

# MARIN SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## October 12 Meeting: Kathi George, "Human Impact on Whales", The Marine Mammal Center

Kathi George is our October presenter, overseeing all work in California as well as field research and conservation impact. Since joining in 2019, she has expanded advocacy efforts to address two of the greatest threats to whales worldwide, entanglement and vessel strikes.



*Director of Field Operations & Response for TMMC*

She collaborates closely with many different stakeholders in her work. These include:

- Serving in the Conservation seat for the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council
- Previously as a member of the 2021 Greater Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Advisory Council Joint Ship Strike Working Group.
- Additionally, Kathi 's a member of the San Francisco Harbor Safety Committee and a member of the California Dungeness Crab Fishing Gear Working Group.

[See more on page 2 about Kathi George.](#)

## September Meeting Recap: Club Member Presentations

What a night! Over 30 divers and friends attended in person, plus more on Zoom. Six members showed us venues from Northern California to Florida, to the mid-, western-, and southwestern-Pacific.

- **Virginia Bria** opened with a slide show of the August Dive & Dine at Russian Gulch State Park, including crushing purple sea urchins.
- **Lisa Perla** showed us amazing images about exotic Anilao, Philippines, with a macro focus on brightly colored nudibranchs and frogfish.



- **Barb Wambach** shared her photos and images about a trip to Fort Lauderdale.



[See more on page 2.](#)



## Kathi George (More)

As a Level 3 Co-Investigator with NOAA's Marine Mammal Health & Stranding Response Program, Kathi is permitted to respond. She has participated in *six whale disentanglements, numerous entangled whale responses, and over 50 sea lion disentanglements.*

Previously, she co-founded California Whale Rescue — a nonprofit dedicated to entangled whale response and prevention. Kathi spends as much time as she can underwater and on boats, plus enjoying California's coasts and mountains with her husband and son.

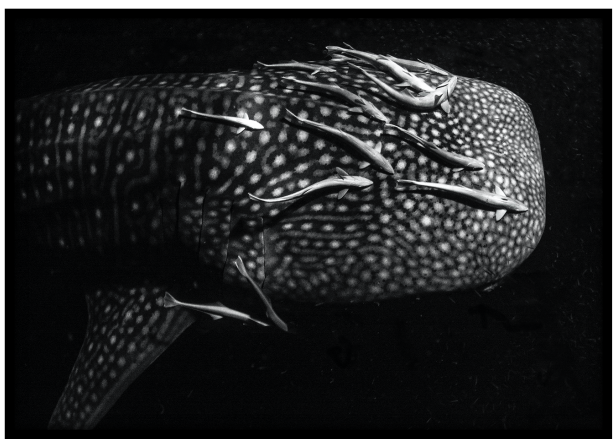
Please join us for her “Human Impact on Whales” presentation on Wednesday, October 12, 7:15-8:45pm.

## Kirby Cove Coastal Clean-up Recap

MSC members had a glorious day, picking up 13 lbs. of garbage and construction materials. We found a pillow, broom, lots of plastics and Styrofoam pieces, and we had a good time doing it. We ended with a picnic lunch.



- **And Virginia Bria** made us want to add both the Maldives and the Six Senses Laamu Resort to our collective bucket lists with images and videos of this very magical part of the world — and whale sharks!

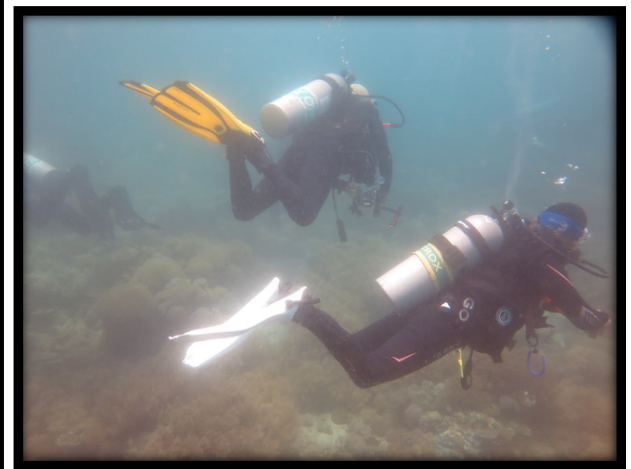


## September Mtg Recap (Continued)

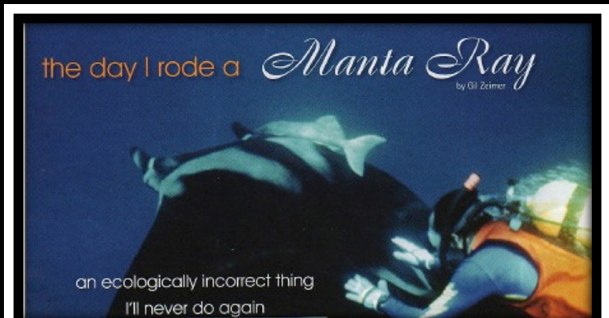
- **Julie Finley**, who we've nicknamed “The Queen of Palau”, took us through incredible images of reefs teeming with coral, tropical fish, sharks, and turtles. Long live the queen!



- **Jeffrey Zankle** relived his May club trip to El Galleon Dive Resort in Puerto Galera, Philippines.



- **Gil Zeimer** discussed enticing headlines, well-crafted ledes and succinct stories among his 150+ stories to help anyone get theirs published.



# BOTTOM TIMES

**October 12 (Wed) – Kathi George, Project Manager for Global Response on Rescuing Whales, The Marine Mammal Center, “Human Impact on Whales”, Hybrid Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.**

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7983463827?pwd=UGEREJ4VFoycmZRZ2lPWnM5NGp6dz09>

Meeting ID: 798 346 3827

Passcode: 755205

**October 16 (Friday).** Family Snorkeling, Monterey Breakwater, lunch at San Carlos Beach, then a group visit to the Monterey Aquarium. Details to come from Ken Carter.

**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 9 (Wed) – Renee Cappozola, “Beneath The Sea Imaging”, 2021 Underwater Photographer of The Year Winner, Hybrid Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.**

**November 25 (Friday): Blue Friday, the Day After Thanksgiving, Dive at Point Lobos State Natural Reserve, Carmel-By-The-Sea.** Join us for this 2<sup>nd</sup> annual “Don’t Shop, Just Dive” event with the best view of the fall and winter. RSVP to Ken Carter.

**December 4<sup>th</sup> (Sunday, 1:00 – 5:00pm): 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.**

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 PDF form.

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**Next Meeting:**  
**October 12 (Wed):**  
**Kathi George,**  
**Project Manager,**  
**"Human Impact**  
**on Whales",**  
**The Marine Mammal Center**

**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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