

# the staggering starfish

the official newsletter of the GSNDAMBAA SCUBA Diving Club

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## December Club Meeting

Spanky is sure that new members will be totally surprised, but there will be NO club meeting in December, in keeping with a long-standing club tradition. Instead, we will be holding our annual **Club Holiday Party** on **Saturday, December 13** at **2:00 PM**. The party will again be hosted by ESSDBs DeeAnn and Steve at their home near Mount Vernon. Our regular club meetings, which are held on the first **Thursday** of each month, will resume on **January 8** at **6:00 PM**. We hope to be able to meet in person at the Edmonds Public Library and will also meet virtually via Google Meet.

## December Club Dive - EUP

We are returning to the **Edmonds Underwater Park** for our December club dive. This will be a dusk/night dive on **December 6**, with a meeting time of **3:30 PM** and an entry time of **4:30 PM**. For the second year in a row we plan to visit Passages, where we placed the ashes of long-time club member and EUP steward, Jim Middleton. We also plan to visit other parts of the park (as time allows) and enjoy the underwater nightlife. After the dive we will head down the beach to Anthony's Beach Café for dinner. Also, Spanky hopes to see you at the **December Bonus Dive** at **Redondo** on **December 28**.

### Directions to Brackett's Landing:

Take I-5 to exit 177.

Head west on SR 104.

Follow the signs towards the ferry, but don't enter the ferry lanes. Go past the ferry booths and continue until you reach the traffic lights at Main Street.

Take a left.

Cross the train tracks and take an immediate right into the parking lot, north of the ferry ramp.

Once in the lot, find a convenient place to park.

## November Dive Report

Spanky and all the divers were amazed that we had picked such a beautiful November day for our club dive at Keystone. Although there was a small craft advisory issued, the dive site had very little chop. Special thanks to ESSDB Steve for selecting a perfect

## 2025 GSNDAMBAA-at-a-Glance

12/06/2025	3:30 PM	Club Dive at Edmonds EUP
12/13/2025	2:00 PM	Holiday Party at ESSDBs Steve & DeeAnn's
12/28/2025	9:30 AM	Club Bonus Dive at Redondo
01/08/2026	6:00 PM	Club meeting, Edmonds Public Library
01/18/2026	10:00 AM	Club dive at Saltwater State Park
02/05/2026	6:00 PM	Club meeting, Edmonds Public Library
02/28/2026	10:00 AM	Club dive at Norander's Reef
03/05/2026	6:00 PM	Club meeting, Edmonds Public Library
03/14/2026	12:00 PM	Club dive at Day Island Wall

entry time for this site - we had very little current. Spanky was also pleasantly surprised to find that there were no other divers present when we entered the water. Visibility was an acceptable 15 feet or so. All 5 club divers found abundant underwater life. Spanky counted 3 very large GPOs, 5 different nudibranch species, several large ling cod, and a boatload of highly decorated crabs. We were also visited by a somewhat strange diver who took photos of us during the dive. A pleasant dive was enjoyed by all.

## Holiday Party

Spanky hopes that everyone has our 2025 Holiday Party entered into your calendar for December so that you don't forget to come. We hope that you (and your significant others) can join us again this year for an afternoon of camaraderie and conversation. Our Holiday Party will be held at the Mount Vernon home of ESSDBs DeeAnn and Steve on **Saturday, December 13** at **2:00 PM**. Please RSVP sending an email to Spanky at [gsndambaa@hotmail.com](mailto:gsndambaa@hotmail.com)

by **December 10<sup>th</sup>** with the number attending and any diet restrictions. Directions to the party will be emailed back to you sometime before the party.

**Holiday Sustenance:** Our dinner will again be provided free for \*CURRENT\* members. For the modest membership fee of five dollars (\$5) U.S. per person, you will get dinner and an annual club membership. Membership forms might be available on-site for new members, and your five-bucks-cause-I'm-a-non-member fee can be applied directly and immediately toward your it's-free-cause-I'm-a-current-member Holiday dinner. Spanky might surprise us with his culinary selections for our dinner, but it is more likely that anyone who has attended before will not be surprised. We can be sure that he will put something together from the money he gets from all those dues. The club will not be providing beer, wine, or soft drinks, so bring whatever you want. Also plan on bringing an appetizer or dessert to share with everyone. Spanky hopes that chocolate chip cookies and pico de gallo will find their way to the party.

**The Pirate Gift Exchange:** Participation in The Pirate Gift Exchange (PGE) necessitates bringing along a gift valued at about \$30. It does not need to be diving (or pirate) related. The PGE is most fun if there are lots of PGE gifts that people want to pirate. So help peg the fun meter by skipping the white elephant gifts. If you disregard these instructions and actually bring that lame gift that you got at last year's office Christmas party or a gift that no one would pirate if it was the last gift on earth, you will be assigned responsibility for writing the 2026-2030 newsletters.

## **Club Tee Shirts**

The Tee Shirt Committee has completed work on new club Tee Shirts and it is now time for everyone to pony up and purchase them. Special thanks to ESSDBs Kim and Shay for persevering and putting this all together. Spanky really likes the new logo for the shirts.

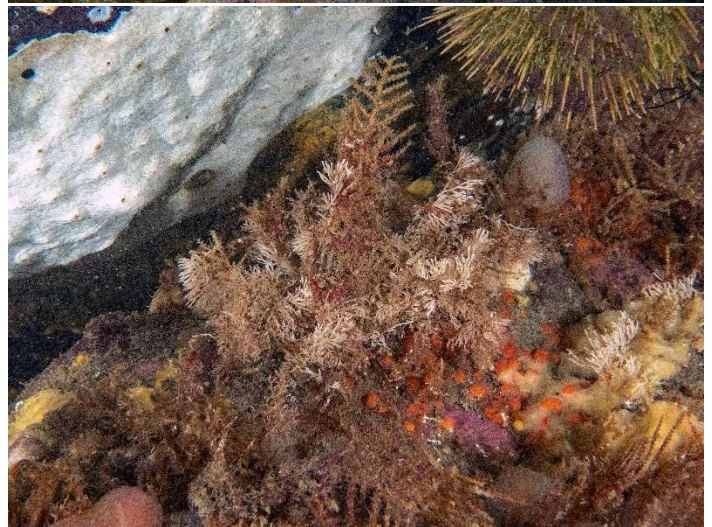
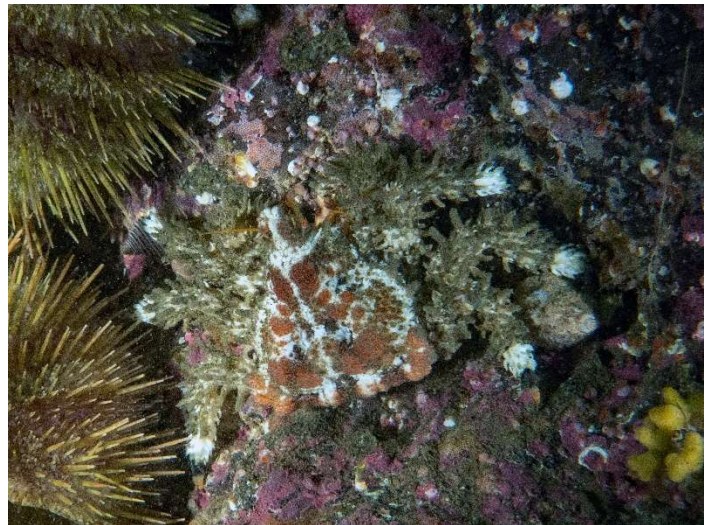
ESSDB Kim has volunteered to handle ordering and distribution of the shirts. She sent an email with ordering instructions on November 22. Your orders (including payment) for the first new club shirts in over 20 years are due no later than **Friday, December 19**. If you come to the Holiday Party, you can deliver your order form (and payment) in person! A copy of the order form will be attached to the email with this month's

newsletter. Printing of the shirts should be completed late in January and distribution should be during February.

## **Cool-?-of the Month Section**

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

Spanky selected a couple crab photos taken by ESSDB Larry at the November club dive at the Keystone Jetty. The first photo is a Heart Crab clinging to one of the boulders in the jetty. The second photo is one of the well disguised decorator crabs we saw. Spanky could not identify the crab species, as it was very well disguised.



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Please send items for the January issue by **Friday, December 26**.