

the staggering starfish

the official newsletter of the GSNDAMBAA SCUBA Diving Club

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Club Meeting

The April club meeting will again be held in-person at the Edmonds Public Library at **6:00 PM** on **Thursday, April 3**. If you cannot attend in-person, Spanky will send an email invitation for Google Meet prior to the meeting. If you do not normally receive these invitations, you may request one by sending an email to Spanky prior to noon on **April 3**. Our meeting agenda includes planning our club dive for July and continued planning for our **2025 Dive/Camp Weekend**. We will close the meeting after we select an eating establishment for our post-meeting meal.

April Club Dive – Point Hudson

Our April club dive will be on the Quimper Peninsula, at Point Hudson, in Port Townsend. We will meet at the NE end of the Maritime Center bright and early at **8:30 AM** on **Sunday, April 6**. As Spanky is sure everyone knows, this is a current sensitive site, so please plan on arriving on time so we can be ready for the planned entry time of **9:30 AM**. This is an excellent dive site that was extensively changed by construction of the nearby pier and jetties for the Marina. As part of the project, a new rock reef was created between the WWII dolphin and the new pier. This dive will give us a chance to survey the new rock reef. After the dive we will select a location for lunch and perhaps a beer.

Directions to Point Hudson:

Drive into Port Townsend on Highway 20. You can follow the signs to the ferry. The highway becomes Sims Way and changes name to Water Street when you reach the waterfront. Continue past the ferry dock on Water Street. When you get past most of the buildings you will see a park to your right. At Monroe St., you will see the Maritime Center to your right and the Swan Hotel to your left. Continue past Monroe St. and park near the Maritime Center, northeast of Monroe Street. Parking can be an issue, particularly if the rowers are active. If you have an EV, there is a free charger at the end of the street. You can also enter Point Hudson Scuba Dive Site into Google Maps.

2025 GSNDAMBAA-at-a-Glance

04/03/2025	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, Edmonds Public Library
04/06/2025	8:30 AM	Club Dive at Point Hudson
05/01/2025	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, Virtual
05/04/2025	9:00 AM	Club Dive at Les Davis
06/01/2025	9:00 AM	Club Dive at Redondo
06/05/2025	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, Edmonds Public Library
07/03/2025	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, Edmonds Public Library
8/02/2025	9:30 AM	Club Dive at Deception Pass
10/26/2025	Time TBD	Club Dive at Possession Point Fingers
11/06/2025	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, Edmonds Public Library

March Dive Report

It was a breezy morning at Mukilteo, but whitecaps had not yet formed as 4 divers prepared for the dive. After entering, they passed by several dive classes working on skills and descended to the geodome, then headed north following the lines to other structures. Visibility was good, and there were lots of large Dungeness crabs on morning walks. A full-grown moon snail was also observed. The sunken logs were noted to have greatly decayed since the club's last dive. The divers headed back to the geodome where they found the goose statue, still suffering from an excess of anemones growing on its face, and ascended to safety stop depth, where a baby moon snail with a 1" shell, and a stubby squid were seen. The divers enjoyed throwing peanut shells on the floor and the fare at Diamond Knot Brewing after the dive.

Limerick Challenge Results

Our 36th annual Limerick Challenge was once again a success, although we had limited entries this year. Spanky would like to thank the contributing authors for keeping the limericks publishable without redacting anything. Our winner contributor this year was ESSDB Margaret. She already ate her free meal, but is still waiting for Spanky to pay up.

The winning limerick goes like this:

There once was a dive club so fine,
And some of the limericks were written on time!
These divers could rhyme,
But the rhymes were slime,
And the dinner cost only a dime!

The runner-up (and the only other limerick contributed) was written by ESSDB Steve and it goes like this:

I forgot it was the night of the limerick.
Time to rhyme like a goofy Nick!
It's hard to be boring,
While everyone's snoring,
And planning the June diving fairly quick.

Our non-limerick entry was a Haiku contributed by ESSDB Kim. Her poem is titled Haiku for a Jellyfish:

Scary jellyfish,
Appears in front of my face.
I didn't see you!

Cool-?-of the Month Section Cool-Web-Video-of-the-Month

This month's Cool Web Video is actually one of the coolest videos Spanky has seen. Some researchers from New Zealand were out on a cruise when they saw an unusual Shortfin Mako Shark swimming nearby. It seems that the shark may have been running a Lyft service. You can watch it (and read a brief article) by clicking on [Uber Shark](#).

Cool-Photos-of-the-Month:

ESSDB Larry selected some photos taken at the Mukilteo Tee Dock from his photo library for this month's newsletter. The first is a tiny octopus in a broken bottleneck. The middle photo is a Rhinoceros Crab at the Geodome. The last photo is of Spanky's favorite fish, the Grunt Sculpin resting in a clam shell.



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