

the staggering starfish

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

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Club Meeting & Limerick Challenge

Our March club meeting and Limerick Challenge will be held at the usual time of **6:00 PM** on **Thursday, March 6**. You all knew this was coming, so no one will have a credible excuse for getting your limerick(s) together and ready for public presentation. Spanky is looking forward to hearing your limerick. We will be meeting in-person at the **Edmonds Public Library**. For those that cannot attend in person, Spanky will send an email invitation for Google Meet prior to the meeting. If you do not normally receive these invitations, you may request one by sending an email to Spanky prior to noon on **March 6**. 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 and preliminary planning for our 2025 dive/camp weekend. The final agenda item will be selecting an Edmonds eatery for our post-meeting dinner.

March Club Dive - Keystone

For our March club dive we will return to Whidbey Island for a dive at the Keystone Jetty on **Sunday, March 24**. Our meet time for this dive is **10:40 AM** for an entry time of **11:40 AM**. As Spanky is sure everyone knows, this is a current-sensitive site, so please plan on arriving on time so we can be ready for the planned entry time. This is generally regarded as one of the best dive sites on the east side of Puget Sound. We should find lots of life, including GPOs and lots of other divers. You will need to either bring your Discover Pass or purchase a day pass to park for this dive. There are showers and rinse water at the park (assuming they are not still off for the winter). After the dive we will walk over to Callen's for lunch.

2025 GSNDAMBAA-at-a-Glance

03/06/2025	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, Edmonds Public Library
03/23/2025	10:40 AM	Club Dive at Keystone
04/03/2025	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, Edmonds Public Library
04/06/2025	8:30 AM	Club Dive at Point Hudson
05/01/2025	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, Edmonds Public Library
05/04/2025	9:00 AM	Club Dive at Les Davis
06/05/2025	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, Edmonds Public Library
07/03/2025	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, Edmonds Public Library
8/02/2025	9:30 AM	Club Dive at Deception Pass
10/26/2025	Time TBD	Club Dive at Possession Point Fingers

Directions to Keystone:

The dive site is located on Whidbey Island at the Fort Casey Beach, near the ferry terminal. You can either take the Mukilteo ferry to Whidbey Island or drive north to drive across the Deception Pass bridge.

From the Whidbey Island ferry dock, proceed North on WA-525 for 22.1 miles to the intersection with WA-20/Wanamaker Rd. Turn left on WA-20 and proceed for about 2 miles to the Keystone Spit Park, just before the ferry terminal. From the Deception Pass bridge, proceed south on WA-20 past Coupeville and follow the signs to the ferry terminal. The parking lot for the Fort Casey Beach is just past the ferry terminal. Park as close to the water as you can. You can also enter Fort Casey Beach into Google maps to have your phone give you directions.

February Dive Report

We picked a nice grey and rainy day for our club dive at Fort Ward. A total of 3 intrepid divers

showed up to enjoy the rain and explore the area designated as an underwater park along Fort Ward. Fortunately, the water was calm in spite of wind warnings for the area. Visibility was OK, at about 20 feet. The Fort Ward Underwater Park appears to be a large area of sand and gravel, with depths comparable to the Edmonds Underwater Park. We saw too many White Line Dironas to count, but few other nudibranch species. We had a nice relaxing dive and we ended the dive at almost the same point we dropped.

Cool-?-of the Month Section

Cool-Web-Videos-of-the-Month

Spanky found a pretty cool web video showing the highlights of the 2024 explorations of the EV Nautilus. This is a fairly long video (38 min) that shows some cool critters they filmed last year. You can make some popcorn and grab a beverage and sit down and watch it by clicking on [EV Nautilus 2024](#).

Cool-Web-Articles-of-the-Month

Our cool web article is about a deepwater angler fish that was recently observed swimming happily in water that was not at all deep. This fortunate event allowed some researchers to collect some nice shots of the Black Sea Devil. You can read the short article and see the fish by clicking on [Black Sea Devil](#).

Cool-Photos-of-the-Month:

Our cool photos for March include an isopod taken by ESSDB Larry at our February Fort Ward club dive and 3 photos taken by ESSDB Dan at some of his recent dives: a Barnacle-Eating Dorid, a Black Eyed Goby, and a Squat Lobster.



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Please send items for the April issue by Friday, March 21.

