

# the staggering starfish

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

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## Octoboo Club Meeting

The Club's annual Halloween-themed meeting will be held at exactly **6:00 PM** on Thursday, **Octoboo 3<sup>rd</sup>**. As has become our standard practice, our meeting will be virtual, via Google Meet. Spanky will send an email invitation to regular attendees with a 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](mailto:gsndambaa@hotmail.com) no later than noon on the day of the meeting. Our meeting agenda will include planning our January and February club dives. If time allows, we will also discuss the potential resurrection of in-person meetings.

## Octoboo Club Dive - Point Whitney

Spanky hopes that everyone will be packing up their dive gear for a trek to the west side of the Sound for a dive at Point Whitney. We will meet at **100 PM** on **Saturday, Octoboo 5** and will enter the water at **2:00 PM**. This dive site has an easy entry, plenty of parking, and restroom facilities. The dive is along an underwater pipeline that usually includes several **GPO** dens. We usually see lots of rockfish, ling cod, plumose anemones, and nudibranchs. Be sure to bring your **Washington Discover Pass**. It is NOT possible to purchase one at the dive site. After the dive we will head north to Quillbilly's in Quilcene for a late lunch/early dinner.

## Dive/Camp Weekend Report

Spanky is very glad to report that we had another very nice Dive/Camp Weekend in Horseshoe Bay, BC. We had 6 divers aboard the Sea Dragon charter for a couple of great pinnacle dives in Howe Sound. The weather was absolutely perfect and visibility was outstanding - about 60-80 feet. The food was excellent, as usual, with a taco bar the first night and a baked potato bar the second night. Several divers also did a shore dive at Whytecliff Park on Sunday morning. Diving in BC was really nice. Spanky saw his largest wolf eel ever on the first dive. We also saw some nice nudibranchs, lots of juvenile rockfish, and a **GPO** that almost grabbed **ESSDB** Dan. Spanky also saw

## 2024 GSNDAMBAA-at-a-Glance

10/03/2024	6:00 PM
	Club Meeting
10/05/2024	1:00 PM
	Club Dive at Pt. Whitney
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
02/06/2025	6:00 PM
	Club Meeting
03/06/2025	6:6:00 PM
	Club Meeting

his first ever red-banded rockfish. Special thanks to **ESSDBs** Shay and Kim for planning and executing this very nice Dive/Camp Weekend.

## EUP Underwater Pumpkin Carving

The tireless stewardship crew for the trails at Edmonds Underwater Park are again hosting an Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest. Spanky hopes that you will pack up your dive gear, a carving knife, and, of course, a pumpkin and head to the park for a fun event. Donations will be accepted to support improvements and maintenance of the trails. The contest will be held at **9:00 AM** on **Saturday, Octoboo 19**. There will be two judging categories - Scariest and Funniest. Rules will be reviewed prior to entering the water. All divers must buddy up, and all carving knives must be sheathed or safely bagged to and from the carving site. As usual, the pumpkin judges will be school-aged kids recruited at the park. Prizes for winning pumpkins have been donated by Underwater Sports. Finally, for those familiar with the park, it would be wise to arrive early to stake out a parking

space. Bring a pumpkin.

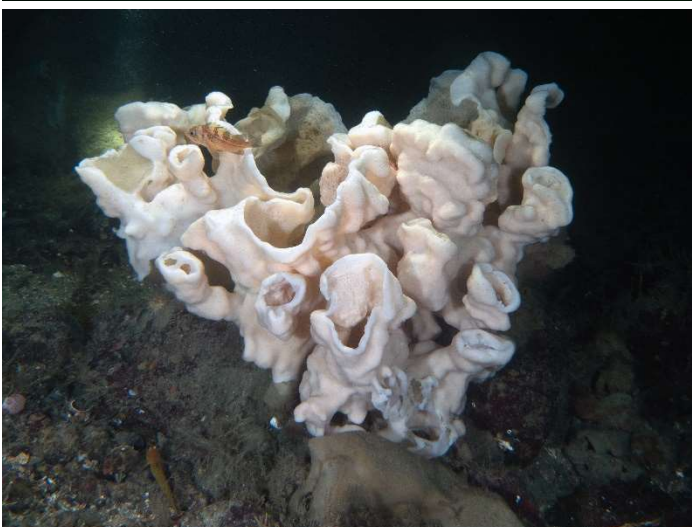
## Cool-?-of the Month Section

### Cool-Web-Article-of-the-Month

Spanky found a nice little cool web article that includes a cool web video showing octopuses hunting in the Red Sea with cooperation from fish. Apparently the octopus can be an exacting boss, as evidenced by his periodic punching of fish that apparently are malingering. You can read the brief article and watch the video by clicking on [Octopus](#).

### Cool-Photos-of-the-Month:

We have lots of photos from our Dive/Camp weekend in Horseshoe Bay. The first photo was taken by ESSDB Dan during one of the boat dives (ESSDB Larry posed for the shot). The rest of the photos were taken by ESSDB Larry. The second is a large cloud sponge, then a feather star, a beautiful striped sea star, and the last a red irish lord. Very nice diving in Howe Sound.



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