

# the staggering starfish

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

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## May Club Meeting

Our regularly scheduled virtual meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 6** at our usual time, **6:00 PM**. The Zoom link will be emailed to regular meeting attendees the afternoon before the meeting. If you have not been receiving invitations and would like to sit in, please send an email request to Spanky at [gsndambaa@hotmail.com](mailto:gsndambaa@hotmail.com) no later than noon on May 6. The meeting agenda includes final planning for the postponed 2020 Holiday Party and initial planning for a possible 2021 Dive/Camp weekend. We will also plan the August and September club dives.

## May Club Dive, Mukilteo Tee Dock

We will be doing a north side dive for our May club dive, traveling up to Mukilteo. The site has changed a lot since construction of the new ferry dock to the north of the NOAA lab. The old ferry dock was being demolished a couple months ago, and is probably completely gone now. Parking has also changed a bit, but street parking and parking in the lot at the north end of the Silver Cloud is available. We will meet at **1:00 PM** on **Saturday, May 22**. The restrooms at the old ferry terminal are no longer available, but a walk to the park will get you to facilities. We hope to find the geodome and, if we want to go deep, we will look for The Man. After the dive we can get some fish and chips from Ivar's and find a place to enjoy them.

### Directions to Mukilteo Tee Dock:

For those coming from south of Mukilteo, head north on I5 to Exit 182 (Highway 525). Turn left at the end of the exit ramp on Hwy 525 (also called Mukilteo Speedway) and continue for about 8 miles. When you get to the waterfront, turn right onto Front St. (in front of Ivar's) and continue north on to the parking areas just north of the Silver Cloud Inn. There is a small parking lot to the left and more parking along Front Street and on the street to the right. There is also parking along Front St. if you turn around. You will need to pay for parking. If you are coming from the north, head south on I5 to Exit 189 (Hwy 526/Boeing Freeway). Turn right and follow the highway past the airport to 84<sup>th</sup> St. SW. Turn right and continue to

## 2021-GSNDAMBAA-at-a-Glance

04/01/2021 6:00 PM

Club Meeting, probably virtual

05/06/2021 6:00 PM

Club Meeting, probably virtual

05/22/2021, 1:00 PM

Club Dive at Mukilteo Tee Dock

06/03/2021, 6:00 PM

Club Meeting, possibly at Edmond's Underwater Sports

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, 11:30 AM

2020 Holiday Party, Tentatively at Rosario Beach

08/05/2021 6:00 PM

Club Meeting, hopefully at Edmond's Underwater Sports

09/02/2021 6:00 PM

Club Meeting, hopefully at Edmond's Underwater Sports

Mukilteo Speedway, where you turn right and head down the hill and follow the directions above.

## April Club Dive Report

Our April dive was at Norrander's Reef, on Bainbridge Island. We were pleasantly surprised to find that there were more parking spaces than we expected, which was especially important since there was a small dive class taking place at the site. The water was a bit choppy as we entered, but visibility was decent, at 20-30 feet. ESSDB Steve led us straight to the reef (he did, however, do so by following a rope). We had a very nice dive, seeing several different species of nudibranch and lots of fish. The wind picked up during the dive, making the exit over the gravel and cobbles quite interesting. Since COVID restrictions had been raised to Phase 3, several vaccinated divers visited a sit-down restaurant for a post-dive meal.

## 2020 Holiday Party

Spanky has not given up on holding our Holiday Party from last year. Instead of our usual winter

experience, this year we will have a nearly tropical party that will be held on a sunny Saturday in July (**July 17**). Our postponed Holiday Party will be held in Deception Pass State Park at the group picnic shelter near Rosario Beach. We will meet at the site at **8:45 AM** for a Rosario Beach dive. For those who are not diving, you should plan on arriving around **11:00 AM**. Spanky will be providing food and soft drinks. Please bring something to share and any other State Park-compliant beverages. Also, please do not forget your **Discover Pass** unless you wish to purchase one at the park. We will be holding our infamous Pirate Gift Exchange, so if you plan participating, you need to bring a gift valued at approximately \$25. So that Spanky can plan on the proper amount of food, please RSVP no later than **Saturday, July 10** by sending an email to Spanky at [gsndambaa@hotmail.com](mailto:gsndambaa@hotmail.com). Directions to the picnic shelter will be sent to those who RSVP.

## Cool-?-of the Month Section

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

Our first cool web article for this month is about a drone photographer in southern California who has been shooting great white shark encounters in which most of the people are entirely unaware. His work shows that encounters are fairly common, while attacks are uncommon. You can read it [here](#).

Spanky saw this cool article about sperm whale research. It was thought that male sperm whales were probably the loneliest creature in the sea. It turns out that they have been hanging with the bro's all this time. You can learn more [here](#).

### Cool-Web-Videos-of-the-Month:

Spanky found a video that is also about Great White sharks. Someone actually attached a video camera to a Great White Shark and filmed it swimming through a kelp forest in South Africa. This shows that kelp forests are not a good place to hide from sharks. Watch it by clicking [Great White](#).

Spanky's second cool video shows a dolphin stampede in southern California. Apparently a couple thousand common dolphins took part in this event. Click [Dolphins](#) to watch it.

### Cool-Photos-Of-The-Month:

This month's cool photos were taken at the April Norrander's Reef dive by ESSDB Larry. The first is an up-close with a ling cod (he was guarding eggs). The second is a red rock crab trying to figure out how to get out of a hole. The third shows orange and creeping pedal sea cucumbers.



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