

# the staggering starfish

the official newsletter of the GSNDAMBAA SCUBA Diving Club

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## Club Meeting

For our May club meeting we will only be virtual, as the Edmonds Library room was unavailable. Our meeting will convene at the usual time of **6:00 PM** on **Thursday, May 1**. Spanky will send an email invitation for Google Meet prior to the meeting to regular (and irregular) attendees. If you do not normally receive these invitations, you may request one by sending an email to Spanky prior to noon on **May 1**. Our meeting agenda includes finalizing plans for our July club dive, final planning for the **2025 Dive/Camp Weekend**, and reminding certain individuals that we need a splash time for our Octoboo dive. We will also select a date and begin planning for our annual Holiday Party.

## May Club Dive -Les Davis

We will return to the more southerly reaches of Puget Sound for our May club dive at Les Davis. Our meet time is **9:00 AM** on **Sunday, May 4** and we will splash at **10:00 AM**. This dive site is not current-sensitive, and it has a nice easy entry, but there is a bit of a walk from the parking area to the stairs leading to the beach. The site has an artificial reef constructed of concrete slabs and pilings that host a lot of life. We usually see lots of rockfish, and large ling cod. After the dive we will head to the Katie Downs Waterfront Tavern for lunch.

### Directions to Les Davis:

If you prefer to use Google Maps, set your destination for the Les Davis Fishing Pier. Otherwise, take I-5 to Exit 133 and follow I-705 North, toward the City Center.

Stay on I-705 for 1.9 miles and take the Pacific Ave. ramp to your left, toward Schuster Parkway.

Follow Schuster Parkway for 1.5 miles until you see a ramp to the left for N. Ruston Way.

Go left onto N. Ruston Way. Follow N. Ruston Way for about 1.4 miles to the entrance to the park to your right. The entrance is a short distance past the large red fire boat on your right. Park as close to the west end of the parking area (as far from the entrance) as you can.

## 2025 GSNDAMBAA-at-a-Glance

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	
08/07/2025	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	

## April Dive Report

Four divers, and some shore support, of both the two and four-legged varieties, gathered on a breezy morning in Port Townsend for our club dive at Point Hudson. The divers swam on the surface to the dolphin, then dropped right into the artificial reef that was created during rebuilding of the jetties. Lots of crabs, big and small, were present, including one masquerading quite successfully as red kelp. Also spotted were lemon dorids, alabaster nudibranchs, and a hooded nudibranch. A grunt sculpin sighting was the cherry-on-top. The divers also noted that there is a very healthy amount of kelp growing on the reef, especially since it is so young. The divers exited the water as both the wind and current picked up, and enjoyed a post dive meal and drink at the Salish Grill, formerly known as Doc's Marina Grill.

The divers would also like to note that the presence of ESSDBs Larry and Margaret were missed, and they agree that pickleball sounds like a very hazardous sport.

## Cool-?-of the Month Section

### Cool-Web-Article-of-the-Month

Spanky's first cool web article is mostly about the first live footage of a Colossal Squid. Researchers from the Schmidt Ocean Institute recently got footage at a depth of almost 2,000 feet. The observed squid was juvenile about 1 ft long - at maturity they are known to get to 23 feet in length and weigh 1,100 lb. The article includes a short video, and it describes photos of the first glacial glass squid ever observed in its natural environment. You can read it by clicking on [Colossal Squid](#).

### Cool-Web-Videos-of-the-Month

Spanky (with some assistance) found two cool web videos for this month's newsletter. The first was filmed by the SeaDoc Society, and it presents a very interesting story about a site in British Columbia that is critical for migratory sandpipers. The site has unique characteristics which make it a surprising and very important food source for migrating birds. The site may be impacted by the expansion of the oil terminal near Vancouver. Watch it by clicking on [Sandpipers](#).

Spanky's second video is short but beautiful. The Schmidt Ocean Institute made an amazing video of the seafloor and life along the subduction zone on the west coast of Chile. Watch it by clicking [here](#).

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

Spanky selected some archive photos taken at Point Hudson. We have an orange cucumber cleaning its food from a tentacle, a very orange Grunt Sculpin, and a Scalyhead Sculpin. The last photo is a Horned Nudibranch (*Hermissenda crassicornis*).



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