

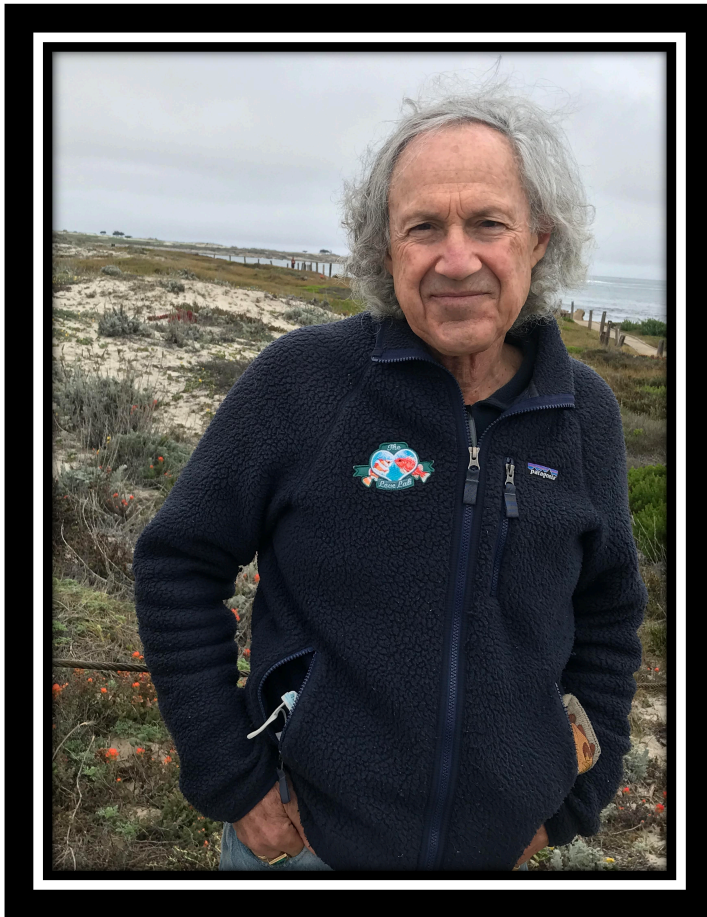
# MARIN SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## May 11th Meeting: Dr. Milton Love – “Interesting Fishes of The Pacific Coast”

Our in-person / Zoom May hybrid meeting will feature Dr. Milton Love, a research biologist at the Marine Science Institute, University of California, Santa Barbara.



*What's Love got to do with it?  
Join us on May 11th and find out!*

Dr. Love has conducted research on the marine fishes of California for over 50 years and has written over 120 publications on the fishes of the Pacific Coast.

He is the author of *Certainly More Than You Want to Know About the Fishes of the Pacific Coast*, *The Rockfishes of the Northeast Pacific*, and more.

**See Page 2 for more on Dr. Milton Love**

## April Meeting Recap: Mark J. Palmer: “Whither Whales – History & Current Status of Whaling”

We were honored to have Mark as our April presenter. He opened our collective eyes about whaling as an industry and why it's so much more than hunting sperm whales like *Moby Dick*.



*Whales have been hunted for centuries.  
Sometimes, the smarter mammal wins.*

There have been three eras of whaling:

- 1) Ancient whaling (dating back to 6000 BC in rock carvings discovered in South Korea)
- 2) Commercial (Yankee) Whaling for oil (1650 – 1900)
- 3) Modern Whaling for oil and meat (early 1900s to today)

**See Page 2 for more on Mark J. Palmer**

### More About Dr. Milton Love

For the past 25 years, and using a manned research submersible, Dr. Love has carried out surveys of the fish populations living around natural reefs and oil / gas platforms throughout the southern California Bight. Proving you can fool some of the people all of the time, in 2007, the American Fisheries Society awarded Dr. Love the Carl R. Sullivan Award for Conservation Resources.

**“Better Than a Swift Kick Where The Sun Doesn’t Shine – Interesting Fishes of The Pacific Coast”** is the longer title of his May presentation. He says, “Most of us lead drab and colorless lives as drones and cogs in faceless organizations. With his tales of Pacific Coast fishes, Milton (only his wife calls him Dr. Love) will enter your world like a bright and fanciful rainbow, or a swatch of William Morris wallpaper, or perhaps one of those Baratza espresso makers that look like something out of a caffeine-induced fantasy.”

Find out more: <http://lovelab.msi.ucsb.edu/>

Please join us for his presentation on Wednesday, May 11th at 7:00pm PT: “Interesting Fishes of The Pacific Coasts”.

### Abnormally Warm Water Could Get Close to California Coast Soon – But It’s No ‘Blob’

From SF Gate on 4/22/22:

“Federal scientists have created a new tool for forecasting marine heat waves, and they say one is forming in the North Pacific Ocean that could approach the California coast by fall.

“But scientists say their new prediction models will help forecast similar extreme ocean warming events that are expected to increase in duration and intensity with climate change.” Read more:

<http://tinyurl.com/y7exrrb4>

### Donate Your Used Dive Gear to UC Santa Cruz.

Its Marine Laboratory is looking for donations of still-useful dive equipment (but no 73 CF steel tanks). Your MSC Board will meet on 5/11 to discuss logistics. We’ll let you know next steps in an email soon. **And your donation is tax-deductible.**

### More about Mark Palmer

For centuries, people have hunted a variety of whales:

- Right Whales – Slow moving, large, lots of oil and blubber / meat
- Gray Whales – Hunted by native American tribes along the Pacific Coast, especially along the Baja Coast
- Bowhead Whales – In Russia and other countries
- Sperm Whales – Up to 60-feet long, very intelligent (biggest brains), and some of the world’s finest oil
- Blue Whales – Can be 80 to 100+ feet long
- Fin Whales — Are still being hunted in Iceland, but once hunted worldwide
- Humpback Whales — Were decimated at one time, but have made a strong comeback in the Atlantic and with a healthy population in the Pacific
- Minke Whales – Ignored during most of the modern era because of their smaller size, but hunted by Japan and Norway for meat

Despite global moratoriums and restrictions per the International Whaling Commission, Norway is still the biggest hunter globally. Japan is second and still very aggressive. Russia, Iceland, and Denmark are all still whale hunters. However, we’re getting closer to the end of global whaling.

### New Threats

- Pollution, including plastics
- Entanglement in plastic nets and lines — 300,000+ marine mammals caught
- Global warming
- Ocean noise

### What You Can Do

- Educate yourself
- Spread the word
- Urge lawmakers to act
- Support ocean conservation groups: <https://www.earthisland.org>
- Visit [www.SaveDolphins.eii.org](http://www.SaveDolphins.eii.org)
- Or email [markipalmer@earthisland.org](mailto:markipalmer@earthisland.org)

# BOTTOM TIMES

**May 6-15: 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. **THIS TRIP IS FULL AND WE HAVE STARTED A WAITING LIST.** Contact Ellen Sakoloff for details: [relations@marinscubaclub.org](mailto:relations@marinscubaclub.org)

**May 11 (Wed): Speaker – Dr. Milton Love, “Better Than A Swift Kick Where The Sun Don’t Shine — Interesting Fishes of The Pacific Coast”.** See pages 1 and 2 for a summary and his biography. Hybrid Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 798 346 3827

Passcode: 755205

**May 10-16: Big Sur Dive Trip. CANCELLED – BOAT PROPS BEING REPAIRED.** Join Barb for a Channel Islands Expeditions “Vision liveaboard” departing Monterey, 5/10, then returns to Morro Bay on 5/16 with an included shuttle to Monterey. Four+ days of diving. Contact [Barb Wambach](#) for details.

**June 8 (Wed): Speaker – Jett Britnell, Vancouver, BC, TBD.** Hybrid Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm. Details to come.

**June 18 (Sat), Marin Scuba Club Spring Social: Vegetarian Potluck at Jeffrey and Simma’s Farm Home in Sebastopol, 12:30–5:00pm PT.** Evites have been sent to members.

**Summer Dive ‘N Dine:** The MSC has reserved Russian Gulch group campsite arriving Thursday, August 11th and departing Sunday August 14th. We booked the site for three nights to accommodate those who prefer to arrive on Thursday and secure an advantage in booking this lovely group campsite.

**Summer Tahoe Dive: Emerald Bay. Cancelled.**

**Oct 18 – Nov 1: Kona, Hawaii Dive Trip.** Let Barb know if you can join her for part or all of a two-week Kona trip in late October. She’s planning on staying at the Kona Reef Condos and dive with a few different operators. Contact [Barb Wambach](#) for details. Mahalo.

**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.**

**Renew Your Membership Now at Pre-COVID Rates.**

Annual renewals for your membership were due by March 31, 2022: \$50 for singles & \$79 for couples.

**A \$10 late fee is now in effect.**

Download a form here: <https://marinscubaclub.org/membership/>

If you want to join MSC, download a new membership form here:

<https://marinscubaclub.org/membership/new-membership/>

Renew online now or contact Julie Finley for a form.

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**Next Meeting:**  
**May 11 (Wed):**  
**Dr. Milton Love –**  
**“Better Than a Swift Kick**  
**Where The Sun Don’t**  
**Shine — Fishes of**  
**The Pacific Coast”**

**(In-Person & 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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