

the staggering starfish

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

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08/04/2022 6:00 PM

Club Meeting, ESSDB Jim's House

08/20/2022 Time 10:00 AM

Club Dive at Redondo

09/01/2022 6:00 PM

Club Meeting, ESSDB Jim's House

09/16-18/2022

Dive/Camp Weekend

10/01/2022 2:30 PM

Club Dive at Possession Point Fingers

10/06/2022 6:00 PM

Club Meeting, ESSDB Jim's House

11/03/2022 6:00 PM

Club Meeting, ESSDB Jim's House

August Club Meeting

The in-person club meeting for August will again be hosted by ESSDB Jim at his home at **6:00 PM** on **Thursday, August 4**. The Zoom meeting option will be available for those who cannot make it to Edmonds; if you wish to attend via Zoom, please send an email request to gsndambaa@hotmail.com no later than **12:00 noon** on **August 4**. The agenda for this month's meeting includes food planning for dive/camp weekend, finalizing plans for our October club dive, and planning our November club dive. We will also select a time and location for the annual Club Holiday Party and discuss a bonus dive at Point Hudson. For the in-person meeting, the final order of business will be to select a venue for the evening meal.

August Club Dive, Redondo

We will be returning to Redondo for the August club dive. Our meet time is **10:00 AM** on **Saturday, August 20** and we plan to splash at **11:00 AM**. There is usually plenty of parking, especially in the pay lot. This site is not current sensitive (at least most of the time) and there is usually a lot of life to see, including nudibranchs, wolf eels, gunnels, red octopus, and sometimes GPOs. This is also the site where a mola mola was seen on a dive. After everyone has rinsed and packed their gear, we will drive to Federal Way to have lunch at Jimmy Mac's Roadhouse.

Directions to Redondo:

Take I 5 to Exit 147 and head west on S 272nd St. After about a mile the road curves left and changes name to Marine View Dr. Continue winding down the hill (road will change to 10th and then 281st). At the waterfront, bear left on Beach Drive and proceed to the 3-way stop just past Salty's. Turn left and park along the street for free or in the pay lot to your right. Entry for the dive is across the street from the northwest corner of the parking lot.

July Club Dive Report

Spanky does not have a dive report for July, because only one diver showed up for the club dive. As far as Spanky can recall, this is the first time

that this has happened in the 33 year history of the dive club. Apparently the water at Les Davis had the appearance of pea soup, so it is probable that the dive would not have happened anyway. Let's all look forward to the August dive at Redondo in what will hopefully be better visibility.

Bonus September Club Dive

As noted in last month's newsletter, the jetty at Point Hudson is going to be replaced, which will result in removal of the boulders at the base of the jetty, which has been the focus of dives at this site. It is expected that construction at the jetty will begin shortly after September 11, and that the area will be closed to diving during construction. We will be scheduling a bonus dive at Point Hudson. Although scheduling has not been finalized, it looks like the best tides would be either on August 20 (which is currently scheduled for Redondo) or September 3, which is during the Labor Day weekend.

Cool-?-of the Month Section

Cool-Web-Articles-Of-The-Month:

For our first cool web article, Spanky found that gold fish were recently seen driving around in a state-of-the-art all electric vehicle complete with an aquatic life support system. Spanky is glad that the gold fish did not learn to drive in a gasoline vehicle due to all the greenhouse gas emissions that would have caused. In

case you are wondering how, and maybe even why gold fish have settled into the driver's seat, you can learn more by clicking on [Can Gold Fish Really Drive?](#)

Our second cool web article for August is about a new diving attraction in the Red Sea. In 2019, Jordan sunk a Lockheed Martin L1011 in the Gulf of Aqaba to create an artificial reef. You can apparently check out the cockpit and the restrooms are in place in case they are needed. Read about the newest Red Sea diving attraction by clicking on [L1011](#).

The third (and last) cool article this month is about the chalk reef off the coast of Norfolk in the UK. Norfolk is northeast of London and borders the North Sea. A local snorkeler has taken some photos showing some of the life along their reef. Perhaps this is a reason to combine a dive trip with a tour of the UK. You can read it by clicking [here](#).

Cool-Photos-Of-The-Month:

Spanky was wondering how to fill up space on this newsletter when he remembered that only two photos were included in the July newsletter. This month he selected 4 photos to make up for the one missed last month. These photos were recently taken by ESSDB Larry at Sund Rock, which will be our dive destination for the 2022 Dive/Camp Weekend. The first photo is an anemone collage. The second shows a giant dendronotid that is about 9 inches long. Our third photo shows the grumpy face of an adult male wolf eel. The last photo shows a pair of yellow horned dorids in the process of breeding.



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The deadline for items to be included in the September 2022 Issue is Monday, August 22.