



Stone Soup Leadership Institute's  
Story of the Week: Cruz Erdmann  
Week of December 11 - 17, 2022



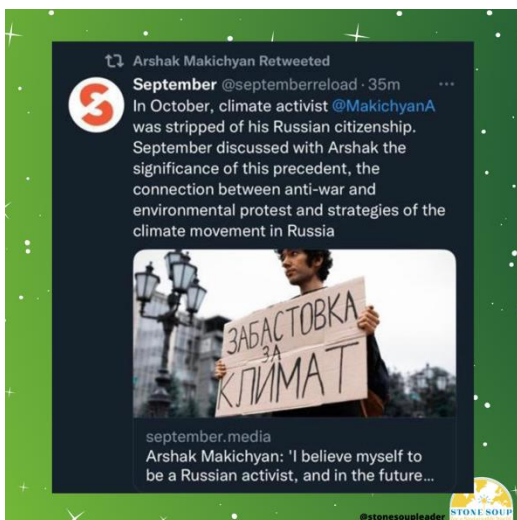
**Sunday Story: Cruz Erdmann**

Cruz Erdmann is a champion of the oceans. Through his underwater photography, he wants “to captivate people’s attention about a world they may never have seen before,” he says. “If the foundations of our ocean food chains are not able to grow their shells, the consequences will be disastrous...It’s a serious issue, that will affect every single one of us, no matter how far from the ocean we live.” Read his story here.

<https://sustainabilityisfun.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/cruz-erdmann-fullstory.pdf>

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**Monday: Arshak**

“My choice was obvious: I was not prepared to sit with my arms folded...”

Read and share Arshak’s thoughts about the war in #Ukraine and its relationship to the #ClimateCrisis.

<https://september.media/en/articles/arshak-climatewar-en>



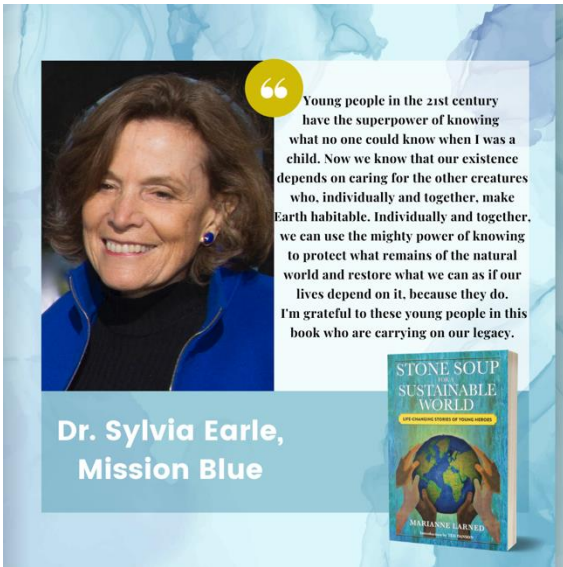
**Tuesday: Hero Report**

Cruz Erdmann first developed a passion for underwater photography when he was just 12. “I wanted my photos to touch people everywhere, even those who live many miles away from the ocean.”

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NjPAfaRdZmc>

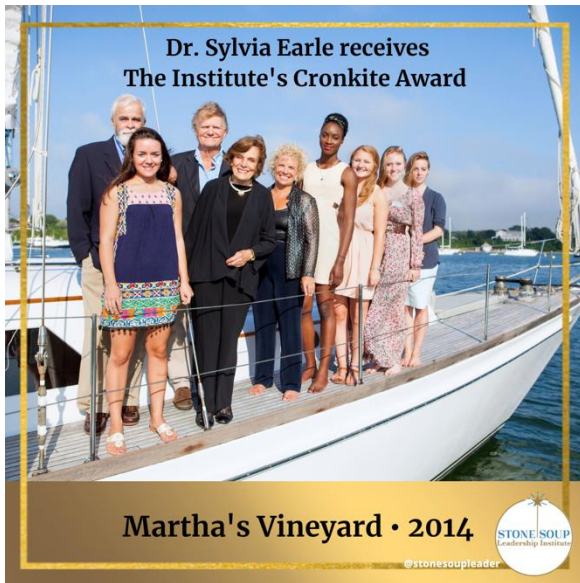
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**Wednesday: Dr Sylvia Earle Quote**

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**Throwback Thursday:** Dr. Sylvia Earle, Cronkite Award

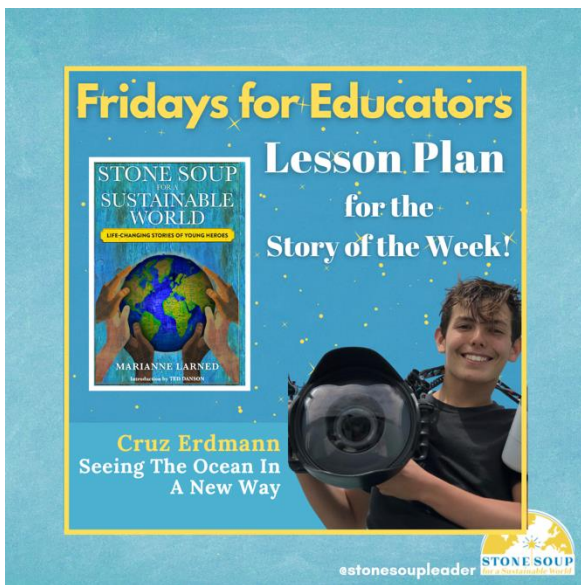
Dr. Sylvia Earle is called Her Deepness for her ocean expeditions to shine the light on these vital ecosystems and create #Hope Spots to protect them. In 2014, The Institute presented her the Cronkite Award. She inspired #Martha's Vineyard youth leaders on Walter Cronkite's sailboat Wyntje.

<https://www.ecowatch.com/sylvia-earle-and-sam-low-win-cronkite-award-as-mission-blue-debuts-on-1881940843.html>

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**Friday: Lesson Plan: Cruz Erdmann**

EDUCATORS : This FREE #LessonPlan will give you great ideas for #LanguageArts & #STEM activities focused on how we can all help protect & preserve healthy oceans.

<https://sustainabilityisfun.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/lesson-plan-cruz-erdmann2.pdf>

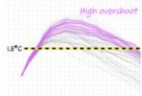
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Press

The Washington Post



## We looked at 1,200 possibilities for the planet's future. These are our best hope.

IT'S THE WORLD'S MOST IMPORTANT CLIMATE GOAL: limiting the Earth's warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 Fahrenheit). It's the aspiration of global agreements, and to inhabitants of some small island nations, the marker of whether their homes will continue to exist.

Keeping warming this low will help save the world's coral reefs, preserve the Arctic's protective sea ice layer and could avoid further destabilizing Antarctica and Greenland, staving off dramatic sea level rise.

But with the world having already warmed by more than 1.1 degrees Celsius (2 degrees Fahrenheit) above preindustrial temperatures, achieving the goal is in grave doubt.

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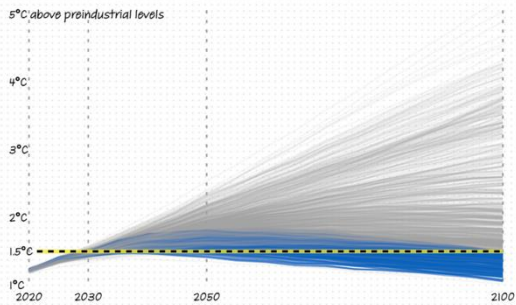
## Saturday: Press: Carousel

READ This great report = our best hope: "Limiting the Earth's warming to 1.5 degrees C...is the aspiration of global agreements...this will help save the world's coral reefs, preserve the Arctic's protective sea ice layer, and could avoid further destabilizing Antarctica and Greenland...but achieving the goal is in grave doubt."

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/interactive/2022/global-warming-1-5-celsius-scenarios/>  
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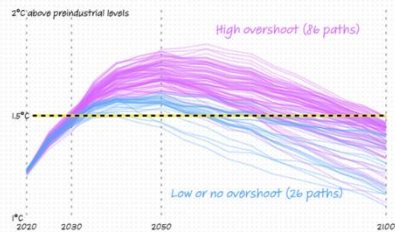
Out of more than 1,200 scenarios — some with temperatures rising as high as 5°C above preindustrial levels — 230 paths leave our planet below 1.5°C before the end of the century.



🔄 Draw this chart again

THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT KINDS OF SCENARIOS that leave the planet, in the year 2100, below 1.5°C of warming. One involves a "high overshoot," but spending decades above 1.5°C in such a world is an unsettling prospect. It raises the possibility, for instance, of the world experiencing dangerous tipping points and even calamities such as the irreversible loss of the West Antarctic ice sheet.

If we look closely at the 112 hopeful paths, we see two narratives. In *high overshoot*, the Earth's temperature leaps far above 1.5°C before coming back down again.



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