

the staggering starfish

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

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July Club Meeting

Our July club meeting will again be both in-person and online. ESSDB Jim will be hosting the meeting at his home at **6:00 PM** on **Thursday, July 7**. If you wish to attend via Zoom, please send an email request to gsndambaa@hotmail.com no later than **12:00 noon** on **July 7**. Our meeting agenda will include our extensively revised plans for the dive/camp weekend, determining the time for our August club dive at Possession Point Fingers, and selecting a site and time for our October club dive. The last agenda item (for those at the in-person meeting) will be to choose a location for the post-meeting dinner.

July Club Dive, Les Davis

For our July club dive we will travel south to Tacoma for a dive at the Les Davis Pier. This dive site is in a park with plenty of parking and nearby facilities. However, it can get busy on a nice summer day. There is a bit of a walk from the parking area to the entry point, but entry is easy and it is not current sensitive. We plan to meet at the site on **Sunday, July 17** at **10:00 AM** and enter the water at **11:00 AM**. The dive site consists of an artificial reef with lots of nooks and crannies to explore. Potential critters include ling cod, rock fish, nudibranchs, and gunnels. Additional critters reported at this site are the Red Brotula, Sail Fin Sculpin, and Grunt Sculpin. After the dive we will head down to the Ram for lunch.

Directions to Les Davis:

Take I-5 to Exit 133 and take I-705 North, toward the City Center.

Stay on I-705 for 1.9 miles and take the Pacific Ave. ramp to your left, toward Schuster Parkway.

Follow Schuster Parkway for 1.5 miles until you see a ramp to the left for N. Ruston Way.

Go left onto N. Ruston Way. Follow N. Ruston Way for about 1.4 miles to the entrance to the park. The entrance is a short distance past the large red fire boat on your right. Park as close to the west end of the parking area (as far from the entrance as you can).

2022-GSNDAMBAA-at-a-Glance

07/07/2022 6:00 PM

Club Meeting, ESSDB Jim's House

07/17/2022 10:00 AM

Club Dive at Les Davis

08/04/2022 6:00 PM

Club Meeting, ESSDB Jim's House

08/20/2022 Time TBD

Club Dive at Possession Point Fingers

09/01/2022 6:00 PM

Club Meeting, ESSDB Jim's House

09/16-18/2022

Dive/Camp Weekend

10/06/2022 6:00 PM

Club Meeting, ESSDB Jim's House

11/03/2022 6:00 PM

Club Meeting, ESSDB Jim's House

June Club Dive Report

We had another good turnout for our June dive at Point Whitney. The weather was pleasantly cool, which made donning our drysuits not too uncomfortable. All divers managed to find the pipeline (although some had to do a bit of searching). Visibility, however, made it a bit difficult to find any critters to look at. Fortunately we did manage to see the large Lion's Mane jellyfish before swimming into it. For those brave few that continued to a depth greater than 65 feet, visibility reportedly opened up. All in all, it was a pleasant day to be out and we can look forward to future dives with less plankton in the water.

2022 Dive/Camp Weekend

We have had to change our plans again for the 2022 Dive/Camp weekend because housing was unavailable when we tried to make reservations. ESSDB Richard has offered to host the event at his compound near Hoodsport on **September 16-18**. Richard has a place in the foothills of the Olympics with plenty of sleeping quarters and he can accommodate tents as well. We will be doing a couple dives at Sund Rock on **Saturday, September 17**. This dive site is an excellent one and you are almost certain to see adult Wolf Eels,

squat lobsters, nudibranchs, and probably a GPO as well. There also are some cloud sponges down around 90 feet. Spanky hopes that everyone who planned on joining us at Fort Worden can also join us a couple weeks earlier. If you want to join us and have not yet let Spanky know, please send him an email no later than July 15.

Membership Renewal

Yes, it's time again to renew your membership or become a new member! For the 33rd year, our annual club dues remain at \$5. For this amazingly low investment you will get 12 monthly issues of the Staggering Starfish, access to the club web site, invitations to monthly club dives, and an invitation to the Holiday party for free! To renew your membership simply give your \$5.00 bill to Spanky by July 30. 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.

Underwater Sports Divers Fair

Everyone says that scuba diving is an economical sport once you have all your gear. For those of us who do not have all their gear or may be in need of some new gear, Underwater Sports is holding their Annual Divers Fair **Friday, July 29 - Sunday, July 31**. It will be held at the Seattle Underwater Sports (10545 Aurora Ave. N.). They always have their best prices during the fair and it is a good time to purchase classes if you know someone who wants to get certified.

Point Hudson Dive Site

The Point Hudson dive site is located in Port Townsend. This site is generally considered one of the better shore dive sites in the Puget Sound area. Much of the dive consists of exploring the nooks and crannies formed by the boulders at the base of the south jetty, which are home to a large variety of critters including GPOs, wolf eels, gunnels, nudibranchs, and more. The Port of Port Townsend is planning on replacing the south jetty, which will involve removal of the creosote pilings and the boulders. They will be replaced with new steel pilings and boulders. Work is currently projected to begin this coming fall, which will effectively eliminate Point Hudson as a dive site during construction and probably for some time afterwards.

Hopefully life will return to the site in a few years to restore the quality of this dive site.

Cool-?-of the Month Section Cool-Photos-Of-The-Month:

Spanky selected two photos taken by ESSDB Larry at our June club dive for this month's newsletter. We have a chiton in the first photo and a kelp crab in the second.



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The deadline for items to be included in the **August 2022 Issue** is **Friday, July 22**.