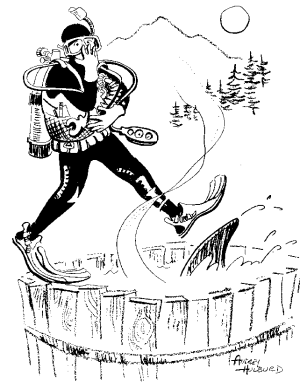


# MARIN SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## **Dolphin Kiss and Tell**

A 58-year-old writer is revealing that he had an intimate relationship with a dolphin in the 1970s, according to [www.flashnews.com](http://www.flashnews.com).

Malcolm Brenner says he began a nine-month emotional and sexual relationship with a dolphin named Ruby .In 1971. His passionate, real-life romance with the marine mammal is the basis for his new novel, *Wet Goddess: Recollections Of A Dolphin Lover*.

Brenner met Ruby while taking photos for a Florida amusement park. He says the dolphin would nuzzle, flirt, and dance for him in the water, making it known that she wanted something more than friendship.

The constant “come-ons” led Brenner to look at Ruby as a person. At the dolphin’s suggestion they got physical and engaged in sex, an experience he calls “phenomenal.”

Brenner suspects many people have had similar affairs with dolphins because the animals are so human-like. By the way, bestiality isn’t illegal in Florida.

Brenner says a relationship with a dolphin is hard because they’re clingy and “require attention 24/7.” Since his tryst with Ruby, he’s never loved another.

That’s comforting to know, but if you run into this guy on Facebook, you should probably reboot and move on.

## **Club Events in May & June**

Mark your calendar for our annual Spring Potluck on May 22, and our Dive & Dine at Russian Gulch State Park June 10-13. If you’re a member in good standing, see the accompanying two-sided flyer for more information about either event, and a sign-up sheet for the Dive & Dine.

If you haven’t paid your 2010 dues, here’s a membership ap and liability waiver, instead. We need your check and all the paperwork completed before you can attend either function.

## **Don’t Let This Be Your Last Newsletter**

If there’s a membership application and a liability waiver included with this newsletter, **DON’T IGNORE THEM!** It means we haven’t received your 2010 dues (\$42 for individuals, \$66 for couples at the same address). **Until they’re paid, you can’t participate in club activities, such as the May 22 Spring Potluck and the June 10-13 Dive & Dine. Also, this will be your last newsletter. Be sure and fill out the ap and waiver fully and return them with your check, by mail or at the April 21 meeting.**

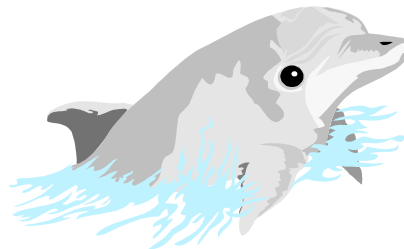
## **Popular Game-Taking Sites Still Open**

by Larry Clinton

Although Marine Protected Areas now limit spearfishing and abalone diving in selected areas, some of the most-dived areas of the North Coast are still open to the taking of abalone, other crustaceans and rockfish. Here’s a quick rundown, from the Fish & Game website: [www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/mpa\\_regs.asp](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/mpa_regs.asp).

In Marin, nothing may be taken from Point Reyes Headlands State Marine Conservation Area. Duxbury Reef is still open for red abalone, Dungeness crab, rock crabs; rockfish, lingcod, cabezon, halibut, flounder, monkeyface eel, wolf eel, and game fish such as sole, turbot, salmon, kelp greenling, striped bass and steelhead.

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## **The Top Ten Things about Diving**

Arlene Rudy has sent along the following Top 10 list from the website of the Bay Area Divers SCUBA club of Clear Lake, TX. We'll present additional lists in future newsletters:

### **Top 10 Things You Won't Hear from a Dive Operator when Booking a Trip**

10. "Hey, you're the first guest since...the accident."
9. "Sorry, we can't take reservations 'til last week's group is found."
8. "Our boats are Reef Diver I and Reef Diver III. Reef Diver II is our first dive for the day, located in 130 feet, five miles out."
7. "We can make you a really good deal if you know something about boat engines."
6. "Don't worry about the currents, if we don't find you I'm sure Search and Rescue will."
5. "That whale shark pictured in our brochure is the only one we've seen in 20 years of diving here."
4. "No, we don't have a shark dive, but we do feature a Portuguese man o' war encounter."
3. "Can we borrow your boat?"
2. "We have a spit technician for all your anti-fogging needs."
1. "Now, we do ask that you bring your own tropical fish."

## **Bella Sirena, Indeed**

Thanks to club member Virginia Bria for her March 17 presentation "Dominica, Fiji and Beyond." Applause filled the room as image after image drew appreciative responses from those in attendance. See more of Virginia's work at [www.bellasirenaimages.com](http://www.bellasirenaimages.com).

## **Inspiring Videos**

One of our most rewarding moments in or on the ocean is the opportunity to help sea creatures in distress.

Luck and persistence helped federal and Hawaii state officials free a young humpback whale entangled in hundreds of feet of plastic rope. About 350 feet of rope was removed, seven feet of which was wrapped between and around the whale's mouth. Of concern were the stricken youngster's docile but massive mother swimming nearby — along with her male companion, who at one point appeared aggravated, rapidly circling the rescue boat and spouting. The operation occurred at Penguin Bank, a submerged shelf extending from western Molokai, and required slowing down the 25-foot whale so he could be approached by boat. Twelve humpback whales have been rescued since 2003. You can see this one at [www.kitv.com/video/21893755/index.html](http://www.kitv.com/video/21893755/index.html).



Veterinarian Chip Garba recently saw a nurse shark with a Frisbee ring around its neck. Buddying with dive shop owner John Dickinson off the coast of southern Florida, Garba came upon the nurse shark laying dormant on the ocean floor. After tugging on its tail, the shark began to swim away. That's when Garba went after the shark, seized it with both arms and wrestled with it until he was able to remove the ring. The shark swam away safely. Dickinson, who was just filming the fish, said he was just trying to frame the shark when his friend's hand came into the picture. The actual video is at [www.cbsnews.com/stories/2010/03/05/earlyshow/living/petplanet/main6269941.shtml](http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2010/03/05/earlyshow/living/petplanet/main6269941.shtml). Garba later joked that this is probably the first and last time he'll ever wrestle a shark, and that people have told his wife she should increase her life insurance policy on him.

If you received this newsletter as a PDF e-mail attachment, just copy and paste these URLs into your Internet browser.

## **Game Sites**

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In Sonoma County, finfish may be taken by hook and line or spear at Del Mar Landing State Marine Park (between Sea Ranch & Gualala). Marine aquatic plants and invertebrates are off limits. Red abalone, clams, cockles, rock scallops, native oysters, crabs, lobster, ghost shrimp, sea urchins, mussels, and finfish may still be taken at Fort Ross, Sonoma Coast State Marine Conservation Area (which overlaps the Bodega State Marine Reserve), and Salt Point, except for Gerstle Cove State Marine Conservation Area. Although there are rumors about the closure of Fisk Mill Cove (mile marker 43.06 within Salt Point State Park), that is not in force yet according to <http://saltpointoceanconditions.com>. That site also reports that day use parking along most of the coast will be closed until June 30 due to CA State Parks budget reductions. Fort Ross will be open Fri-Sun. Gerstle day use will still be open (though the bathrooms are closed). Your best source of updated information is the DF&G site mentioned above.

In Mendocino County, the same species maybe taken at MacKerricher, Russian Gulch (site of our June Dive & Dine), Van Damme and Manchester and Arena Rock State Marine Conservation Area. Nothing may be taken at Point Cabrillo State Marine Conservation Area.

## **One Word for April 21: Plastic**

Lindsey Hoshaw has worked as a journalist for the last three years and recently graduated with a Master's Degree in Communications from Stanford University. Last summer she spent a month with the Algalita Maine Research Foundation in the Pacific Ocean taking photographs and reporting for The New York Times. Her presentation, "Voyage to the North Pacific Garbage Patch," documents the floating plastic water bottles, tooth brushes, light bulbs and tangled fishing line she observed amid plankton, fish and algae.

ing from western Molokai, and required could be approached by boat. Twelve 2003. You can see this one at [www.kitv.com/](http://www.kitv.com/)

# BOTTOM TIMES

**Apr. 21 (Wed.):** Board Meeting, 6:00, *Club Meeting*, 7:30. Journalist Lindsey Hoshaw: "Voyage to the North Pacific Garbage Patch" with the Algalita Maine Research Foundation. Call Jeffrey (415- 898-7752).

**Apr. 30-May 1 (Fri.-Sat.):** *Annual Bay Area Dive Show*, Santa Clara Convention Center. Free tickets at [www.divechronicles.com/Bay](http://www.divechronicles.com/Bay).

**May 5 (Wed.):** *Newsletter deadline*. See below.

**May 15-16 (Sat.-Sun.):** *SCUBA Show and film festival*, Long Beach Convention Center. For more information, call (310) 792-2333 or visit [www.scubashow.com](http://www.scubashow.com).

**May 19 (Wed.):** Board Meeting, 6:00, *Club Meeting*, 7:30. Dr. Chris Pincetich, Sea Turtle Restoration Project, Protecting Endangered Turtles. Call Jeffrey (415- 898-7752).

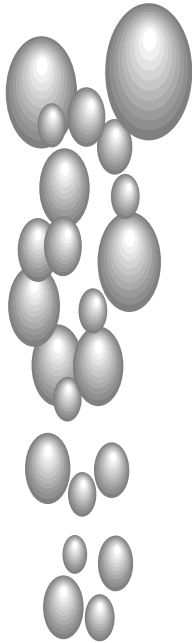
**May 22 (Sat.):** Spring Potluck at Ken and Lucia's home, San Rafael. Flyer enclosed. Call Jane (415-332-6196).

**June 10-13 (Thurs.-Sun.):** *Spring Dive & Dine*, group campsite, Russian Gulch State Park, Mendocino. Flyer and signup sheet enclosed. Call Jane (415-332-6196).

**June 16 (Wed.):** Board Meeting, 6:00, *Club Meeting*, 7:30. Art Haseltine, underwater b&w and kite aerial photography. Call Jeffrey (415- 898-7752).

**August 8-10 (Sun.-Tues.):** *Peace Liveaboard* to Southern Channel Islands. Individual berths available. Contact Pierre at [sfreefdiver@comcast.net](mailto:sfreefdiver@comcast.net).

**Sept. 10-12 (Fri.-Sat.):** *Fall Ab Campout*, Van Damme St. Park. Flyer Enclosed. Call Jane (415-332-6196).



***We Need Your Help!***

**We need articles, recipes, short notes, pictures, SCUBA funnies or whatever for future newsletters and for our website.**

Website: E-mail photos with a caption and/or article and photo credits to John Brenneis ([webmeister@marinscuba.org](mailto:webmeister@marinscuba.org)). If you do not have access to a scanner, mail photos along with captions and photo credits with a self-addressed stamped envelope if you want the photos back. Ric's address is 1 Issaquah Dock, Sausalito, CA 94965.

Newsletter: Deadline is usually the first Wednesday of the month - two weeks before the meeting.

Send materials for future articles in one of the following ways. Note that these are listed in priority order.

1. E-mail text to Larry at [click@dipsymusic.com](mailto:click@dipsymusic.com). It's best to just send the material in the body of the e-mail and not as an attachment.
2. Send a CD to the address below. MS Word - PC format is preferred, otherwise include a note as to what the format is.
3. Fax typed manuscripts to 415-339-1361.

**Pictures and Graphics** - E-mail JPEG files to [click@dipsymusic.com](mailto:click@dipsymusic.com) or mail CDs or hard copy to Larry Clinton, 29 Gate 6-1/2, Sausalito, CA 94965.

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***Next Meeting***

**Wed., April 21**

**Program:**

**Lindsey Hoshaw**  
“Voyage to the  
North Pacific Garbage Patch”

**Happy Hour 6:00-7:00**  
**Socializing: 7:00**  
**Meeting: 7:30-9:15**

**The Flatiron, 724 B St,  
San Rafael**

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