

the staggering starfish

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

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July Club Meeting

The July club meeting is scheduled for the second Thursday of the month since the first Thursday falls on July 4. We will connect via Google Meet on **Thursday, July 11** promptly at **6:00 PM**. 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 no later than noon on the day of the meeting. Our meeting agenda will include planning our December club dive and additional planning for the annual club Holiday Party.

July Club Dive: Saltwater SP

For our July club dive, we will move south to Saltwater State Park. Our meet time is **Sunday, July 14**, at **10:30 AM**. We plan to enter the water around **11:30 AM**; after the long surface swim we will probably drop around noon. This dive site includes an artificial reef made from concrete slabs and beams which provide habitat for a variety of marine life, including large ling cod, lots of rock fish, and lots of nudibranchs. Be sure to bring your **Washington Discover Pass** or be prepared to buy a day pass at the park. The park has excellent facilities near the beach, including a shower to rinse gear. After the dive we will head south to Mama Stortini's for lunch.

Directions to Salt Water State Park:

From the North:

Go S on I-5 to Exit 149 and go West on SR516
In about 2 miles, go South on Marine View Drive
The park will be about a mile down the road on your right.
Once in the park, drive down to the water and park close to the shore.

From the South:

Go N on I-5 to Exit 147 and go West on S 272nd St.
After about a mile, turn right on 16th Ave S. Go N for about 1.25 mi and turn left on S 250th St.
In about 0.5 mi turn left on Marine View Drive and enter the park on your right.

2024 GSNDAMBAA-at-a-Glance

07/11/2024	6:00 PM
Club Meeting	
07/14/2024	10:30 AM
Club Dive at Saltwater State Park	
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	
12/14/2024	2:00 PM
Holiday Party at the home of ESSDBs Steve & DeeAnn	

June Club Dive Report

A beautiful day at Deception Pass, the most beautiful dive site in Puget Sound! We had a good crowd of ten divers and we all made it down to the beach on time to do the dive safely. The swim to the point was uneventful. We dropped down and the excitement began! The current was moving well, as expected, and visibility was not very good. As we flew along the wall we checked out the plethora of tube worms, anemones, barnacles and sponges - a testament to the amount of water that moves through the Pass. Some divers got separated, not much of a surprise, and there were some down drafts that pushed divers off the wall and into deeper waters. We rode the current as far as it would take us and then rode it back towards the beach. There was a strong eddy right at the point that made it a bit of a challenge to get back to the beach. Joe hired himself out as a tug boat to assist

some of the divers back to the beach. The Pass lived up to its reputation as a beautiful and exciting dive.

Dive/Camp Weekend

We did try, but we were unable to find a satisfactory date for a domestic Dive/Camp Weekend. Therefore, we will revert to holding a single Dive/Camp weekend this year. As previously reported, we are going to head north to Horseshoe Bay, for a weekend of diving on **September 20 - 22**. There may still be room on the dive boat if you wish to join us. Please send an email to Spanky ASAP if you want to come along on what should be an interesting weekend of diving in an area new to most of us.

Membership Renewal

The club SVPFA (Senior Vice President for Financial Affairs) has asked Spanky to remind everyone that it is once again time to dig deep into your cash reserves and renew your club membership. If you are new to the Club, he would like you to pony up and become a new member. In spite of inflation, annual Club dues remain at the amount set 35 years ago, \$5. Your annual dues will get you 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! 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 download and 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 no later than July 30th.

UWS 46th Annual Divers Fair

The Underwater Sports Divers Fair is on July 22-22 this year at the Aurora store. The Divers Fair has the lowest prices of the year for dive gear and classes.

Cool-?-of the Month Section

Cool-Photos-of-The-Month:

For this month's newsletter, ESSDB Larry pulled some photos from previous dives at Saltwater State Park. The first is a Horned Nudibranch, the second a Striped Nudibranch, and the last is a colorful lined chitin.



Got a C?OTM? Send it to Spanky.

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Please submit items for the August 2024 issue by Friday, July 26.