

the staggering starfish

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

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July Club Meeting

For July, Spanky is happy to announce the first in-person club meeting in well over a year! ESSDB Jim has offered to host the meeting for vaccinated club members at his house, 417 2nd Ave N. in Edmonds. We will also hold the meeting via Zoom for those who prefer to not travel to Edmonds. The in-person/virtual meeting will be held on **Thursday, July 1 at 6:00 PM**. The Zoom link will be emailed to regular meeting attendees in the afternoon before the meeting. The meeting agenda includes planning for our second dive in August, our 2021 Holiday party, and the November and December club dives. Bring something for the grill and something to share for the post-meeting dinner.

July Club Dive/2020 Holiday Party

The Club will travel to Rosario Beach for our July club dive and rescheduled 2020 Holiday Party. The meet time for the **Rosario Beach** dive is bright and early, **8:45 AM** on **Saturday, July 17**. We will meet at the group picnic site near Rosario Beach. Please do not forget your **Discover Pass** unless you wish to purchase a day pass at the park. If you plan on staying for the Holiday Party (and Spanky hopes you do), please RSVP prior to **July 10** by sending an email to Spanky at gsndambaa@hotmail.com. For those who are not diving, the meet time for the Holiday Party is approximately **11:00 AM**. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share for the party. Spanky will be providing BBQ fare (including vegetarian options) and soft drinks. Spanky will also be hosting our infamous Pirate Gift Exchange; participation is optional, but if you wish to participate you need to bring a gift valued at approximately \$25. Directions to the picnic shelter will be sent to everyone who has RSVP'd.

Directions for Rosario Beach

From Anacortes, take Highway 20 south and turn right onto Rosario Road, just after you enter Deception Pass State Park and drive past Pass Lake. From Coupeville, head north on Highway 20 and turn left onto Rosario Road shortly after you drive over the Canoe Pass bridge. Follow Rosario Road for about 0.8 mile and veer left onto Cougar Gap Road. After 0.1 mile you take another left onto Rosario Beach Road and proceed for

2021-GSNDAMBAA-at-a-Glance

07/01/2021 6:00 PM

Club Meeting, virtual and at ESSDB Jim's Edmonds home

07/17/2021 8:45 AM

Club Dive at Rosario Beach

07/17/2021, 11:00 AM

2020 Holiday Party, Rosario Beach

08/05/2021 6:00 PM

Club Meeting, hopefully at Edmond's Underwater Sports

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

about a quarter mile and park in the picnic area parking loop. Be sure to display your Discover Pass when you park.

June Club Dive Report

We met at Point Whitney for our June Club dive, anticipating a visit with a GPO or 2 at their den. We had a nice Juneteenth day for our dive, with a gentle breeze and it was only moderately warm. We entered the water pretty much on time and were greeted with a large amount of snot in the water and visibility that ranged from 3 to 4 feet. Fortunately we found the pipeline and followed it down to where viz opened up to about 12-15 feet. Unfortunately no one located a GPO, but we did find a good sized Fried Egg jelly being munched on by several plumose anemones. We also proved that every dive in Puget Sound is a night dive, as several Plainfin Midshipman, a nocturnal fish, were found. After the dive we reconvened at the Highway 101 Brewery Café in Quilcene for an excellent lunch. All in all, we had an enjoyable day.

2021 Dive/Camp Weekend

After our pandemic hiatus last year, Spanky will once again be hosting our Dive/Camp weekend this year. We have rented a house at the Fort Worden State Park for **August 27 & 28**. We plan on doing 2 dives, one at Point Hudson and a second, probably at The Ranger. Although we have a nearly full house, let Spanky know ASAP if you would like to join us. Directions to the Sergeant's Quarters will be emailed to the group who have RSVP'd. Plan on arriving around **5:00 PM on Friday, August 27**. You will not need a Discover Pass unless you park at a trailhead or along the beach. We will have a group dinner around 7:00 PM and discuss our plans for diving on Saturday. For those who will not be diving there are many hiking and beach trails in the park, an area for lawn games, and ready access to the waterfront area in Port Townsend. Breakfast and sandwich fixings will be available for Saturday, and we plan on making burgers at the house Saturday evening. ESSDB Steve has volunteered once again to prepare Swedish Pancakes for our breakfast Sunday morning. Checkout time is 11:00 AM on Sunday.

Membership Renewal

Spanky is reminding everyone that it's time again to renew your membership or become a new member! Spanky again shut down the arguments from the club CFO and forced a vote. Spanky and the board voted to overrule the CFO and we are keeping our annual club dues at \$5 (the same as it has been for the past 32 years). Even though this is equivalent to \$2.30 in 1989, you will still get 12 monthly issues of the Staggering Starfish, access to the club web site, and an invitation to the Holiday party for free! To renew your membership or to join the dive club with the world's hardest to pronounce acronym, go to the club website at www.gsndambaa.org and navigate to the Membership Form. Please fill out the form completely, and snail mail it with your \$5 to GSNDAMBAA c/o Bart Selz, 29621 232ND AVE SE, Black Diamond WA 98010. Please return the completed membership form and payment by July 30th. If you do not trust the mail with your \$5, you can bring it and the form to the 2020 Holiday Party on **July 17th**.

Underwater Sports Divers Fair

Underwater Sports has returned to holding their Annual Divers Fair. This year it will be held at the Seattle Underwater Sports (10545 Aurora Ave. N.) Friday through Sunday, July 30 - Aug. 1. This is the best time of the year to pick up the dive gear you have been wanting or for new divers to sign up for classes.

Cool-?-of the Month Section

Cool-Web-Article-of-the-Month:

Our July cool web article is about recently published research confirming that sharks use the earth's magnetic field for navigating. Some sharks travel thousands of miles in the open ocean and manage to return to the same waters year after year. You can read about it [here](#).

Cool-Photos-Of-The-Month:

ESSDB Larry took these photos at the June club dive at Point Whitney. We have a Fried Egg jelly caught by plumose anemones and a red phase Crescent Gunnel..



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The deadline for items to be included in the **August 2021 Issue** is **Friday, July 23**.