

the staggering starfish

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

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Club Meeting & Limerick Challenge

It's hard to believe that it is nearly spring, with snow still falling, but it is that time of the year again and Spanky (in spite of having just returned from a trip half way around the world) is busily planning for our annual Limerick Challenge. Yes, you all knew this was coming, and you still have plenty of time to get your limerick(s) ready for the March club meeting that will be held virtually via Zoom at **6:00 PM** on **Thursday, March 2**. An email Zoom invitation will be sent to the regular meeting attendees. If you would like to participate in this meeting, please email a request to Spanky at gsndambaa@hotmail.com no later than 12:00 noon on March 2. Winning limericks that do not require mailing the newsletter in a plain brown wrapper will be published in the April issue of the Staggering Starfish. For those who need to review rules on limericks, check out this site: [Limerick Rules](#). Non-limerick entries will be judged in the category "All Other Rhymes" and the winner will also be published in the April newsletter. Spanky will buy dinner for the winner of the Limerick Challenge. In addition to the Limerick challenge, our meeting agenda includes planning our June club dive, status update for the new tee shirts, and preliminary planning for our dive/camp weekend.

March Club Dive, Norrander's

For the April club dive we will be travelling to Bainbridge Island to revisit Norrander's Reef. Our meet time for this dive is **8:30 AM** on **Saturday, March 18**. Parking can be a bit tight at this site, so please carpool if you can. There are no facilities, so you should plan on stopping somewhere on the way. This site has some natural rock reefs where you can see lots of life. It is not known for large fish. After the dive we will head over to the Harbour Public House for lunch, where the limerick challenge winner can claim their free meal from Spanky.

Directions to Norrander's Reef:

The address for Rockaway Beach Park is 4002 Rockaway Beach Rd NE, Bainbridge Island, if you want to set your GPS. Otherwise, travel to Bainbridge Island by ferry or other convenient route. From the Kingston ferry, stay in the left lane and turn left onto Iowa.

2023-GSNDAMBAA-at-a-Glance

03/02/2023	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, probably via Zoom
03/18/2023	Time 8:30 AM	Club Dive, at Norrander's Reef
04/06/2023	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, probably via Zoom
04/29/2023	10:00 AM	Club Dive at Deception Pass
05/04/2023	6:00 PM	Club meeting, probably via Zoom
05/13/2023	Time 10:00 AM	Club Dive at Possession Point Fingers
06/01/2023	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, probably via Zoom
07/06/2023	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, probably via Zoom

Continue straight onto NE West Kingston Road, and continue until you reach Miller Bay Road NE at a tee. Turn left, and continue until it takes a right run and becomes Suquamish Way NE. Suquamish will end at Hwy 305, where you turn left. Follow Hwy 305 until you reach Sportsmen Club Road NE, where you turn right. Follow Sportsmen Club Road (it will eventually turn left and become Finch Road NE) until you reach Wyatt Way NW, and take a left. After 0.1 mi the road turns left and becomes Eagle Harbor Dr. NE. Follow Eagle Harbor; it will turn to the right as you approach the waterfront and become Rockaway Beach Road NE. Continue until you see the park to your left, toward the waterfront. Park along the street. From Tacoma, follow Hwy 16 to Hwy 3, get onto Hwy 305 in Poulsbo, and follow the directions above. From the Seattle/Bainbridge ferry, exit the ferry and turn left onto Winslow Way E, and then right on Ericksen Ave NE. Turn left onto Wyatt Way, and follow the directions above. If you live on the Peninsula or take a different ferry, you will have to figure it out.

February Club Dive Report

We picked a day with only a bit of rain for our February club dive at Les Davis. Fortunately we had a good turnout - it took several divers to provide

one of the divers (who shall remain anonymous but we all know who you are) with sufficient borrowed clothing to substitute for his forgotten undergarment, gloves, and hood. Visibility was decent, at around 20-25 feet. We had a nice, leisurely dive along the artificial reef and saw a number of nudibranchs, crabs, ling cod, and a few ling cod egg nests.

Cool-?-of the Month Section

Spanky is rather jet lagged this month and has not been able to search for any cool web articles or videos. In addition, Spanky looked into his normally packed email inbox and was very surprised that no potential candidates for the March newsletter were submitted. So, we will instead have an extra cool photo for this month's newsletter.

Cool-Photos-Of-The-Month:

Our cool photos for March were taken by ESSDB Larry at our February dive at Les Davis. The first photo is a heart crab that was found by ESSDB Kim. The second is a Nanaimo Dorid roaming on the bottom. Spanky picked one of a kelp crab trying to pick a fight. The last photo shows a rock fish admiring a leopard doris.



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The deadline for items to be included in the April 2023 Issue is Friday, March 17.