

A selection of photos from our 2014 season



Overall themes

- After a promising start the numbers of basking sharks were right down (fewer than 2011)
- Until June, quiet for wildlife...
- ...apart from the ***millions*** of rhizostoma!
- Long settled summer (until early August when Bertha ruined it)
- Lots more BN dolphin encounters than the previous year
- Ditto Risso's (cuttlefish connection)
- Ditto minke whales
- Slightly down on porpoise – though still a high count - and well down on sunfish numbers compared to 2013
- Travels of Clet the wandering bottlenose
- A few rarities popped up

We were rewarded for the awful winter



Not always though....



First basking shark of 2014 was 14th April – a breacher!













22nd July





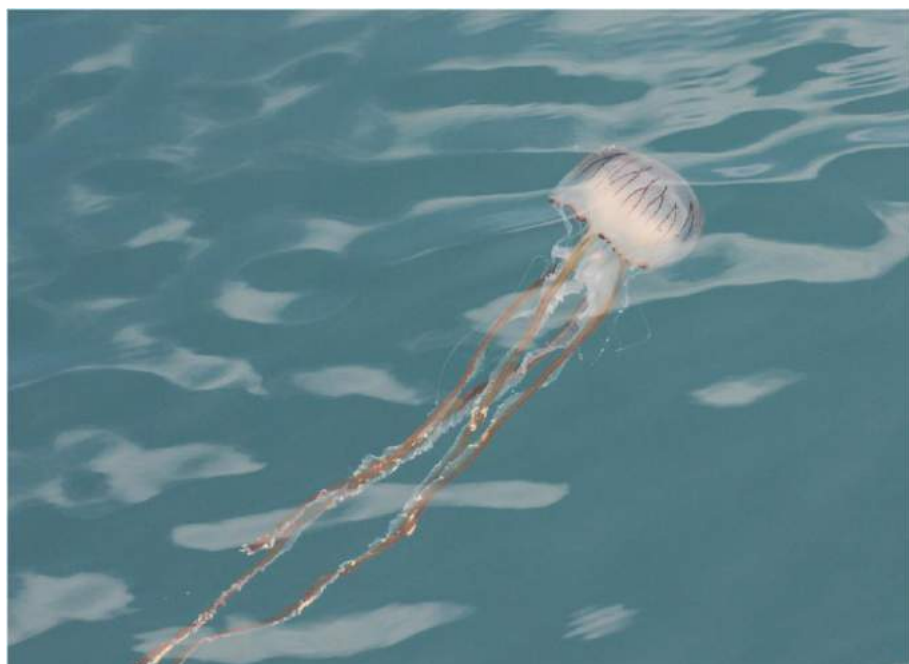


Rhizostoma pulmo from 2nd May – seemed to come in from the south east and then moved westwards. Saw them all summer.











March 2014



April 2014



Clet/Clette the wandering bottlenose

March 2014

- Fishguard
- Falmouth
- Mousehole
- Scilly
- Penzance/Newlyn
- Baltimore and Schull
- County Clare
- County Galway
- Mull
- Isle of Man
- Fishguard
- Falmouth
- Fowey....! Watch out Devon

*Photo by
Harry Northolt*



Inshore bottlenose dolphins



There were some brilliant encounters. Very photogenic too...



Marine Discovery







And also at least one, maybe two
new calves :-)

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Excellent year for Risso's – saw them on 8 occasions compared to 2 in 2013







Sunfish – *Mola mola*

53 in 2014 compared to 237 in 2013.





And my first ever....

...successfully photographed airborne
sunfish!



Porpoises – not quite as many as 2013
(which was utterly exceptional.)







Porpoise and calf spotted in Mounts Bay near Penzance

By [CMJason](#) | Posted: August 21, 2014



Porpoise and its calf. Photograph courtesy of Hannah at Marine Discovery.

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This cute porpoise and its calf was spotted in Mounts Bay near Penzance on Tuesday.

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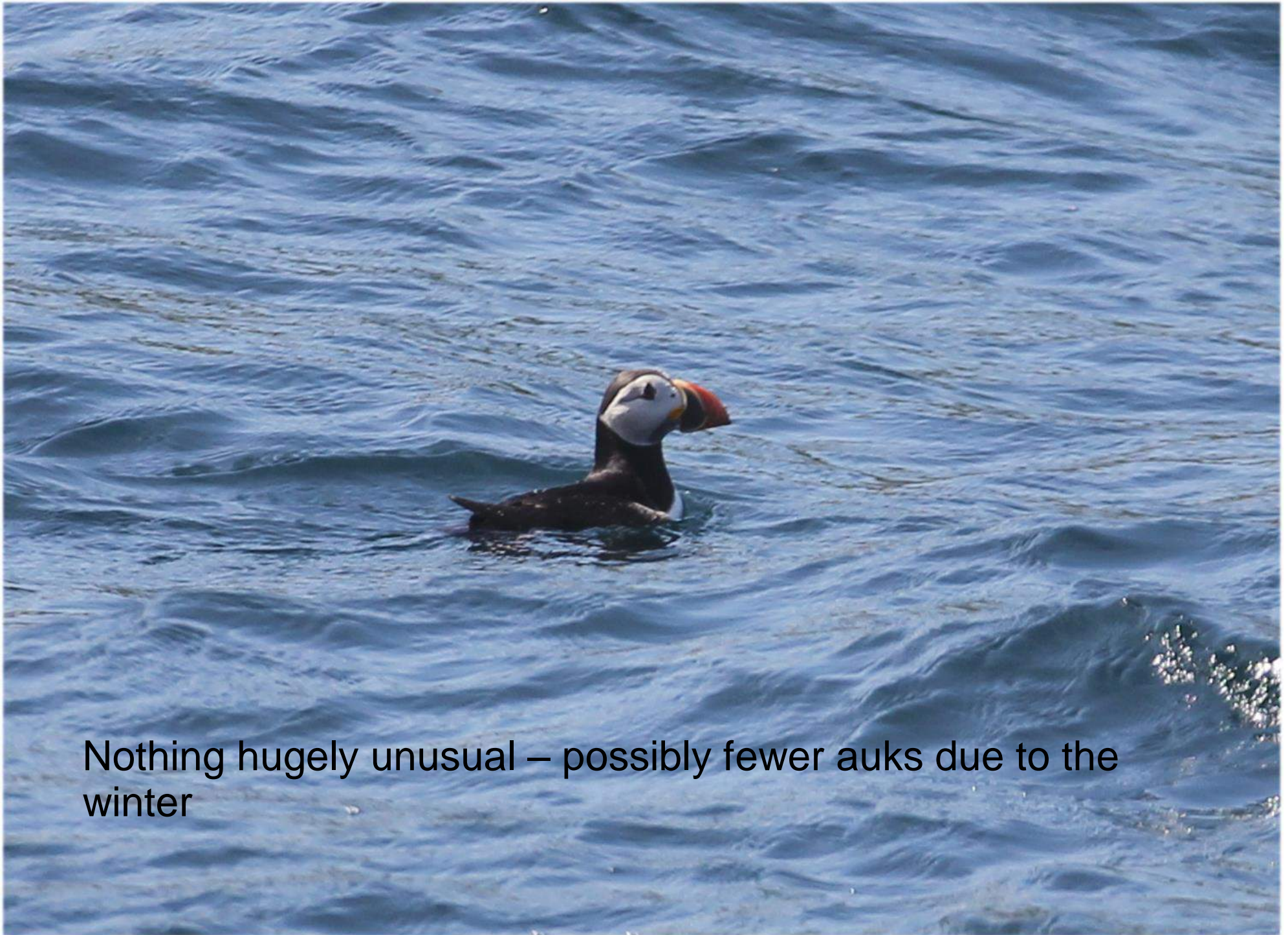
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On 5th September we saw 94!





Nothing hugely unusual – possibly fewer auks due to the winter









Spot the dolphins!





A photograph of a group of approximately ten Balearic Shearwaters swimming in the ocean. The birds have dark brown upperparts and white underparts, with a distinctive dark cap. They are scattered across the frame, swimming in the blue water. A light blue speech bubble with a tail pointing towards the center-right of the image contains the text "Balearic!".

Balearic!

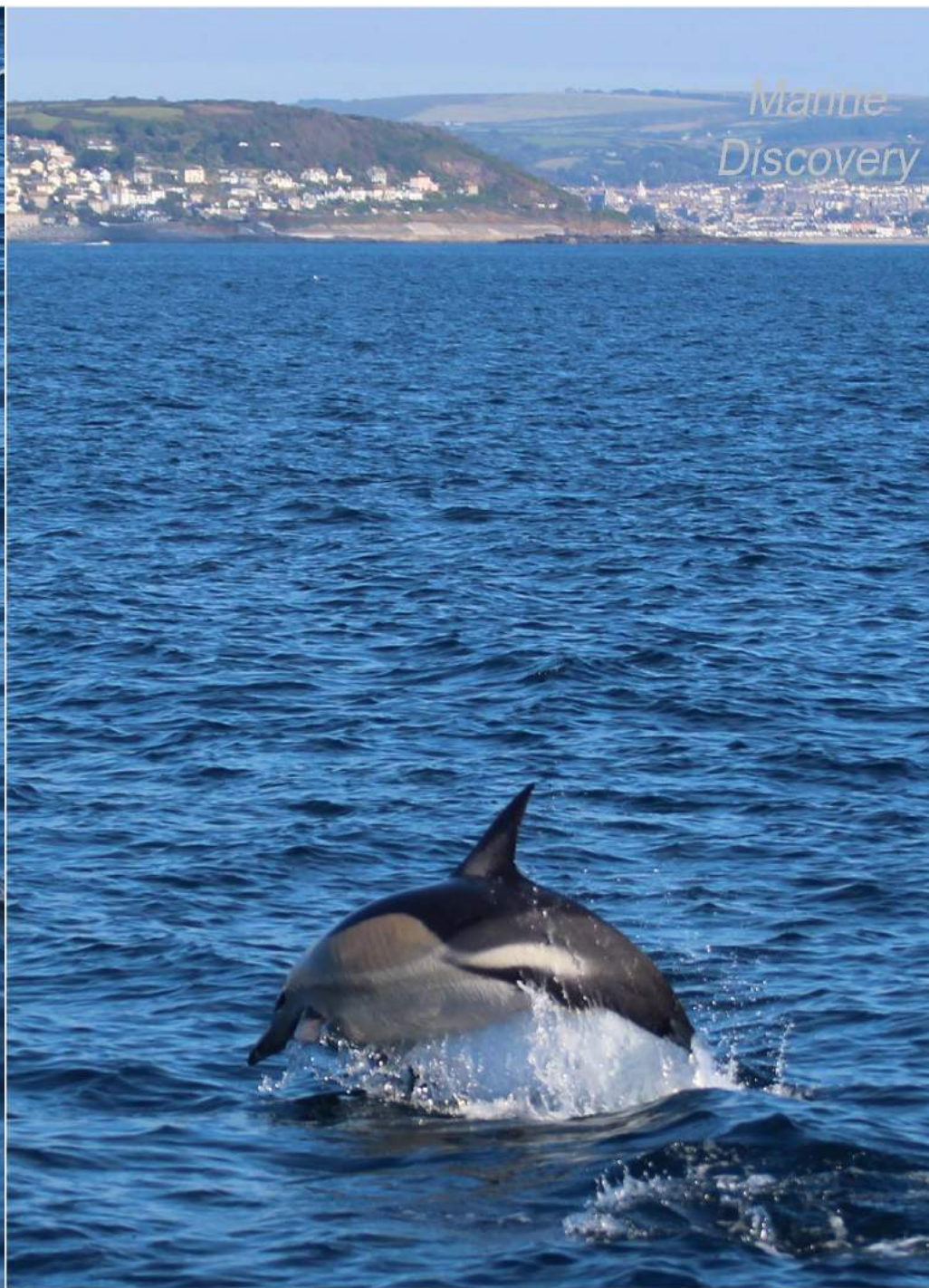
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Common dolphins



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Minkes - sightings well up on previous years
with several multiple encounters

















Marine Discovery Penzance







A serene sunset scene over a calm body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. A small boat is visible on the left side of the water. In the distance, a silhouette of a castle or fort is visible on a hill. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Looking forward to
2015 now.

First trip 29th March –
anyone fancy it?