

MARIN SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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June 8th Meeting:

**Jett Britnell: “A Life in The Depths –
Sharks, Shipwrecks & Other
Assorted Undersea Adventures”**

Our June in-person/Zoom meeting will feature Jett Britnell, a professional underwater, wildlife and expedition photographer, internationally published writer, explorer, scuba diver, and speaker.



*In 2016, Jett was nominated as being "...one of
122 Inspiring Shooters You Should Know."
– Scuba Diver Ocean Planet (Singapore)*

Much of his work is focused upon undersea exploration, globally protecting endangered species, preserving natural habitats, supporting marine & wildlife conservation efforts and environmental education.

Jett is a member of the Ocean Artists Society, a unique alliance of the world's top marine life artists, painters, sculptors, photographers, filmmakers, and writers. He is also ranked among the world's top underwater photographers who donate images to support The Ocean Agency's conservation initiatives.

See Page 2 for more on Jett Britnell

May Meeting Recap:

**Dr. Milton Love:
“Interesting Fishes of
The Pacific Coast”**

Dr. Milton Love was an extremely entertaining host of our May meeting, with an in-depth discussion and running stand-up comedy routine of his Pacific Coast finned friends.



This was not the subject of Dr. Love's tattoo

Though very candid about his tech challenges, he persevered to portray images of California fish life. They included:

- California Silver Salmon – a “one-trick” pony that’s born in freshwater, goes to the ocean, and returns to native rivers
- Pacific Herring in SF Bay, except when they’re spawning and lay eggs on anything
- Mola Mola – The Ocean Sunfish ranges from Alaska. south to California to Mexican waters
- Opah – Open water fish
- Blue Sharks – Like most of the sharks worldwide, they’re harmless. Only 1 attack in California on a guy who was chumming the water and stupidly jumped in
- Basking Shark – The world’s second largest fish, can reach 30 feet
- Great White Shark – Its population is coming back in California; most of them that reach 8’ and longer feast on pinnipeds

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More About Jett Britnell

In addition, Jett is a consultant to Elephanatics, an elephant advocacy organization residing in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

In May 2020 he was invited by EXPLOCEAN to be an ambassador for the “*League of Underwater Explorers*.” The League’s primary mandate is to create opportunities for all people to discover our world by promoting underwater exploration.

On January 1, 2022, Jett began serving as Chapter Chair in The Explorers Club’s Canadian Chapter.

Find out more: <https://www.jettbritnell.com>

Please join us on Wednesday, June 8th at 7:00pm PT for: “A Life In The Depths – Sharks, Shipwrecks & Other Assorted Adventures.”

Diveheart Gear Donations

Please read the note from Barbara below about the UC Santa Cruz Science Diver program. But if you have any gear you want to donate that needs to be serviced, contact info@diveheart.org directly.

More about Dr. Milton Love

- Medusa Fish – Very unusual, live among jellyfish tentacles for protection
- Spotted Rat Fish – Found in deep water in California, but shallower further north
- Stonefish – Ranges from the IndoPacific to Easter Island, especially Palau; secretes a toxic venom
- California Scorpionfish – Also has venomous spines, but not dangerous
- A wide variety of Rock Fish – Dominant from Central Baja California to the Gulf of Alaska, frequently found in oil platforms
- Garibaldi – California’s State Fish, incredibly territorial
- Blacksmith – Very common reef fish
- Sea Perch – Female feeds embryo in utero
- Sheepshead – Females become males
- Ling Cod — With Scalyhead Sculpin cleaner
- Sea Anemones – Symbiotic with many fish
- Deep Water Angler Fish – Lives 1-2 miles deep; its lure glows in the pitch black

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

Bring Your Science Diver Program Donations to Our June 8th Meeting

Greetings Members and Friends,

The UC Santa Cruz Science Diver program has taken some hits during COVID, both financially and due to restrictions. Now, it’s trying to rebuild the program. Students are required to complete Open Water, Advanced and Rescue certifications before joining the program. They are also now required to bring/buy their own equipment to complete the classes. Many students are not able to take the training due to the inability to afford all of the equipment that is needed.

If you have already serviced and ready-to-use gear in good working condition that you would like to donate, please bring it to our June 8th Club Meeting. UCSC will not accept any used, old gear that is questionable. In other words, if you wouldn’t use it, would you give it to a student?

Virginia Bria will collect your donations and deliver them to Steve Clabuesh, UC Santa Cruz Long Marine Laboratory. She will also attach a form to each donation with the donors’ address and name for Santa Cruz to send a receipt for the donation.

I hope that you can donate gently used gear to support the next generation of Science Divers.

Thank you,
Barbara

BOTTOM TIMES

June 8 (Wed): Speaker – Jett Britnell, Vancouver, BC, “A Life in The Depths – Sharks, Shipwrecks & Other Assorted Undersea Adventures”. Hybrid Club Meeting at the Sausalito Parks & Rec Center, Edgewater Room, 420 Litho Street, Sausalito, 7:00-8:45pm.

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

Meeting ID: 798 346 3827

Passcode: 755205

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 will be sent to members shortly.

July 13 (Wed): Speaker – Denise Jaffke and Sheli Smith, “Taking Heritage Stewardship Underwater”, Sonoma Coast Historical Undersea Research Society, Hybrid Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

Summer Tahoe Dive: Emerald Bay. Cancelled.

August 10 (Wed): Cindy Hansen, The Orca Network, “Orcas and Releasing Them In Captivity”. Hybrid Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

August 11(Thursday) – 14 (Sunday): 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.

September 14 (Wed) – TBD. Hybrid Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

September 17 (Saturday): 38th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day. 9am – Noon, Kirby Cove. Bring a picnic lunch. RSVP to Claire Mikowski or Alissa Ralston.

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 with 15 club members. She’s planning on staying at the Kona Reef Condos and dive with a few different operators. Contact [Barb Wambach](#) for details. Mahalo.

November 25 (Friday): Blue Friday, Dive Monterey. Don’t miss the best vis of the fall and winter. RSVP to Ken Carter.

December 4th (Sunday afternoon): MSC Holiday Party. Save the date for our biggest event of the year at Barb’s house. BYOB. The club will provide non-alcoholic drinks, smoked salmon and more. Evites will be sent in October.

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 **now have a \$10 late fee:** \$60 for singles & \$89 for couples.

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

If you want to join MSC, download this form: <https://marinclub.org/membership/new-membership/>

Renew online now or contact Julie Finley for a form.

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Next Meeting:
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(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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