

the staggering starfish

the official newsletter of the **GSNDAMBAA** SCUBA Diving Club

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August Club Meeting

Spanky is overjoyed to host a second post pandemic in-person meeting!. Our August meeting will again be held at the home of ESSDB Jim (417 2nd Ave N. in Edmonds). We will also hold the meeting via Zoom for those who prefer to not travel to Edmonds (or have not been fully vaccinated). The in-person/virtual meeting will be held on **Thursday, August 5 at 6:00 PM**. The Zoom link will be emailed to regular meeting attendees in the afternoon before the meeting. If you would like to attend via Zoom, send an email to Spanky prior to the meeting. The meeting agenda includes planning for our 2021 Holiday party, Bring something for the grill and something to share for the post-meeting dinner.

August Club Dive

Since it has been a VERY long time since we have actually done a night dive, Spanky will make reservations to do a night dive at Edmonds Underwater Park for our August club dive. On the evening of **August 14** we will meet in the parking lot at **7:30 PM** for an **8:30 PM** splash. Please RSVP no later than **August 4** if you plan on participating in this dive by sending an email to Spanky at gsndambaa@hotmail.com. **Include the make and model of your car in your RSVP**. ESSDB Jim will work with the Edmonds Parks Department to get us a permit for a night dive.

Directions for Edmonds Underwater Park

Follow your GPS or the road signs to the Edmonds Ferry. When you go down the hill and see the ferry lanes, stay in the left lane and proceed to the traffic light. Turn left and move to the right lane and turn into the parking lot for the waterfront park and find a good place to park.

2020 Holiday Party & Dive Report

Our postponed 2020 Holiday Party was held at Deception Pass State Park, near Rosario Beach. We had a good turnout for the morning dive at Rosario Beach. Spanky led several divers on an extended tour of sand and kelp. After the dive we convened at the group picnic shelter (which was exquisitely decorated with Christmas lights and a Christmas tree provided by

2021-GSNDAMBAA-at-a-Glance

08/05/2021 6:00 PM

Club Meeting, hopefully at Edmond's Underwater Sports

08/14/2021 7:30 PM

Club NIGHT Dive at Edmonds UWP

08/27-29/2021 5:00 PM

Dive/Camp Weekend at Fort Worden State Park

8/27/2021 12:00 PM

Club Dive at Point Hudson

09/02/2021 6:00 PM

Club Meeting, hopefully at Edmond's Underwater Sports

09/12/2021 8:30 AM

Club Dive at Les Davis in Tacoma

10/7/2021 6:00 PM

Club Meeting, hopefully at Edmond's Underwater Sports

10/09/2021 10:00 AM

Club Dive at Redondo

11/04/2021 6:00 PM

Club Meeting, hopefully at Edmond's Underwater Sports

12/05/2021 10:00 AM

Club Dive at Edmonds Underwater Park

12/05/2021 4:00 PM

2021 Holiday Party at ESSDB Jim's House

ESSDB Steve) to barbecue some burgers and brats. We concluded our party with the traditional Pirate Gift Exchange. Several gifts were pirated after opening. We had a beautiful summer day for our party and Spanky believes that people went home full and happy. It was a pleasure to again get together in person with friends.

2021 Dive/Camp Weekend

A reminder that our dive/camp weekend for this year will be held at Fort Worden State Park on **August 27 - 29**. We plan on doing 2-3 dives, one at Point Hudson and the others at nearby sites. If you missed signing up and would like to attend, let Spanky know ASAP and we will see if we can make accommodations. Plan on arriving to Fort Worden around **5:00 PM on Friday, August 27**. Please remember to bring some cash to reimburse ESSDBs DeeAnn, Kim, and Larry for providing food.

Membership Renewal

If you were not at the rescheduled Holiday

Party in July, please bring your dues (\$5.00) to the next club dive or dive/camp weekend and give them to Spanky.

Save the Date

Spanky has scheduled our 2021 Holiday Party for Sunday, December 5, 2021. We will hold the party at the Edmonds home of ESSDB Jim. Please mark your calendar and make plans to join us for this year's festivities.

Cool-?-of the Month Section

Cool-Web-Articles-of-the-Month:

The first cool web article for this month is about the suspected cause of a disease affecting coral in the Caribbean. Scientists have linked the disease to ballast water released from ships in port areas. You can read about it [here](#).

Spanky's second article is about the effect the dams are having on salmon habitat in the Skagit River. Seattle is conducting several studies in support of the permit renewal process for the dams, which generate about 20% of the power used by Seattle. Scientists are beginning to believe that the dams are adversely affecting the endangered salmon and endangered orca. You can read about it [here](#).

The third article selected by Spanky is about a pair of white orcas recently spotted near Japan. Roughly 1 in 1000 North Pacific orcas are white, which is a higher percentage than elsewhere in the world (orcas are distributed globally). A light colored orca calf was seen in BC a couple years ago. Read about the recent sighting [here](#).

Cool-Web-Video-of-the-Month:

Spanky selected a truly cool video for this month that shows efforts being made to help the kelp forests along the west coast of the US recover. The kelp forests are being depleted by the surge in urchins that has resulted from the disappearance of many sea stars due to sea star wasting syndrome. Spanky does not recommend that club members start diving with hammers, however. Watch the video by clicking on [kelp](#).

Cool-Photos-Of-The-Month:

For this month Spanky chose 3 photos taken by ESSDB Larry during a recent dive at Sund Rock. The first is an adult male Wolf Eel (a series of photos from Sund Rock is incomplete without a Wolf Eel). The second is a Squat Lobster, and the third is a Yellow Horned Nudibranch.



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The deadline for items to be included in the September 2021 Issue is Friday, August 20.