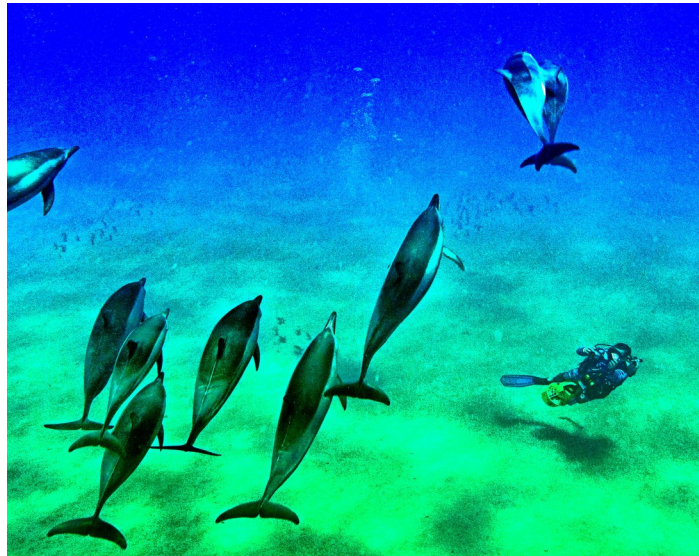




SCUBA LUV MAUI DIVE REPORT “CRITTER OF THE WEEK” SOUTHSIDE MAUI

SPINNER DOLPHIN—”naia”



Spinners are slender dolphins with a long, narrow snout. The back is covered with a cape of dark gray or black; the sides are pearl gray and the belly is bright white. This three-color scheme is seen only in Hawaii. During the day, they swim close to shore and are extremely active- leaping and splashing sometimes as high as 10’! Pods can be from 6 to 200 animals, feeding offshore at night, diving as deep as 800’ to hunt small fish and squid. Some scientists say they “spin and splash to mark out the dimensions and changing shape of the pod.” They can grow to a length of 7’.

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