

the staggering starfish

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

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September Club Meeting

Our September club meeting will be held at the home of ESSDB Jim at **6:00 PM** on **Thursday, September 1**. We will also host a Zoom meeting for those who chose not to meet in person. If you wish to attend via Zoom and do not normally receive a Zoom invitation, please send an email request to gsndambaa@hotmail.com no later than **12:00 noon** on **September 1**. Agenda items for our September meeting include planning our November club dive and, hopefully, the first annual report on our efforts to create a new club tee shirt. Spanky is no longer sure who had volunteered to serve on the select committee tasked with our new club tee shirt. The final order of business, which will be addressed after the Zoom attendees sign off, will be to select an Edmonds eatery for the post-meeting meal.

October Club Dive, Possession Pt.

For our October club dive we have selected a site that is new to most of our members. We will be traveling to the southern tip of Whidbey Island to do a dive at the Possession Point Fingers. Our meeting time for this dive is **1:30 PM** on **Saturday, October 1**. This is a current-sensitive site and we need to make special arrangements to obtain access to the beach, so please plan to be on time. This dive is in a State Park, so remember to bring your **Discover Pass**. Parking is also limited. Depending on how many divers will be going, we may need to shuttle gear between the upper and lower parking areas. If you plan on doing this dive, **please RSVP** to Spanky via email **no later than September 24**. We hope to spot some GPO's as well as lots of rockfish, greenlings, and ling cod. After the dive we will go to the Village Pizzeria in Langley for dinner.

Directions to Possession Point Fingers:

You can enter Possession Point Dive Site into Google Maps and have it plot your route.
From the Clinton Ferry Terminal:
Head west on Hwy 525. At about 1.5 miles turn left onto Deer Lake Road.
At about 3.2 miles, turn left onto Cultus Bay Rd.
After about 2.1 miles, Cultus Bay Rd. turns to the right but you need to continue straight onto Possession Rd.

2022-GSNDAMBAA-at-a-Glance

09/01/2022 6:00 PM

Club Meeting, ESSDB Jim's House

09/16-18/2022

Dive/Camp Weekend

10/01/2022 1:30 PM

Club Dive at Possession Point Fingers

10/06/2022 6:00 PM

Club Meeting, ESSDB Jim's House

11/03/2022 6:00 PM

Club Meeting, ESSDB Jim's House

12/03/2022 11:15 AM

Club Dive at Edmonds Underwater Park

12/03/2022 4:00 PM

Club Holiday Party at ESSDB Jim's House

Follow Possession Rd. for about 2 miles and take a right turn onto Franklin Rd. Take Franklin to its end and park in the narrow parking area. A few cars will be able to drive to the lower parking area for the dive.

From the north end of Whidbey Island, take 525 south and turn right onto Cultus Bay Rd. Follow the above directions after passing Deer Lake Road.

August Club Dive Report

Our August club dive at Redondo had a good turnout. We had very pleasant weather for this summer dive but it was a challenge to park with all the other divers there that morning. Visibility was decent for a summer dive - about 15-20 feet once we got below about 40 feet. While we did not get to the remains of the sunken Volkswagen, we did find several different nudibranchs, a couple red octopuses, and a very small wolf eel.

Bonus September Club Dive

We will be doing a bonus dive at Point Hudson on **Saturday, September 3**. Spanky knows this is during the Labor Day weekend, but this may be the last chance to dive at this site. We will meet early, at **8:30 AM** for a splash time of **9:30 AM**. After the dive we can walk into town or head over to Doc's Marina Grill for some lunch. Parking may be tight due to the holiday weekend, so it would be good to carpool if you can.

Those who like can do a second dive in the afternoon (should splash no later than about 2:00 PM).

Save-The-Date

Our annual **Holiday Party** has been scheduled for **Saturday, December 3 at 3:00 PM**, so please add this date to your holiday calendar and plan on joining us. ESSDB Jim has again agreed to host the party at his home in Edmonds.

Cool-?-of the Month Section

Cool-Web-Articles-Of-The-Month:

This month Spanky found an interesting, but still cool, article about marine fairy circles. These are circular patterns of seaweed in the marine environment and are similar to terrestrial fairy circles which have been extensively studied by scientists. You can probably learn more than you want to know about seaweed fairy circles by clicking on [seaweed fairy circles](#).

Spanky's second article is about using a dolphin-mounted underwater camera to learn about how dolphins hunt and consume their prey. It also documents for the first time that a bottlenose dolphin caught and consumed 8 venomous sea snakes. The whole story, and an explanation as to why dolphins may be considered arseholes is available by clicking [here](#).

Cool-Photos-Of-The-Month:

For the second issue in a row, Spanky has selected 4 photos for the Newsletter! This month's photos were taken by our official Club Photographer, ESSDB Larry during our August club dive at Redondo. We have a penpoint gunnel, a red octopus, a very small juvenile wolf eel, and a painted greenling.



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The deadline for items to be included in the **Octoboo 2022 Issue** is **Friday, September 23**.