

the staggering starfish

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

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"The Great Pumpkin's Favorite News Letter"



Octoboooo Club Meeting

The Octoboooo Club Meeting is always the social highlight of Octoboooo so we are going to hold it on the 6th at our usual time of 6:00. The agenda for the meeting includes planning the January Club Dive, picking the menu for the Club Holiday Party and planning the next piling capping dive. The most important thing we will discuss is what stupid question you asked on September 28th, "Ask a Stupid Question Day." Amongst the things to discuss is "Did you get an Answer?" and "Were you told it was a Stupid Question?" More information can be found at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ask_a_Stupid_Question_Day. The last item on the agenda will be to pick a place for the post meeting meal.

Octoboooo Club Dive at T-Dock

It's a dive at the remaining pier in Mukilteo. Join us on the 8th at 10:00. Entry time for the dive is 11:00. The T-Dock features an easy entry, some underwater sculptures and a Buddha. Now that the Oil Dock has been removed we will be free to head north of the T-Dock. Be prepared to pay for parking with a credit card. More information about the dive site can be obtained by directing your favorite web browser to http://www.shorediving.com/Earth/USA_West/Washington/Mukilteo_T/ or <http://thepperfectdive.com/DEF-Site.asp?sID=61>

After the dive we will pop over to the Diamond Knot Brewery.

Directions to Mukilteo T-Dock:

Take exit 189 off I-5 in Everett

Head west on SR526

Head North on SR525

Follow signs to Mukilteo Ferry

Drive down to the waterfront

Make a right at the to avoid boarding the ferry.

Just past the Silver Cloud Inn, find a place to park

Entry is just north of the Silver Cloud Inn

2016-GSNDAMBAA-at-a-Glance

9/28/16 (Wednesday) All Day

Ask a Stupid Question Day

10/6/16 (Thursday) 6:00 PM

Club meeting at Edmonds Underwater Sport

10/8/16 (Saturday) 10:00 AM

Club Dive at Mukilteo T-Dock

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

3/17-24/17

Club Dive Trip to Raja Ampat

Octoboooo Cookie Dive

On the 22nd 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.

September Club Dive Report

It was another demonstration of how nimble the GSNDAMBAA can be. When we arrived at Salt Water State Park we found that the beach was closed due to high levels of nasty bacteria in the water. An audible was called and the dive was passed to Redondo. ESSDBs Margaret and Larry led us on a tour of pretty much all the things to see there. There were a total of 5 octopus sightings. The first two were two Red Octopus that were out hunting. We saw a Giant Pacific Octopus in a hole and then two more reds. One of the reds was spotted peeking over a cement block. All in all it was a great dive.

Cool-?-of-the-Month Section

Cool-Sightings-of-the-Month:

Dee Ann at God's Pocket: "Face to face (and teeth to fin) with Stellar Sea Lions at Barry Island."

Steve at God's Pocket: "Every inch of Browning Wall."

Dee Ann and Steve at God's Pocket: "The 3 or 4 "out hunting" octopuses."

Steve at God's Pocket: "Dee Ann in a dry suit. (Well, actually it was impersonating a wet suit.)"

Jim at God's Pocket: "Orcas, Dolphins, big and little Wolf Eels"

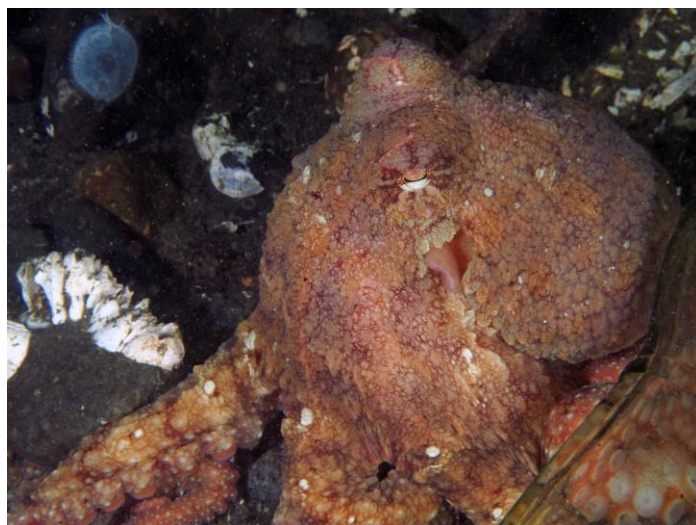
Cool-Web-Article-of-the-Month:

A new species of puffer fish has been found that makes intricate patterns in the sand.

<https://reefbuilders.com/2015/01/26/underwater-crop-circlebuilding-pufferfish-officially-torquigener-albomaculosus/>

Cool-Photos-Of-The-Month:

A couple of pictures from the September Club Dive at Redondo taken by ESSDB Larry. The first is a closeup of a Red Octopus out hunting and the second is a Frosted Nudibranch. The third picture is a nudibranch from the God's Pocket trip.



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The deadline for items to be included in the Issue to be Thankful For is Sunday, Octoboooo 16.