

the staggering starfish

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

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"Puget Sound - Where Every Dive is a Night Dive"



September Club Meeting

Due to left over enthusiasm from the August Club Meeting, we will be having the September Club Meeting as early as possible in the month. So join us on the 1st at 6:00 at Underwater Sports of Edmonds. At the top o' the agenda is the planning of the November Club Dive and the December Club Dives. We will also discuss the plans for the Club Cookie Dive in Octoboooo. We will also start the discussion on what time to start the Club Holiday Party. After that we will select a local restaurant upon which to bestow our presence and then we shall bestow our presence.

September Club Dive at SWSP

Heading south once again for a dive at Salt Water State Park in Des Moines on the 10th. This site has a very easy entry and facilities. There is a severely deteriorated barge off the main beach that was sunk in the '70s and a trail of tire reefs to the north. There is a veritable plethora of marine life around the barge. It was on the barge where Spanky saw the most perfect Frosted Nudibranch. The last time we did this site we took a tour of the tire reef and saw some large ling cod guarding egg masses as well as a huge lemon peel nudibranch. Entry time for this somewhat current sensitive site is 1:15 so please arrive at 12:15. For more information:

http://www.shorediving.com/Earth/USA_West/Washington/Salt_Water/index.htm

After the dive we will head to Vince's Italian Ristorante in Burien for lunch and a little vino.

Directions to Salt Water State Park:

Take I-5 to exit 149.

Take SR 516 West.

In about 2 miles go South on Marine View Drive.

The park will be about a mile down the road on your right.

Once in the park, drive down to the water.

2016-GSNDAMBAA-at-a-Glance

9/1/16 (Thursday) 6:00 PM

Club meeting at Edmonds Underwater Sport

9/10/16 (Saturday) 12:15 PM

Club Dive at Saltwater State Park

9/18-23/16

Club Dive Trip to God's Pocket

9/23-24/16

Historical Diving Society Conference in Tacoma

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

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

August Club Dive and Camp Report

Having to find a new destination due to the filming of a movie at Fort Worden, WSSDB Steve stepped up and offered use of the family cabin on Hood Canal. We have "camped" there before and has always been a great time. For the diving portion of the weekend we headed up the canal to Hoodsport to dive Sund Rock. This is a great site with an easy entry, short swim and good parking. Visibility for the 1st 20 feet was abysmal. Once we hit the thermocline and the temperature dropped 14 degrees, the visibility opened up to a respectful (for Puget Sound) 19 feet. One of the great things about Sund Rock is the wolf eels. We found four of them almost right after hitting the bottom, including an old male that looked just like one of the Hecklers on the Muppet Show. Further down the wall there were a couple of more wolf eels. We also saw a large octopus and a number of squat lobsters. The highlight of the weekend came Sunday morning when Steve made Swedish pancakes. Great thanks go to Sue and Brook for letting us intrude upon their summer vacation at the cabin.

Cool-?-of-the-Month Section

Cool-Sightings-of-the-Month:

Jim and Carol diving off Duck Key in Florida: "We saw a really cool yellow ray. The coolest sighting of the trip was a manatee swimming under the boat dock. We weren't diving, but we were still wet from diving - does that count?." (Yes)

Bart at the August Club Dive: "Christy in a dry suit!"

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

OMG! Is this the cutest squid EVER!

<http://www.csmonitor.com/Science/2016/0816/Nautilus-spots-cartoonish-sea-creature>

Why bother with a dry suit when you can make your own submarine out of a kayak?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uimEMplkf34>

A robot that maneuvers through the water like an eel.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h-6FbxjNsQU>

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

Article about the Historical Diving Society conference to be held in Tacoma September 23-24.

<http://flippubs.net/publication/?i=326537&p=28>

Cool-Photos-Of-The-Month:

Three pictures taken by ESSDB Larry at the club dive at Sund Rock. The first is the Hecklers from the Muppet Show. The second is the very rare Infinity Eel. The last is a couple of squat lobsters trying to act tough.



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The deadline for items to be included in the Scariest! Issue is Friday, September 16.