

# the staggering starfish

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

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## Club Meeting In Person & On Line

You have your choice of attending the April meeting in person at the **Edmonds Public Library** or on-line via **Google Meet** with the info that was sent out with the newsletter announcement email. Meeting starts at **6:00** on **Thursday** the **2<sup>nd</sup>**. The agenda includes planning the June Club Dive, an update on the Dive/Camp Weekend and selecting the post-meeting dinner spot. If you are not on the email distribution list and would like to be added, send Spanky an email at [gsndambaa@hotmail.com](mailto:gsndambaa@hotmail.com).

## April Dive at Triton Cove

No fooling! The club is diving a new site for the April dive on the **11<sup>th</sup>**! Triton Cove is a small state park on Hood Canal. Most of the structure at the site is between 40' and 50'. Ratfish, rockfish, midshipmen, sculpin, nudibranchs, wolf eels, and octopus have been seen at this site. There should be ample parking and there are restrooms (port-a-potties). Gathering time is **10:00 AM** with a splash time planned for 11:00 AM. There is a boat launch at the park so bring a **dive flag** if you have one. This is a state park, so bring your **Discover Pass**. After the dive we will head to the Halfway House in Brinnon for the post-dive meal. Park website: [Triton Cove State Park | Washington State Parks](http://TritonCoveStatePark.com)

Website with a dive report: [Pacific Northwest Scuba Divers | a nice dive at Triton Cove State Park on Hood canal today | Facebook](http://PacificNorthwestScubaDivers.com)

### Directions to Triton Cove:

Use your favorite route to get to Highway 101 on the west side of Hood Canal towards Duckabush.

If you are coming from the north, The park will be on your left just south of mile marker 314.

If you are coming from the south, the park will be on your right, north of mile marker 315, almost to 314.

Or tell your favorite GPS app to direct you to Triton Cove State Park.

## 2026 GSNDAMBAA-at-a-Glance

04/02/2026	6:00 PM	Club meeting at Edmonds Public Library & Google Meet
04/11/2026	10:00 AM	Club dive at Triton Cove
05/07/2026	6:00 PM	Club meeting, Google Meet Only
05/09/2026	9:00 AM	Club Dive at Redondo
06/04/2026	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, Google Meet & Edmonds Library?
07/02/2026	6:00 PM	Club meeting, Edmonds Public Library? & Google Meet

## Spanky's Limerick Challenge Results

The hotly contested 2026 Spanky's Limerick Challenge was won by Kim with this limerick:

I set up my gear to go diving  
But gremlins in my reg were conniving  
The loud hissing sound  
And bubbles abound  
Keep the dive shop repair business thriving

Kim wins a free meal the next time she and Spanky are in the same place at the same time.

The second-place limerick was not provided by press time.

Kim also presented a Haiku for A Windy Day:

Waves crash on the shore  
Fish and water beckon me  
Too rough for diving

## March Club Dive Report

Despite snowy conditions the day before, the morning dawned clear and sunny for diving at Day Island Wall. Two divers entered the water and discovered that the crack planning team lived up to

their name. There was just a slight current as they swam out to the wall, finding a large red octopus sleeping on a rock along the way. The wall appeared just as expected, and highlights included painted greenlings, many small fuzzy crabs, some rockfish, and two wolf eels hanging out in their holes. The divers returned to the beach and the two-and-four-legged friends there, before packing up and reconvening at Boathouse 19 for good food and lively conversation. Spanky suggests keeping this dive site on the radar and returning there before another two years have gone by.



## Cool-?-of the Month Section

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

Jellyfish, anemone and possibly other cnidarians, sleep like humans even though they do not have a brain.

[Jellyfish sleep a lot like us—and for the same reasons | Science | AAAS](#)

### Cool-Web-Sites-of-the-Month:

Consumer Product Safety Commission website that lists product recalls. There are several recalls of diving equipment. Search for "SCUBA" and "diving" to see relevant recalls. Searches can also be done by using the manufacturer's name.

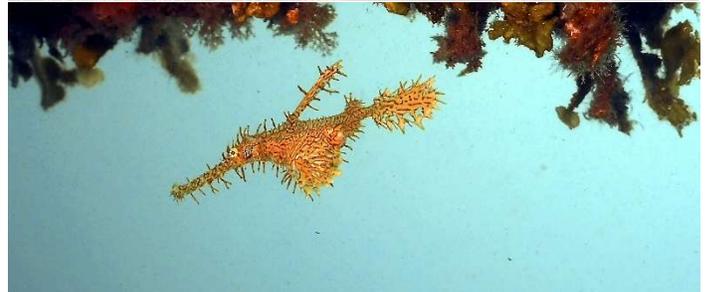
[Recalls & Product Safety Warnings | CPSC.gov](#)

This is a web-based identification tool for nudibranchs using photographs. It also has photos of nudibranchs, flatworms, sea cucumbers, snails, and other non-fish sea creatures. Really great pictures. It also has a page on cameras to help people pick what camera to buy.

[Nudi Pixel: Nudibranch and Sea Slug Identification with Photographs](#)

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

The first three pictures were taken by ESSDB Dan during his recent trip to Dumaguete in the Philippines. The 1<sup>st</sup> is a Blue Ring Octopus. The 2<sup>nd</sup> is a Clown Frog Fish and the 3<sup>rd</sup> is an Orange Ghost Pipe Fish. The last picture is a Red Octopus from a video taken by SSDB Brandon on the Day Island Club Dive.



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