

MARIN SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Wed., Jan. 12, 2022: Mary Jane Schramm – “Love Among The Leviathans”

For our in-person/Zoom January hybrid meeting, Mary Jane Schramm will be our next presenter.



MJ is an unabashed blubber-lover.

She has worked in marine conservation since 1982, until recently with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary.

MJ specializes in media/outreach, and hands-on resource protection; this has included NOAA's Stranding Network and Large Whale Entanglement Response Team, and the sanctuaries' shipstrike prevention team.

Past Public Relations Director for The Marine Mammal Center and Oceanic Society Expeditions, she's led extended whale tours in Baja and locally.

See page 2 for more on Mary Jane Schramm

Holiday Party Recap: A December Event to Remember

Feedback from a few members about the holiday potluck party on December 5. Everyone prefers an afternoon party in the future...

"Thank you to Barbara Wambach for hosting our annual Holiday Party! It was a delightful change to celebrate in an afternoon gathering of over forty folks from the club and share delicious food, drinks, and camaraderie with our friends. After such a prolonged period of COVID isolation, it was an extra special time to visit and celebrate another wonderful year with our club diving, camping, and meeting in 2021.

"We were also able to view great photos and videos taken by Barbara and club members while enjoying our desserts.

"We look forward to a delightful New Year with in-person club meetings, adventures, travels and good health and happiness to all!" – Virginia Bria

"I very much liked the afternoon format! It was great to catch up with so many of you!"
– Ralph Daniel

"The holiday party was a splendid gathering of our club members, and it felt like we were family. I loved the celebratory Menorah lighting ritual created by Elliott and Claire. And a big thanks to Barbara for being the hostess with the mostess!"
– Ellen Sakoloff

Renew Your Membership Now. We're Going Back to Pre-COVID Rates.

Annual renewals for your membership are due by February 28, 2022: \$50 for singles and \$79 for couples. Download a form here:

<https://marinclub.org/membership/>

New members can download a form here:
<https://marinclub.org/membership/new-membership/>

Renew online or contact Julie Finley for a form.

More About Mary Jane Schramm

A naturalist, author and columnist, she's served on the boards of the American Cetacean Society-SF Bay Chapter, Tamalpais Conservation Club, and now on the Marin Audubon Society's Conservation Committee.

In 1989 at a White House ceremony, MJ accepted the President's Volunteer Action Award. In 2016, she received a NOAA Administrator's Award for assisting in the discovery of the lost shipwreck, USS *Conestoga*. Now an International Ocean Film Festival judge, she's also working to eradicate invasive mice from the Farallon Islands.



Humpback Cow/Calf Pair: NOAA Sanctuary

"Love Among the Leviathans" explores how air-breathing mammals like us who live in the sea — whales and dolphins — play the DNA Game: courting, mating, giving live birth, nursing, and teaching their young to survive, all in challenging ocean environments.

Many species, even some in our national marine sanctuaries, have still not recovered from past centuries' whaling. They now face modern and emerging threats including shipstrike, entanglement, ocean noise, pollution and climate disruption. Insights we gain from studying their reproductive patterns, behaviors and habitat needs can help wildlife managers, policymakers, and scientists to act effectively to ensure their survival.

Join us for this hybrid live/Zoom meeting on Wednesday, January 12.



A Free Netflix Movie: "Puff, Wonders Of The Reef"

From Undercurrent, 12/21/2: "Now free on Netflix, this charming and informative one-hour documentary follows a juvenile sharp-nosed puffer from his birth through adulthood on the Great Barrier Reef. He evades predators, witnesses all sort of coral configurations, explores the nooks and crannies, searches for food as he goes from an egg in blue water to a BB-sized critter arriving at his new home, all the while dodging critters that want to make him a meal.

"His is a unique and exciting journey, worth watching by even the most experienced diver -- and the entire family. Expertly filmed -- stunning macro and time-lapse shots -- and directed by Australian Nick Robinson, with Rose Byrne narrating, it is a bit anthropomorphic at times. Still, as you follow around this little guy through his journey of survival, he will win your heart. Think *NEMO* in real life."

Watch the trailer here:
<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt15753666/>

BOTTOM TIMES

January 12 (Wed): Marine Life Naturalist Mary Jane Schramm, “Love Among The Leviathans”, explores how air-breathing mammals like us who live in the sea — whales and dolphins — play the DNA Game. Live / Zoom Hybrid Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm, Sausalito Rec Center.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7983463827?pwd=UGEREJ4VFoycmZRZ2IPWnM5NGp6dz09>

Meeting ID: 798 346 3827

Passcode: 755205

Winter Mexico Dive Trip: Ellen Sakoloff and Jeffrey Zankel are looking forward to a **week of diving in Cozumel** in February or March. If you would like to join them, please RSVP to Ellen Sakoloff.

February 9 (Wed): Speaker – Nirupam Nigam, “Photographing Northwestern Giants and Critters — From GPOs to Wolf Eels to Warbonnets.” Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

February Monterey Diving: Barb Wambach has booked the Beachhopper II for Fri/Sat Feb 11/12 and Fri/Sat Feb 18/19. Let her know if you would like to join. She could add a Sunday with a minimum of 4 divers and some shore diving.

March 9 (Wed): Speaker – Hannes Klosterman, “Underwater Photography: Sea of Cortez”. Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

April 7-10: 19th Annual International Ocean Film Festival, live at Cowell Theatre, San Francisco; and April 11-24: virtual screenings. For more info, visit <https://intloceanfilmfest.org/>

April 13 (Wed): Speaker – Mark Palmer, “Whither Whales? History & Current Status of Whaling”, Earth Island Institute and Director of Intermediate Marine Mammal Project. Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

May 2022: Philippines El Galleon Dive Resort in Puerto Galera. Join Ellen at this land-based resort for 9 nights. Boats depart 4 times daily for a short-run to dive sites. Breakfast is included; airfare and Transfers are not. Other fees: 5% charge for credit cards, \$16 daily for rental gear; \$66 per week for Nitrox, extra charge for Verde Island dive. We don't expect a material change in pricing. Contact Ellen Sakoloff for details: relations@marinscubaclub.org.

**The Marin Scuba Club promotes safe diving.
Remember to always plan your dive based on the conditions,
be aware of your skills and equipment, and, above all,
always stay with your buddy.**

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Next Meeting:
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(In-Person and Zoom
Hybrid Meeting:
Sausalito Parks & Rec
Center, Edgewater Room,
420 Litho Street, Sausalito.

The Club now meets on
the 2nd Wednesday
each month.

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