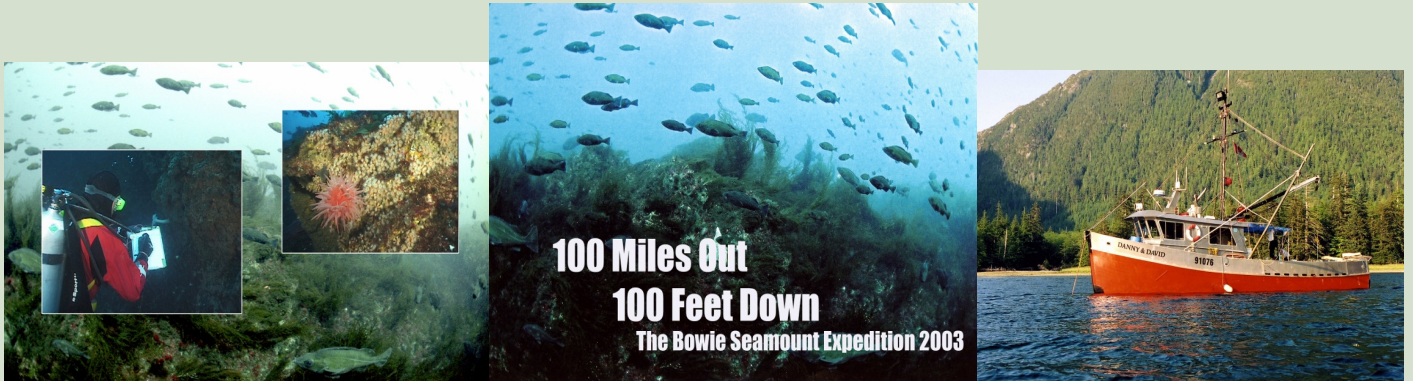




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100 Miles Out & 100 Feet Down Neil McDaniel



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Just over 100 miles west of Haida Gwaii lies Bowie Seamount, a submerged pinnacle that rises from the seafloor 10,000 feet deep to within 100 feet of the surface. It is one of the very few North Pacific seamounts accessible to scuba divers, but its remote location in often stormy, exposed waters has limited the number of underwater explorers to less than a few dozen. In 2003, a five-member team of divers ventured to Bowie Seamount from Campbell River aboard the *Danny & David*, a trip of more than 450 nautical miles. Equipped with still and video cameras and collecting equipment, the team had no idea of what they might encounter. It turned out to be an epic journey to British Columbia's most challenging dive site.

With a degree in marine zoology from UBC, Neil McDaniel has been an enthusiastic diving naturalist since 1969, when he made his first plunge into the chilly waters of Howe Sound.

Marine Biology Section evening programs are held from January through April and September through November, on the second Thursday of the month. **Programs are free**, open to the public, and members are encouraged to invite their friends. Nature Vancouver events website - www.naturevancouver.ca