

the staggering starfish

the official newsletter of the GSNDAMBAA SCUBA Diving Club

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November Club Meeting

We will hold our November Club Meeting at the usual time of **6:00 PM** on the first Thursday of November, which is **November 7**. This will be a virtual meeting using Google Meet. Spanky will send an email invitation to regular attendees with a meeting link. If you are not a regular attendee and would like to join us, please send an email request to Spanky at gsndambaa@hotmail.com no later than noon on the day of the meeting. Our meeting agenda will include planning our February and March club dives. We will also finalize plans for future in-person club meetings.

November Club Dive-Alki Junkyard

We will be doing a West Seattle dive this month. The club will head over to West Seattle for a dive at the Alki Junkyard. It's been a couple years since we have done this site. We plan to meet on **Saturday, November 9 at 10:00 AM** for an entry time of **11:00 AM**. This is an interesting dive site with an easy entry and we usually get to see some interesting marine life. As the name suggests, there is lots of junk which provides habitat for a variety of critters. We commonly see gunnels, wolf eels, sea pens, nudibranchs, and we may even see some sea spiders. Following the dive, we will head up the hill to Talarico's for some pizza.

Directions to the Alki Junkyard:

Take the West Seattle bridge to the Harbor Ave. SW exit. Follow Harbor Ave SW past Alki Coves 1,2 and 3, and past the boat ramp. The road will turn into Alki Ave SW and you will pass by Alki Beach. Continue until you pass 64th Ave SW and park along the road wherever you can find parking. You want to enter the water at the very last staircase at the end of the sea wall, just before the residential homes start.

In-Person Meetings

Spanky is happy to report that we will be resuming in-person meetings after the first of the year. ESSDB DeeAnn found us a meeting place that we can reserve at the Edmonds Public Library. The library will also provide Wi-Fi access, so we will also be able to

2024 GSNDAMBAA-at-a-Glance

11/07/2024	6:00 PM	Club Meeting
11/09/2024	10:00 AM	Club dive at the Alki Junkyard
12/07/2024	10:00 AM	Club Dive, Edmonds Underwater Park
12/14/2024	2:00 PM	Holiday Party at the home of ESSDBs Steve & DeeAnn
01/02/2025	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, Edmonds Public Library
01/12/2025	10:00 AM	Club Dive, West end of I-90 Bridge
02/06/2025	6:00 PM	Club Meeting
03/06/2025	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, Edmonds Public Library
04/03/2025	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, Edmonds Public Library

support virtual attendance at the meetings. In-person meetings will resume for the first meeting of 2025, which is scheduled for Thursday, January 2. We will start the meetings at 6:00 PM and will visit a local Edmonds eatery for post-meeting dinners.

October Dive Report

A small group of intrepid divers gathered at Point Whitney on a beautiful fall day for the Octoboo club dive. Visibility was decent and both sets of dive buddies successfully located the pipeline, and enjoyed looking at all the life along it as they swam to the end and back. The dive site lived up to its reputation - a total of 5 GPOs were seen relaxing under the concrete blocks of the pipeline. Decorator crabs, several species of sculpins, and lots of plumose anemones were also spotted. ESSDBs Shay and Kim also found a winged sea slug flapping along in the shallows. For those of you who have not seen these graceful little sea slugs, you can watch a video of one [here](#). Everyone enjoyed a late lunch at Quilbilly's in Quilcene after the dive.

Holiday Party

Now that we have safely returned to standard time, Spanky is sure that everyone is feeling festive! Our 2024 club **Annual Club Holiday Party** has been scheduled for **Saturday, December 14 at 2:00 PM**. Even though we partied at their place last year, ESSDBs DeeAnn and Steve have again offered to host the party at their Mount Vernon home. Spanky hopes that everyone can join us this year. Please let Spanky know that you are attending by sending an RSVP email to Spanky at gsndambaa@hotmail.com no later than **December 11**. Please identify the number in your party and note any special food requirements (such as vegetarian fare). Please also bring along something edible (perhaps chocolate chip cookies?) to share at the party. Directions to the party will be emailed to attendees prior to December 13.

Spanky will once again be the host for our infamous *Pirate Gift Exchange*. In case you haven't already done so, please head out to your favorite shopping location and purchase a pirateable gift. Your Pirate Gift should be around \$30. It's important to bring a Pirate gift that you would actually want to keep, as that will make the gift pirating action more interesting. Spanky looks forward to seeing you all at the Party!

Cool-?-of the Month Section

Cool-Photos-of-the-Month:

The photos for this month were taken by ESSDB Larry at our last Alki Junkyard dive in November 2022. We have some shrimp on a rope, white and pink festive tritonids, and a 4-armed sea star.



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Please send items for the **December 2024** issue by **Friday, November 22**.