

# the staggering starfish

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

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## September Club Meeting

The September club meeting is scheduled for shortly after the Labor Day Holiday. Spanky hopes that everyone has a safe and pleasant holiday and that they will be rested for an eventful meeting. We will meet at **6:00 PM on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**. As has become customary, 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 September agenda will include planning our December Bonus and our January (assuming someone has a 2025 tide chart) club dives and final planning for our Dive/Camp Weekend. If time allows, we will also continue discussion for a future club dive trip.

## Dive/Camp Wknd: Horseshoe Bay

Spanky is sure everyone is glad that September has finally arrived for our Dive/Camp Weekend! We will soon be driving North for a weekend of diving, feasting, and camaraderie in Canada. We will meet at Horseshoe Bay the evening of Friday, September 20. We have a couple boat dives scheduled for Saturday, and several divers plan on doing a shore dive on Sunday before heading home. Several of us will be staying at a house where we can gather and eat some great food. Thanks to ESSDBs Shay and Kim for pulling this together.

## August Club Dive Report

A small group of divers and shore support made it to Mukilteo to chase some crabs and cook them up. The day was unexpectedly cool in the morning, which made gearing up comfortable. The crab hunt was successful - enough crabs were collected for all to have a good lunch after the dive in the warm sunny afternoon. Visibility was also unexpectedly good for a summer dive. ESSDB Steve got skunked for crabs, but he did find an abandoned crab ring that he passed on to a nearby boater after the dive.

## 2024 GSNDAMBAA-at-a-Glance

09/05/2024	6:00 PM
	Club Meeting
09/20-22/2024	
	International Dive/Camp Weekend at Horseshoe Bay
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

## Cool-?-of the Month Section

### Cool-Web-Articles-of-the-Month

We found a cool web article about a large seamount that has recently been mapped by the Schmidt Ocean Institute. The seamount is located in international waters off the coast of Chile. It rises about 1.9 miles tall and is located in an underwater mountain range that includes a high level of biodiversity and some weird critters. They caught photos of a rare deep water octopus, a rare squid, and even a flying spaghetti monster (actually a siphonophore). Read the article by clicking on [Seamount](#).

### Cool-Web-Videos-of-the-Month

Our first cool web video is a short TED talk about cephalopods that was done several years ago. Spanky apologizes if you have seen this before, but it is a really cool video. Watch it by clicking on [cephalopods](#).

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

Since we are headed to BC this month, Spanky asked ESSDB Larry to dig into his photo archives for some Canadian pictures. These photos were taken at God's Pocket. The first is a basket star, and the second is a sculpin and a pygmy red rock crab. In the next column we had a dendronotus and a limpet, a juvenile Puget Sound king crab, and a collage with a couple nudibranchs, a barnacle, and several other critters.



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