

the staggering starfish

the official newsletter of the GSNDAMBAA SCUBA Diving Club

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Octoboo Club Meeting

As Spanky is sure you all know by now, our Octoboo club meeting will start promptly at **6:00 PM** on **Thursday, Octoboo 2**. We will be meeting in-person at the **Edmonds Public Library** and virtually via Google Meet. Spanky will email a Google Meet invitation to regular attendees prior to the meeting. If you do not receive an invite and would like to attend, please send an email to Spanky at gsndambaa@hotmail.com prior to noon on **Octoboo 2**. Our agenda for this month includes an update from the Tee Shirt Committee, planning our February 2026 club dive, and a potential new venue for our 2025 Holiday Party. The final agenda item for those attending in person will be to select an eatery for our post-meeting meal.

Oct. Club Dive - Possession Point

Our Octoboo club dive will be at one of the best sites in Puget Sound, the Possession Point Fingers. This dive is located at the southern tip of Whidbey Island and is known to be current-sensitive, so please plan to be on time and ready to dive. We plan to meet at **11:30 AM** on **Saturday, Octoboo 25**. This dive is in a State Park, so remember to bring your Discover Pass. Spanky believes that you cannot purchase a pass at the dive site. Parking for the lower parking area is also limited. Depending on how many divers come, we may need to shuttle people between the upper and lower parking areas. If you plan on doing this dive, please RSVP to Spanky via email no later than **Monday, Octoboo 20**. Potential critters at this site include GPO's, rockfish, greenlings, and ling cod. After the dive we will drive over to the Spyhop in Langley for lunch.

Directions to Possession Point:

You can enter Possession Point Dive Site into Google Maps and have it plot your route.

From the Clinton Ferry Terminal:

Head west on Hwy 525. At about 1.5 miles turn left onto Deer Lake Road.

At about 3.2 miles, turn left onto Cultus Bay Rd.

After about 2.1 miles, Cultus Bay Rd. turns to the right

2025 GSNDAMBAA-at-a-Glance

10/02/2025	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, Edmonds Public Library
10/25/2025	11:30 AM	Club Dive at Possession Point Fingers
11/06/2025	6:00 PM	Club Meeting, Virtual via Google Meet
11/23/2025	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	Time TBD	Club dive at Saltwater State Park

but you need to continue straight onto Possession Rd. Follow Possession Rd. for about 2 miles and take a right turn onto Franklin Rd. Take Franklin to its end and park in the narrow parking area. A few cars will be able to drive to the lower parking area for the dive. From the north end of Whidbey Island, take 525 south and turn right onto Cultus Bay Rd. Follow the above directions after passing Deer Lake Road.

Dive/Camp Weekend Report

Spanky is pleased to report that we had another very successful Dive/Camp Weekend at the Hoodsport retreat of ESSDBs Richard and Michele. The entire club would like to thank them for their gracious hospitality and for providing a great place for everyone. A total of 5 divers were able to free up their Friday for a couple of dives from Richard's boat at the Pinnacle and Broken Leg. Both dives were great, and ESSDB Dan even saw a good sized six-gill shark at Broken Leg. Our second day of diving at Sund Rock was also great, with everyone seeing several wolf eels and GPOs. The food this year

was awesome, with slow-cooked beef brisket and pulled pork. Special thanks to ESSDB Steve for his Swedish pancakes, which were enjoyed at our breakfast on Sunday. Spanky would also like to thank ESSDBs Dan and Larry for bringing the BBQ and ESSDB Kim for planning all our meals. We are all looking forward to next year's weekend.

EUP Underwater Pumpkin Carving

The stewards for the trails at Edmonds Underwater Park are again hosting an Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest to help raise funds needed for maintenance of the trails. Spanky hopes that you will pack up your dive gear, a carving knife, and, of course, a pumpkin and head to the park for this fun annual event. Your \$20 donation (cash or Venmo) will buy you a lot of fun at the EUP and help the stewards keep up the trails. This year's contest will be held at **9:00 AM on Sunday, Octoboo 19**. Pumpkin judging is scheduled for 11:30 AM. There will be two judging categories - Scariest and Funniest - and as usual, the pumpkins will be judged by volunteer kids. Rules will be reviewed prior to entering the water. All divers must buddy up, and all carving knives must be sheathed or safely bagged when swimming to and from the carving site. Prizes for winning pumpkins have been donated by Underwater Sports. Finally, it would be wise to arrive early to stake out a parking space or to stage your diving gear. Do be sure to bring a pumpkin to carve and it would be wise to also bring a couple extra pounds of lead to offset the buoyant pumpkin.

Cool-?-of the Month Section

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

Our first cool web article presents the results of the 2025 Underwater Awards Australasia photo competition. The photos are very cool. One of the judges, Matty Smith, spent some time with us during our trip to Anilao. You can view the article by clicking on [Australasia](#).

The second cool web article for this month is about new material being tested for wetsuits that would provide some protection from shark bites. Researchers in Australia have tested several materials suitable for wetsuits that are resistant to puncture when bitten by a shark. You can read more about it by clicking on

[SharkBite](#). You can watch a video showing some testing by clicking [here](#).

Cool-Photos-of-the-Month:

Spanky selected a couple photos taken at our Dive/Camp Weekend this year. The first photo was taken by ESSDB Dan to prove that he saw a Sixgill during the dive at Broken Leg. The second photo was taken by ESSDB Larry during a dive at the South Wall of Sund Rock - a Stubby Squid. This is the first Stubby that Spanky has seen at this dive site.



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Please send items for the November issue by Friday, Octoboo 24.