



Welcome to the Ocean Spirit Bubblenet

Ocean Spirit has come into being through our passion for the Ocean.

Glenn has spent 30 years either in, on or as near as possible to the Ocean, Janey has sailed many Ocean miles, some in very wild places, and shares his love for the blue heart of our planet.

Our home base is currently on the Tutukaka coast in Northland, New Zealand, with a spectacular view of the Pacific Ocean. Glenn has spent the austral summer skippering a dive boat to the Poor Knights Marine Reserve 12 miles offshore, and although he couldn't always slip into the water, he was at least on it and surrounded by an abundance and vibrancy of marine life that calls the Poor Knights home.

How has Ocean Spirit come into being?

We met in Tonga in 2008 when Glenn hosted OceansWatch www.oceanswatch.org for Reef Check training at his diving and whale watching base, Happy Ha'apai Divers, on the island of Foa. As a founding Trustee, Janey came with the OceansWatch group. On returning to New Zealand, Glenn invited Janey to sail back to Ha'apai with him on his 38ft Polynesian style Wharram catamaran, *CatKnapp*. Being a sailor, impulsive and loving adventure she leapt at the chance. The next 3 years were spent taking people out on *CatKnapp* to be with the humpback whales during their tropical breeding months.

As we became increasingly dissatisfied with the limitations of the 'tick and click' tourist mentality, we began searching for deeper meaning in our lives and were led to Schumacher College in 2011. Glenn gained his MSc in Holistic Science and Janey worked on their Short Course Programme - 1 year turned into 4 and after a rich and deeply transformative time, we returned to New Zealand to allow our work with Ocean Spirit to emerge.

What is Ocean Spirit?

We founded Ocean Spirit while we were still living in the UK with the aim of fostering in humanity a deeper and more harmonious relationship with the living Ocean. The media happily feeds us a diet of bad news while good news takes 2nd place making us feel disempowered and discouraged. So our focus with the [Ocean-Spirit](#) Facebook page is to highlight the beauty and magic of the living Ocean with the hope of encouraging people to positive action.

We envision the Ocean Spirit journey to be co-creative and emergent as we explore with you fascinating and mind-expanding ideas such as Ocean Consciousness. We intend that this shared journey will evoke a sense of wonder, awe and connection with the living Ocean and of all life on this magical planet. We hope to ignite in you a deep desire to plunge below the superficial, to dance on that exciting edge where we open ourselves to new possibilities, ways of seeing and being.

What's happening at the moment?



Glenn has just returned from Vanuatu where he was working with an OceansWatch team as one of several organisations participating in RESCCUE <http://www.spc.int/resccue/> (Restoration of Ecosystem Services and Adaptation to Climate Change) - a South Pacific, region-wide pilot project implemented by the Secretariat for the Pacific Community (SPC).

The team worked alongside two local networks, engaging directly with communities to review current marine protection initiatives - tabu and community conservation areas. A major outcome of this work was the recognition of the need for an appropriate community-based monitoring system. Glenn is currently working on the development of an holistic and intuitive reef health monitoring methodology that honours traditional ecological knowledge and will be returning in August to present it to the communities.

Journey into Ocean Consciousness

In **September** this year we plan to run the first of our Journeys into Ocean Consciousness in the Mediterranean.

We will be based aboard the beautiful 63ft catamaran, *Spirit of Gaia*. This amazing opportunity has come about from a close friendship that we made with her designers, James Wharram and Hanneke Boon, www.wharram.com while we were still living in Devon last year. Glenn joined them building their latest design - Mana, a 24ft 'trailerable' catamaran, ideal for families on a budget.



Spirit of Gaia provides the perfect platform for our Journey into Ocean Consciousness. She has already completed 2 circumnavigations, is extremely stable and has ample space to accommodate 12 people. The design was inspired by the ancient Polynesian double-voyaging canoes and James prefers his designs to be thought of as the modern equivalent rather than catamarans! With a fire-pit in the middle of the boat the Wharrams like to think of her as a 'tribal' boat!

We plan to be journeying in the waters around Greece and although we don't have any fixed dates as yet, the current plan is for The Journey to take place during the 2nd half of September.

As plans evolve over the coming weeks we'll be updating you. If you feel a flicker of interest in joining us - please drop us an email: glenn@oceanspirit.org or janey@oceanspirit.org

A call for Collaboration

Scattered across Gaia are many individuals and organisations dedicated to raising awareness that all life is connected and what we do to one, we do to all. For some, like Sea Shepherd, this is expressed in direct action, while others like Animal Spirit work in more subtle ways to connect human animals with the non-human world. At Ocean Spirit we are taking a many faceted approach - offering presentations, workshops (aka Journeys), consultancy/advocacy on Ocean related topics, teaching, books and articles. We are convinced that for greater harmony between all life on Earth to become a reality, there is an urgent need to move away from the current anthropocentric perspective to an *eco-centric* view point, in which all life has intrinsic value beyond what it offers humankind.

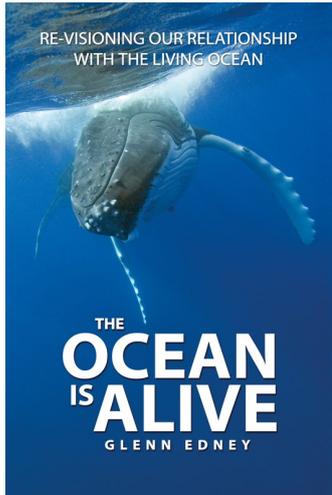
To be effective and encouraged in this vital work, we all need to feel supported. We would like Ocean Spirit to be instrumental in bringing together like-minded people and organisations to create a network of support, idea-sharing, actions and a commitment to a healthy, harmonious planet.

If you are interested in creating a network of collaboration with us, please let us know. This idea is emergent and very open to your input!

Please bear with us as our website www.oceanspirit.org slowly comes into being!

Publications

The Ocean is Alive: Re-visioning our Relationship with the Living Ocean



Published in April this year, Glenn's latest book is first and foremost a celebration of the Ocean in all her living splendour and it invites the reader to step beyond the science and plunge into the depths of 'Ocean Consciousness'.

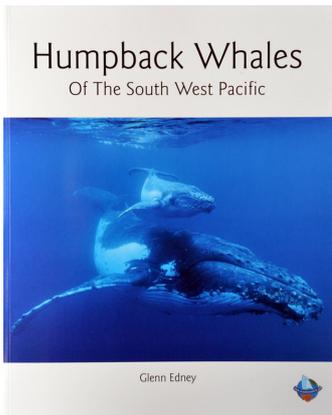
"..... it's clear that humanity must change its collective relationship to the Ocean. If we have a clear vision of what we want this relationship to look like, then every one of our individual actions has the potential to create a ripple that will spread and grow into the collective tsunami of change we so desperately need. In re-visioning our relationship with the Ocean we need not be confined by the limitations of our current worldview, but rather, we are free to dream a new reality, one that we can then act upon to bring into existence.

..... Our new relationship with the Ocean would be one of humility, in which we pay homage to her greater wisdom and understand that our true wealth lies not in her exploitation, but in her continued healthy functioning."

Available at selected outlets and worldwide through [amazon](https://www.amazon.com) and affiliated sites - in paperback and kindle versions. Prices are roughly equivalent to \$16.00 US for the print version and \$8.00 US (\$5.99 from 27 June) for the kindle. If you live in New Zealand or Australia you can buy the print version online at www.fishpond.com.au or www.fishpond.co.nz Alternatively you can order a signed copy direct from us: email glenn@oceanspirit.org or janey@oceanspirit.org

Humpback Whales of the South West Pacific

NZ\$25.00 plus p&p

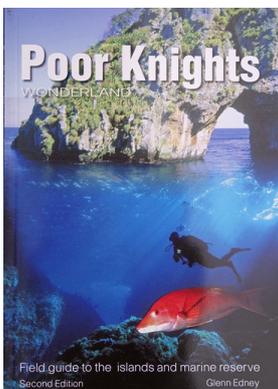


Published in 2010 this beautiful book is rich with Glenn's photos of the humpback whales in Tongan waters - the original tropical honeymooners who have been going to these warm waters to calve and mate for millions of years.

The book provides an overview of their natural history as well as aspects of their behaviour. The final section, *The Whales and Us*, outlines the impacts that humans have had on them and invites us to examine our own behaviour with the intention of improving our relationship to the natural world. The book finishes with a powerful whale meditation.

Available from Ocean Spirit, please email: glenn@oceanspirit.org janey@oceanspirit.org

Poor Knights Wonderland - Field Guide to the Islands and Marine Reserve NZ\$19.50 plus p&p



2nd Edition published in 2010 by SeaTech Ltd / Dive New Zealand Magazine.

The abundance and diversity of underwater life around these islands so inspired Jacques Cousteau that he ranked the Poor Knights in his top 10 dive locations in the world.

This is still the definitive guide book to these islands and their marine environment.

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In service to Gaia and her Ocean realm - Janey and Glenn