

the staggering starfish

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

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June Club Meeting

Since we are still in a pandemic, we will once again hold a virtual meeting on **Thursday, June 3** at **6:00 PM**, as usual. The Zoom link will be emailed to regular meeting attendees at some time in the afternoon before the meeting. If you have not been receiving invitations and would like one, please send an email request to Spanky at gsndambaa@hotmail.com no later than noon on June 3. The meeting agenda includes food planning for the 2021 Dive/Camp weekend. We will also plan our Octoboo club dive.

June Club Dive, Point Whitney

For the club's June dive we will be traveling across the water to do a dive at the Point Whitney shellfish lab. We will meet at the site at **11:30 AM** on **Saturday, June 19**. There is plenty of parking and restrooms available. Entry is easy for this dive along a pipeline. This is a great site to see GPOs, as there are several dens along the pipeline. We should also see lots of rockfish and nudibranchs. Be sure to bring your **Discover Pass**, you cannot purchase a day pass at this site, but they are probably available in Quilcene. After the dive we will drive north to Quilcene for some food and, possibly, a beer at the 101 Brewery.

Directions to Point Whitney:

You need to get across to the Peninsula. If you take the Edmonds-Kingston or Seattle-Bainbridge ferry, take Highway 104 across the Hood Canal Bridge and go South on Center Road (about 10 miles west of the Hood Canal Bridge). You will exit to the right and follow a clover leaf to Center Road. Continue south on Center Road until it joins Highway 101 in Quilcene. Continue south on Highway 101 for about 8.5 miles and watch for Bee Mill Road on your left (it should be shortly after you pass Hjelvick Rd). There is a left turn lane. Turn left on Bee Mill Road and continue for about 1.5 miles where Bee Mill Road turns left and Point Whitney Road continues straight. Go straight on Point Whitney Road and take it about 1 more mile where it ends at the park. There is a parking lot to your left. If you are coming from the south on Highway 101, watch for Bee Mill Road on your right about 4.5 miles north of Brinnon. It should be about 0.5 miles past the southern inter-

2021-GSNDAMBAA-at-a-Glance

- 06/03/2021, 6:00 PM**
Virtual Club Meeting
- 06/19/2021, 11:30 AM**
Club Dive at Point Whitney
- 07/01/2021 6:00 PM**
Club Meeting, possibly at Edmond's Underwater Sports
- 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
- 11/04/2021 6:00 PM**
Club Meeting, hopefully at Edmond's Underwater Sports

section with Hjelvick Rd (this road does a loop from Hwy 101).

May Club Dive Report

A large contingent of club divers met at the Mukilteo Tee Dock for our May club dive. We also lucked out and had a beautiful spring day for this dive. Visibility was decent for this time of year, about 10-15 feet. We had a pleasant dive exploring the Geodome and other constructs at this dive site. It appears that local divers have been busy at this site, with several new things and the addition of rope trails to help locate both new and old attractions. Critters that were spotted on this dive included a juvenile wolf eel, several nudibranchs, squid eggs, and lots of fish and crabs. Fortunately, we were spared what ESSDB David [found](#).

2020 Holiday Party

Pandemic restrictions have been sufficiently cleared so that we can hold our 2020 Holiday party on **Saturday, July 17**. Please RSVP by sending an email to Spanky at gsndambaa@hotmail.com no later than **July 10**. We will meet at Rosario Beach at the group picnic site. For those who are diving, please arrive by **8:45 AM**. For those who are not diving, you should plan on arriving around **11:00 AM**. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Spanky will be providing BBQ fare (including vegetarian options) and soft drinks. Also, please do not forget your **Discover Pass** unless you wish to purchase a day pass at the park. We will be holding our infamous Pirate Gift Exchange; participation is optional, but bring a gift valued at approximately \$25 to participate. Directions to the picnic shelter will be sent to those who RSVP.

2020 Dive/Camp Weekend

Spanky will be hosting our Dive/Camp weekend this year. We have rented the Sergeant's quarters at Fort Worden for **August 27 & 28**. We plan on doing 2 dives, one at Point Hudson and a second at either The Ranger or the Fort Worden Pier. We have a nearly full house. If you haven't committed and still want to join us, we can get some air beds at the park and there is the potential for reserving a site at the park for actual tent camping. Additional details will be in the July newsletter.

Cool-?-of the Month Section

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

For this month Spanky picked a cool web article about his cousin, the Gumboot Chitin. This chitin is the largest in the world, and we get to see it occasionally while diving in the Pacific Northwest. Scientists are studying it to learn about its ability to hold very hard minerals to soft tissue. Even though the chitin is contributing to science, they have given it the insulting name Wandering Meatloaf. Spanky does not think it looks at all like the musician or the ground beef concoction. You can read the article [here](#).

Cool-Web-Video-of-the-Month:

Our cool video this month is about the largest cephalopod in the world, the Colossal Squid. Watch it by clicking on [Colossal Squid](#).

Cool-Photos-Of-The-Month:

This month's cool photos were selected from ESSDB Larry's archive for the Tee Dock. We have a Rhinoceros Crab, a Kelp Crab with an attitude, and a Red Rock Crab



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The deadline for items to be included in the July 2021 Issue is Friday, June 18.