

# the staggering starfish

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

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## August Club Meeting

Our August club meeting will be held at the usual time of **6:00 PM** on **Thursday, July 11**. Our meeting will be virtual, via Google Meet. Spanky will send an email invitation to regular attendees with instructions and a link. If you are not a regular attendee and would like to join us, please send an email request to Spanky at [gsndambaa@hotmail.com](mailto:gsndambaa@hotmail.com) no later than noon on the day of the meeting. The August meeting agenda includes finalizing plans for our October club dive and planning for our first club dive of 2025. If time allows, we will also discuss possibilities for a future club dive trip.

## August Club Dive: Edgewater Park

Spanky has planned a crab feast along with our August club dive. We will be traveling to **Edgewater Beach Park** in Mukilteo for a crabbing dive followed by a crab boil. Be sure to bring your crabbing license along with your favorite crab-grabbing gloves. We will meet at the park on **Saturday, August 10**, at **9:30 AM**. Our splash time will be around **10:30 AM**. Please bring along something (such as chocolate chip cookies or pico de gallo) to share and folding chairs. Everyone also needs to bring their beverage of choice.

### Directions to Edgewater Beach Park:

#### From the North:

Go S on I-5 to Exit 192 and turn right onto 41<sup>st</sup> St. In about 0.7 miles the road turns left and becomes Friday Ave and then E. Mukilteo Blvd. Continue on Mukilteo Blvd, for another 4 mi. and turn right on Mukilteo Lane.

Continue on Mukilteo Lane for about 0.4 mi. and turn right on Mt. Baker Ave, across the RR tracks. Turn right on 1<sup>st</sup> St. for almost a quarter mile and the park will be on your left.

#### From the South:

Go N on I-5 to Exit 182 and head West on Hwy 525.

After about 8.2 mi., turn right on 1<sup>st</sup> St. Follow 1<sup>st</sup> St. for about 0.6 mi. and the Park will be on your left.

## 2024 GSNDAMBAA-at-a-Glance

08/01/2024	6:00 PM	Club Meeting
08/10/2024	9:30 AM	Club Dive & Crab Feed, Boeing Dock in Mukilteo
09/05/2024	6:00 PM	Club Meeting
09/20-22/2024		International Dive/Camp Weekend at Horseshoe Bay
10/03/2024	6:00 PM	Club Meeting
10/05/2024	Time TBD	Club Dive, Skyline Wall or Pt. Whitney
11/07/2024	6:00 PM	Club Meeting
11/09/2024	10:00 AM	Club dive at the Alki Junkyard
12/07/2024	10:00 AM	Club Dive, Edmonds Underwater Park
12/14/2024	2:00 PM	Holiday Party at the home of ESSDBs Steve & DeeAnn
01/02/2025	6:00 PM	Club Meeting

## July Club Dive Report

Spanky selected a beautiful summer day for our club dive at Saltwater State Park. We had a small turnout this month. ESSDBs Bart and Kim braved the long surface walk and swim out to the buoys and had a great dive. Visibility wasn't fantastic, but we still managed to stay together and had a good time looking at all the life on the rock piles and beams out on the artificial reef. We saw many different rock fish and some very large ling cod. Frosted and opalescent nudibranchs were spotted in addition to two kelp crabs that managed to snag a large jellyfish and were happily munching on it. We are looking forward to the next time we return to this very nice dive site.

## Cool-?-of the Month Section

### Cool-Web-Articles-of-the-Month

Spanky found a cool web article about several sharks that are in danger of extinction. We hope that you have managed to see some of these sharks in your dive travels. You can read the article and see some short but very cool videos by clicking on [endangered sharks](#).

The second cool-web-article-of-the-month is an interview with an eccentric dentist that became infatuated with narwals. He has become an expert on narwals (perhaps the world expert) and is actively involved in researching the animal. If you click on [narwal](#) you will learn what the narwal's tusk is used for.

### Cool-Web-Videos-of-the-Month

We have a cool web video that describes some of the deep sea research that NOAA has been conducting in the Pacific. The video also shows some of the neat things that they have found. Click on [Pacific Rewind](#) to watch it.

Spanky also found a second NOAA video showing two Flapjack Octopuses that were found on the sea floor at a depth of almost 2700 ft. You can watch it by clicking on [Weird Octopus](#).

Our third, and final, cool-web-video for this month shows an anemone finding its lunch (or perhaps dinner). Spanky was surprised by the quickness of the anemone in capturing its prey. Click on [Poor Fish](#) to watch the short video.

### Cool-Photos-of-the-Month:

Spanky asked ESSDB Larry to dig into his archives and find some photos taken on a previous Club Dive Trips. The first photo is a Giant Frog Fish taken during our trip to Bunaken in Indonesia. Our second photo is a nudibranch (*Chromodoris magnifica*) that was taken on a dive trip to Puerta Galera in the Philippines. The last shot is a Queen Angelfish from one of our trips to St. Eustatius in the Caribbean.



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Please send items for the **September 2024** issue by **Friday, August 23**.