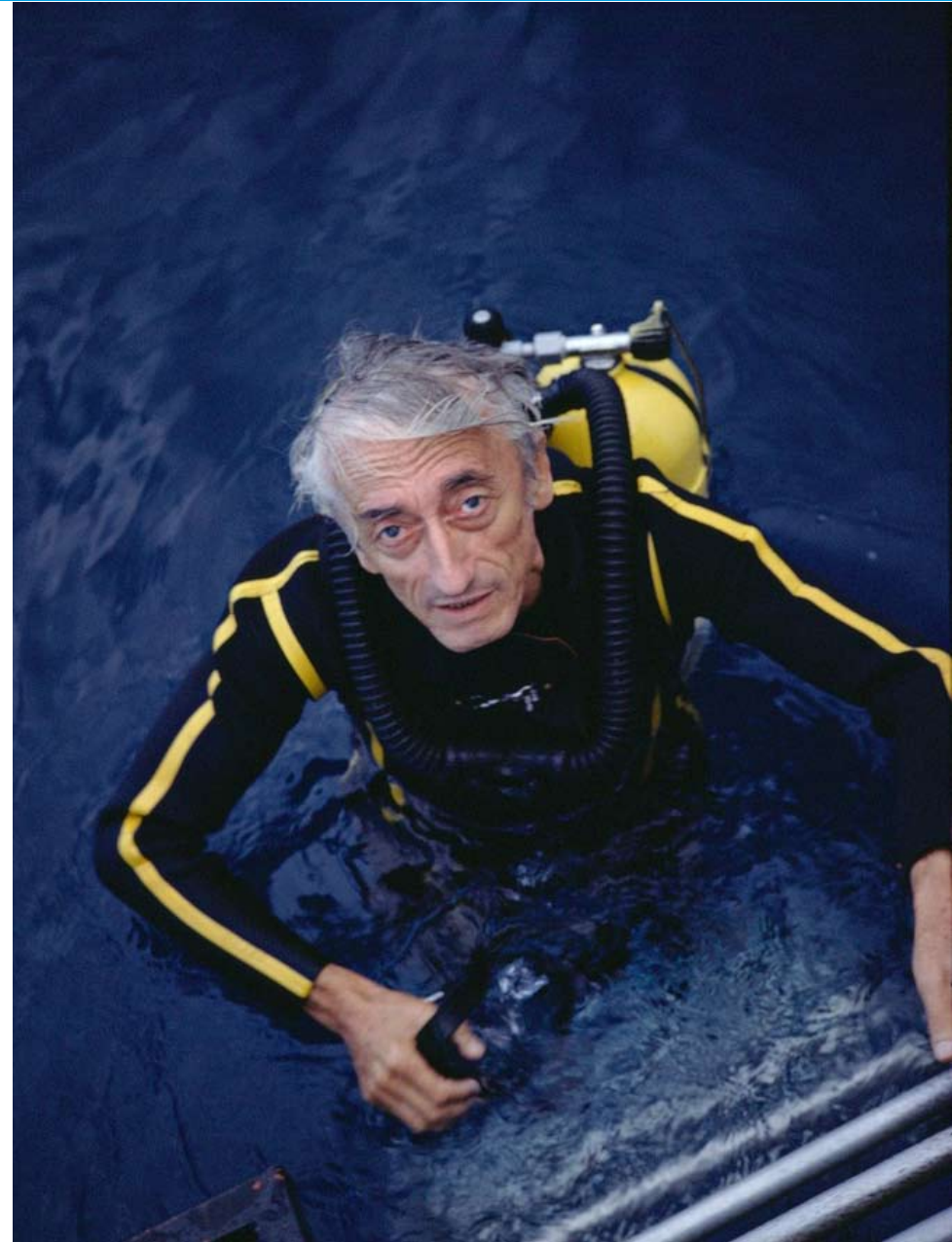
We see thru his eyes
As Alcyone lysts at sea
Life beyond our eyes

-Verona Prescott DeLorenzo



*nineteen forty three
submerged in the ancient seas
our journey began*

-Vivienne Grant



2011 Ocean Haikou Poets

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Alessandro Brunello
Alison Banks
Alyson Walsh-Fernandez
Amy Lennon
Andreas Mekel
Andy Adkins
Arthur Kerns
Barb Janisch
Barbara Dixon Helmly
Bength Ohlen
Bill Trusewich
Bonnie Beeson Layfield
Bruno Cappello
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Dave Rothwell
David Lewis
Debbie Coats
Denice Grace
Denise Hemphill
Dexter Newman
Diana Burgos Perez
Diane E. Cousteau
Ed Kobrinski
Eileen Rush
Elaine Leonard Balliet
Elisabeth Girard
Enric Sala
Eve Dyott
Gail Kean
Gilli Nicola Graham
Graeme Andrew Barber
Hannah Audreyelle Cardenas
Hector Salvador
Holly Sykes Elliott
Internationales Maritimes Museum Hamburg
Jean Otto
Jean-Louis Courteau
Jemfyr Tree
Jen Hammer Cardenas
Jennifer Aicher
John Kim
John Taylor
Jonathan Bird



June O'Reilly
Karen Chee
Karissa Lewes
Kate Matadobra
Katherine Reed
Kelly Mc Ginn
Kely Dunn
Kevin Neumann
Kimberly Miller
Konstantinos Alexiou
Kp Beesley
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