

# the staggering starfish

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

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## November Club Meeting

The club meeting will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 at Edmonds Underwater Sports. The number one item on the agenda is to determine the layout of the miniature golf course for the Club Holiday Party. We will also plan the February Club Dive. After that, we will discuss the need for additional crab saving cookies at the site of the remnants of the Edmonds Oil Dock. If we make it all the way through the agenda, we will head out to dinner.

## November Club Dive at Cove Deux

Even though it is nowhere near Super Bowl Sunday we are going to do Cove 2 in West Seattle. Join us bright and early (8:00) on the 6<sup>th</sup>. (Seems like every time we dive this site it requires an early entry time.) There have been sightings of the rare quillfish here as well as six gill sharks. The last time we dove this site we saw a colorful hairy crab. Other creatures that are more commonly spotted here are giant pacific octopus, stubby squid and gunnels.

After the dive we will motor up to the top of West Seattle to Talaricos Pizza. They have huge slices of New York Style Pizza. The pizza is very good so there is no more throwing down the gauntlet. This is the place that SSDB Matt steered us to. Hopefully he will come join us for the post dive meal.

### Directions to Cove 2:

Follow I-5 South or North to exit 163 to the W. Seattle Freeway Exit

Take the W. Seattle Freeway West and get off at the Harbor Avenue Exit.

Follow Harbor Ave to the fishing pier.

Park in the fishing pier (Alki Boathouse) parking lot. You can also park along Harbor Avenue just past the Boathouse.

If you drive past the Alki Boat launch or start curving around Alki Point back to the West, you've gone too far.

## 2016-GSNDAMBAA-at-a-Glance

10/22/16 (Saturday) 10:00 AM

Club Cookie Dive at Edmonds Oil Dock

11/3/16 (Thursday) 6:00 PM

Club meeting at Edmonds Underwater Sport

11/6/16 (Sunday) 8:00 AM

Club Dive at Cove 2

12/11/16 (Sunday) Noon

Club Dive at Bracket's Landing

12/11/16 (Sunday) 4:00 PM

Club Holiday Party

1/5/17 (Thursday) 6:00 PM

Club meeting at Edmonds Underwater Sport

1/22/17 (Saturday) TBA

Club Dive at Salt Water State Park

3/17-24/17

Club Dive Trip to Raja Ampat

8/27-9/1 2017

Club Dive Trip to God's Pocket

## Octobooo Cookie Dive

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> we continue our quest to save crabs from an early death so that they can grow up big enough to eat. We will be placing covers on what remains of some of the pilings that were cut off during the Edmonds Oil Dock removal. The plan is to meet at the Edmonds Marina Boat Launch at 10:00 to load cookies and dive gear on ESSDB Steve's boat. After arriving at the site, the cookies will be lowered to the bottom, followed by Cookie Emplacement Personnel.

## Octobooo Club Dive Report

With a favorable tide, we decided to head to Mukilteo to dive the T Dock to search for the elusive underwater Buddha. We dropped down and quickly found the rope trail. Heading south we headed deeper to start the tour of the various structures. Right away there was a red octopus out hunting and it led us right to a grunt sculpin. Along the way to the end of the tour we saw a wolf eel, many large rockfish, schools of small fish, a couple of nudibranchs but no Buddha.

## God's Pocket Trip

SSDBs Linda and Tom have reserved the God's Pocket Resort for **August 27th - Sept 1 2017**. This will be the club's 5<sup>th</sup> trip. The diving is great and so is the hospitality. The dive boat even has an elevator to get you in and out of the water. Could it get any easier? Cost of the trip is \$1590 Canadian and includes all diving, accommodations, food and transfers to/from Port Hardy. If you are interested, send ESSDB Linda an email at [aquachick@comcast.net](mailto:aquachick@comcast.net).

## Recall Notice

Aqua Lung is conducting a recall of select Powerline inflators installed on BCDs purchased since January 1, 2015. Aqua Lung is concerned that the inflators may continue to inflate after the inflator button is released, potentially leading to an uncontrolled ascent. Inflators need to be inspected to see if they need to be replaced. To determine if you have an inflator involved in the recall go to [http://www.aqualung.com/constant\\_contact/2016\\_recall\\_powerline\\_c.html](http://www.aqualung.com/constant_contact/2016_recall_powerline_c.html).

## Cool-?-of-the-Month Section

### Cool-Sightings-of-the-Month:

Bart at the Mukilteo Club Dive: "Tomas!"

Tomas at the Mukilteo Club Dive: "The cutest grunt sculpin in a shell."

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

A somewhat odd video of Phillippe Cousteau telling us about Narwhals,

[http://www.greatbigstory.com/stories/life-aquatic-philippe-cousteau-narwhal?iid=ob\\_homepage\\_deskrecommended\\_pool](http://www.greatbigstory.com/stories/life-aquatic-philippe-cousteau-narwhal?iid=ob_homepage_deskrecommended_pool)

Divers encounter a sun fish.

<http://www.cnn.com/videos/travel/2015/10/14/giant-sunfish-divers-portugal-orig-vstan.cnn>

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

A couple of pictures from the Octoboooo Club Dive at the Mukilteo T Dock. ESSDB Margaret caught a baby rock fish posing on a pipe. ESSDB Larry got the picture of the grunt sculpin peeking out of a shell.



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The deadline for items to be included in the Gala Holiday Issue is Wednesday, November 16.