

the staggering starfish

the official newsletter of the GSNDAMBAA SCUBA Diving Club

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June Club Meeting

The June club meeting will be held at the usual time of **6:00 PM** on the first **Thursday** of the month, **June 5**. We will meet at the Edmonds Public Library and the meeting will be available virtually via Google Meet. Spanky will send an email invitation to regular attendees prior to the meeting. If you do not receive an invite and want to attend, please send an email to Spanky at gsndambaa@hotmail.com prior to noon on the day of the meeting. Our meeting agenda includes planning for our November club dive and our annual Dive/Camp Weekend at Hoodspout. Our last agenda item will be to democratically select a restaurant for our post-meeting repast.

June Club Dive - Redondo

Spanky found that weekend tides for the month of June were not conducive for diving at any of our current-sensitive sites. Therefore, we decided to return to a well-known dive site that is good for diving under almost all circumstances. We will meet at **Redondo** at **9:00 AM on Sunday, June 1**. Our entry time will be **10:00 AM**. This site is familiar to most club members. It is common to find wolf eels, gunnels, red octopuses, and GPOs. It is also known for the occasional sixgill shark. After the dive we will reconvene at Jimmy Mac's Roadhouse for some lunch.

Directions to Redondo:

Take I 5 to Exit 147 and head west on S 272nd St. After about a mile the road curves left and then becomes Marine View Dr. Continue winding down the hill (road will change to 10th and then 281st). At the waterfront, veer left on Beach Drive and proceed to the 3-way stop just past Salty's. Turn left and park along the street for free or in the pay lot to your right. Entry for the dive is across the street from the northwest corner of the parking lot. Alternatively, you can tell Google Maps to guide you to Redondo Park Beach, Fishing Pier, and Boat Launch.

2025 GSNDAMBAA-at-a-Glance

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
07/19/2025	10:00 AM	Club Dive at Point Whitney
08/02/2025	9:30 AM	Club Dive at Deception Pass
08/07/2025	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, Edmonds Public Library
09/04/2025	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, Edmonds Public Library
09/26 - 28/2025		Dive/Camp Weekend at Richard's Place
10/02/2025	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, Edmonds Public Library
10/25/2025	11:30 AM	Club Dive at Possession Point Fingers
12/13/2025	Time TBD	Holiday Party at ESSDBs Steve & DeeAnn's

May Dive Report

May Dive Report It was Cinco De Mayo Eve and a beautiful day for a dive, and the Tacoma Marathon. After being detoured through Old Town Tacoma, we arrived at Les Davis for the dive. There was little wind to disturb the surface and it was a nice swim out to where we decided to drop. Due to Spanky's excellent navigation, we dropped almost on top of the 1st set of cement slabs and started checking them out. Visibility was really good, easily better than 30 feet and no current. There was a wolf eel just hanging out on the bottom, not in a hole and not swimming, a sighting that was a first for us. We saw a number of nice nudibranchs, 6 different species (don't ask me to name them), some ling cod, flounder, shrimp, clams, moon snails, perch and many rockfish. Unfortunately, there were no octopuses,

buffalo sculpin, or seahorse sightings. The office chair at 70 feet is no longer there. During the swim back to shore, a fish grabbed one of the lures that a diver was carrying after finding it on the dive. Imagine its disappointment! All in all, a very nice dive.

Save-the-Dates

Spanky would like to announce the dates selected for two of our most enjoyable club events. We will return to the Hoodsport vacation home of ESSDB Richard and Michelle for our **2025 Dive/Camp Weekend September 26-28**. We plan to do boat diving with YSS on Friday, and a couple of dives at Sund Rock on Saturday.

We have also selected **December 13** for our annual **Holiday Party**, which will again be held at the Mount Vernon home of ESSDBs Steve and DeeAnn.

Spanky hopes everyone will add these dates to their calendar and plan on joining us for some fun, camaraderie, and, of course, diving.

Cool-?-of the Month Section

Cool-Web-Video-of-the-Month

Our cool web video for this month was found by ESSDB Margaret. Several club members did a long flight to the Philippines for some cool diving in warm water. One of our dive sites was on the Dari Laut wreck that was teeming with life. The Dari Laut was a casino ship that was sunk as an artificial reef in the 1980s. This video shows a fairly recent dive on this wreck and shows a lot of what we all saw on our trip to Anilao. Watch it by clicking on [Dari Laut](#).

Cool-Photos-of-the-Month:

For this month's cool photos, Spanky asked ESSDB Larry to select a few shots taken at the recent excursion to Anilao in the Philippines. The first shot is a Hypselodoris iacula that was found on the first dive we did. The second shot is a Phyllidia coelestis flanked by a couple yellow sea cucumbers and a crinoid. The last photo is a Coconut Octopus showing the proper way to display two clam shell halves. We watched this octopus assemble the shells.



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Please send items for the July issue by Friday, June 20.