

# the staggering starfish

the official newsletter of the GSNDAMBA SCUBA Diving Club

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## November Club Meeting

Since the library was not available this month, our November club meeting will be held virtually, via Google Meet. We will meet at **6:00 PM** on **Thursday, November 6**. As usual, Spanky will email a Google Meet invitation to regular attendees prior to the meeting. If you are not a regular attendee and would like to something different this month, you may request an invitation by sending an email to Spanky at [gsndambaa@hotmail.com](mailto:gsndambaa@hotmail.com) prior to noon on **November 6**. The meeting agenda includes selecting a meet time for our February dive and planning our club dive for March of next year. Spanky hopes that we can also get an update from the Tee Shirt Committee.

## November Club Dive -Keystone

This month we are returning to Whidbey Island for one of the finest (and busiest) dive sites in Puget Sound - Keystone! The meet time for this dive is **Sunday, November 23 at 11:15 AM** for an entry time of **12:15 PM**. This is a current-sensitive site, so please plan on arriving on time so we can be ready to enter on time. We should see lots of life, including GPOs. There are showers and rinse water at the park, unless they have been shut down for the winter. If the weather is unusual, we may plan on bringing a grill and cooking some lunch on the beach after the dive. In the more likely event that it is raining, we will head to Callen's Restaurant near the ferry terminal for a late lunch. Be sure to bring your **Discover Pass** or purchase a day pass at the site.

### Directions to Keystone:

The dive site is located on Whidbey Island at the Keystone State Park, near the ferry terminal. You can either take the Mukilteo ferry to Whidbey Island or drive north to drive across the Deception Pass bridge and then proceed south on Hwy 20 and follow the signs to the Coupeville Ferry Terminal.

From the Whidbey Island ferry dock, proceed North on WA-525 for 22.1 miles to the intersection with WA-20/Wanamaker Rd. Turn left on WA-20 and proceed for

## 2025 GSNDAMBA-at-a-Glance

11/06/2025	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, Virtual via Google Meet
11/23/2023	11:15 AM	Club Dive at Keystone
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	Time TBD	Club dive at Norander's Reef

about 2 miles to the Keystone Spit Park, located across from Callen's Restaurant, just before the ferry terminal. From the Deception Pass bridge, proceed south on WA-20 past Coupeville and follow the signs to the ferry terminal. Keystone Spit park is just past the ferry terminal. Park as close to the water as you can.

## Octoboo Dive Report

Four divers gathered at Possession Point despite the unfavorable weather reports, and were pleased to find no rain and small wind waves that did not inhibit their ability to enter the water. They had, you might say, a 'stellar' dive, as both buddy groups were visited, investigated, and slightly intimidated by an adult sea lion for 15-20 minutes. Besides that, the Fingers had rockfish, anemones, and nudibranchs galore - one wall was observed with 7 different nudi species. A few ratfish were also spotted in visibility that was upwards of 40 feet. All 4 divers reported a very good selection of food and drinks at the Spy Hop in Langley where they convened for lunch after the dive. 10/10, would go back.

## Cool-?-of the Month Section

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

For this month, Spanky found a cool article about a recently discovered snailfish that was just determined to be a new species. The Bumpy Snailfish was discovered more than 10,000 feet deep off the coast of Monterey, California by researchers from the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute. The fish was first discovered in 2019, but it took several years of research to confirm that it was a new species. The article (which includes a link to a cool video) will appear on your screen if you click on [Bumpy Snailfish](#).



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

Our cool web video for this month is a long; one, so you should get something to drink and perhaps a snack to settle in and watch a YouTube video about the orcas that have been attacking (and sometimes sinking) boats along the Iberian Coast. This is an informative video that lasts about 32 minutes and presents several hypotheses developed by researchers regarding the cause of the attacks. After you are properly prepared, you can watch the video by clicking on [Why do the Orcas Do This?](#)

And now, for something different. ESSDB Steve submitted a cool web video that is unique - an underwater dance? Spanky hopes that people watch it so we can talk about it during our November club meeting. Did you know that Bakelite was the first commercially successful synthetic plastic? It started the plastics industry. You can watch this video by clicking on [Bakelite](#).



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

This month's cool photos were taken by ESSDB Dan during a couple recent dives in Discovery Bay. For those who may not be familiar with Discovery Bay, it is located west of the Quimper Peninsula (Port Townsend's peninsula) and east of Sequim. The first photo is a pinto Abalone munching on bull kelp. Pinto Abalone is an endangered species and a rare find. The second photo is a juvenile Wolf Eel, and the third a healthy-looking Red Irish Lord (that's probably a Copper Rockfish in the background). The club may need to work on a boat dive in Discovery Bay!



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Please send items for the December issue by Friday, November 21.