

the staggering starfish

the official newsletter of the GSNDAMBAA SCUBA Diving Club

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Club Meeting

The June meeting will be experienceable in person and on line. Choose your favorite way to experience the GSNDAMBAA and join us at the Edmonds Public or via Google Meet. Google Meet information is included in the email that announced the publication of this newsletter. The meeting will convene promptly at **6:00 PM** on **Thursday, June 4**. Our agenda for June includes planning the August Club Dive, an update on the Dive/Camp Weekend, and discussion on the Loreto MX dive trip. The last item on the agenda will be to select where to go for dinner. If you are not on the email distribution list and somehow came across this amazing newsletter and would still like to be added, send Spanky an email at gsndambaa@hotmail.com.

June Club Dive at Alki Junkyard

We will be doing a West Seattle dive this month. The club will head over to West Seattle for a dive at the Alki Junkyard. It's been a couple years since we have done this site. We plan to meet on **Saturday, June 13** at **11:00 AM** for an entry time of noon. This is an interesting dive site with an easy entry and we usually get to see some interesting marine life. As the name suggests, there is lots of junk which provides habitat for a variety of critters. We commonly see gunnels, wolf eels, sea pens, nudibranchs, and we may even see some sea spiders. Following the dive, we will head up the hill to Talarico's for some pizza.

Directions to the Alki Junkyard:

Take the West Seattle bridge to the Harbor Ave. SW exit. Follow Harbor Ave SW past Alki Coves 1, 2 and 3, and past the boat ramp. The road will turn into Alki Ave SW and you will pass by Alki Beach. Continue until you pass 64th Ave SW and park along the road wherever you can find parking. You want to enter the water at the very last staircase at the end of the sea wall, just before the residential homes start.

2026 GSNDAMBAA-at-a-Glance

06/04/2026	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, Edmonds Public Library & Google Meet
06/13/2026	11:00 AM	Club Dive at the Alki Junkyard
07/02/2026	6:00 PM	Club meeting, Edmonds Public Library(?) & Google Meet
07/18/2026	9:00 AM	Club Dive at Les Davis
08/06/2026	6:00 PM	Club meeting, Edmonds Public Library(?) & Google Meet
09/03/2026	6:00 PM	Club meeting, Edmonds Public Library(?) & Google Meet

May Club Dive Report

The club gathered on a bright, sunny morning to do our May club dive at a very familiar site, Redondo. ESSDBs Margaret and Larry were there to do their last cold-water dive. We had a very low tide, which allowed us to walk most of the way to the end of the MAST pier. We dropped in the usual place, at the end of the pier. Visibility was just OK, at around 15 feet. Margaret and Larry headed out to the carousel boat where they placed the commemorative plate prepared by former ESSDB Bart into the boat. We had a nice dive - saw a bunch of White Line Dironas, a Crescent Gunnel, lots of sea stars and a variety of sea cucumbers. After the dive we walked over to Wootton Park and had a pleasant picnic lunch.

Club Merch

Spanky has decided to extend the T-shirt/sweatshirt deadline to the June 4th meeting. If you missed out on the initial ordering or decided you need to further extend your wardrobe, please send an email to gsndambaa@hotmail.com or express your desires at the meeting. (Only desires related to club garb please.)

In regards to the Club Stickers, it was decided at the May post-dive lunch that the club would buy a bunch of stickers and then sell them to whomever would like one.

Cool-?-of the Month Section

Cool-Sighting-of-the-Month:

Larry at the May Club Dive: Lots of sea stars!

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

A golf-ball-sized octopus was discovered near the Galapagos. You are not likely to see it on a sport dive as it was found at a depth of more than 5000 feet. You can view a couple of pictures [here](#). A write up on the new species can be read [here](#).

An article about the Edmonds Underwater Park on the HeraldNet news site can be found [here](#). The article includes a picture of Bruce Higgins and some history on how he became involved with the park, oh those many years ago (nearly 50),

Cool-Web-Video-of-the-Month:

This is a somewhat disturbing video of a [sea snake swallowing a moray eel](#). Spanky was completely unaware that a sea snake could open its mouth so wide.

Cool-Photos-of-the-Month:

This month's cool photos are from the May Club Dive at Redondo and were provided by ESSDB Larry. The first is an adorable hermit crab. The second is of the plate that recognizes Larry's and Margaret's retirement from cold water diving, that was left at the carousel boat. The last one is of a nice frosted nudibranch.



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Please send items for the July issue by **Sunday, June 21**.