

the staggering starfish

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

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June Club Meeting

The June club meeting will again be held via Zoom. Please join us by logging in to Zoom at **6:00 PM on Thursday, June 1**. As has become usual, a Zoom invitation will be sent to the regular meeting attendees via email. If you are not a regular attendee and would like to participate in the meeting, please send an email request to Spanky at gsndambaa@hotmail.com no later than 12:00 noon the day of the meeting. Our June agenda consists of planning our October club dive and food planning for the Dive/Camp weekend in September. If time allows, we will review the progress for our new club tee shirts.

June Club Dive, Titlow Beach

For our June club dive we will venture to the South Sound for a dive at Titlow Beach. This is one of Spanky's favorite dive sites because he saw his first GPO here. Spanky will again endeavor to lead the divers to the shelf that is rumored to be home to GPOs and wolf eels (unless we would prefer to explore the plumose-covered pilings). We will meet at the early time of **8:00 AM** and plan to splash no later than 9:00 AM. This site is current-sensitive, so please try to arrive on time and be ready to enter on schedule. After the dive we will hang out until noon and then reconvene for lunch at Boathouse 19.

Directions to Titlow Beach:

Take I-5 to Highway 16 in Tacoma

Take Highway 16 West

Exit at Jackson Street

Make a left at the light at the end of the exit

Make the first right after crossing over 16 (6th Ave).

Follow 6th Ave road down to the water.

Find a good place to park.

If you put the Beach Tavern (8612 6th Ave, Tacoma) into Google maps you can use your phone to get there.

May Club Dive Report

Although the weather was perfect for a spring dive, it turned out that the May club dive was canceled due to lack of available divers. Spanky held out until the last possible moment before cancelling, but he made the responsible decision to not dive solo.

2023-GSNDAMBAA-at-a-Glance

06/01/2023	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, via Zoom
06/11/2023	11:45 AM	Club Dive at Titlow
07/06/2023	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, probably via Zoom
07/23/2023	8:00 AM	Club Dive at Salt Water State Park
08/03/2023	6:00 PM	Club meeting, probably via Zoom
08/26/2023	12:00 PM	Club dive at Cove 2
09/07/2023	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, probably via Zoom
09/22-24/2023		Dive/Camp Weekend
10/05/2023	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, probably via Zoom
11/02/2023	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, probably via Zoom

2023 Dive/Camp Weekend

Please check your calendars and plan to join us for our annual Dive/Camp Weekend this coming **September 22-24**. ESSDBs Richard and Michelle have again offered to host our weekend get-together at their Hoodsport vacation home. We had a great time there last year. We will be doing a couple dives on **Saturday, September 23** at Sund Rock. In addition, we will be doing a couple boat dives on **Friday, September 22** with YSS from Hoodsport. The cost for the dives at Sund Rock is \$20 per person, and the cost for the boat dives is \$160 plus tip (we will have 2 boats). If you are interested in doing the boat dives on Friday, please send an email to Spanky (gsndambaa@hotmail.com) as soon as possible. We have 1 opening left on the boats and will start a waiting list if the boats fill. So far we have 16 campers joining for the weekend, but we have room for more! If you are interested in joining us for a fun weekend of diving, food, and companionship please RSVP to Spanky at gsndambaa@hotmail.com.

Cool-?-of the Month Section

Cool-Web-Articles-of-the-Month:

Our first cool web article for this month was submitted by ESSDB Kim. The article describes how elephant seals get their shuteye during their multiple month sojourns into the open ocean. These amazing animals can reportedly dive to depths exceeding 5000 ft. You can read about it by clicking on [elephant seals](#).

ESSDB DeeAnn submitted our second cool web article about a very colorful nudibranch that apparently is expanding its range into the waters around Great Britain. The Rainbow Nudibranch is just under an inch in length and is usually found in the warmer waters of southern Europe. It is likely moving north as waters warm due to climate change. Click on [rainbow](#) to read about it.

A third cool web article was submitted by ESSDB Bart. Scientists studying a Brazilian reef octopus observed some unusual behavior that may suggest that their octopus was having a nightmare. Other researchers have evidence that octopuses may dream, but this is the first observation that suggests they may have nightmares. You can read the article (and watch a cool video) by clicking on [nightmares](#).

Spanky found a fourth cool (and quite long) web article that he is pretty sure will interest ESSDB Steve. Some recreational divers in the Baltic Sea off of Sweden discovered a wreck back in the 70s. Some 30 years later it was reported to an archeologist and the wreck was identified as a 500-year-old flagship that belonged to the King of Denmark. This article can be found by clicking on [Gribshunden](#).

Cool-Photos-of-The-Month:

Since the May club dive did not happen, Spanky asked ESSDB Larry to again find some photos from the Maldives trip for this month's newsletter. The first photo is of an octopus, which the dive shop identified as a Common Octopus. Our second photo is a Black Spotted Moray. The last photo was intended to be of a Green Turtle, but it was photo-bombed by a bunch of Whitetip Soldierfish, a Big Scale Soldierfish, several Shadowfin Soldierfish, and a Regal Angelfish that was obviously showing off by swimming upside down.



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The deadline for items to be included in the July 2023 Issue is Friday, June 23.