

the staggering starfish

the official newsletter of the **GSNDAMBAA SCUBA Diving Club**

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Club Meeting

The September Club meeting will again be both in-person at the **Edmonds Public Library** and virtual via Google Meet. Login information for Google Meet was included in the monthly email for the newsletter. The meeting will commence at our normal time of **6:00 PM** on **Thursday, September 3**. The meeting agenda includes finalizing plans for our November dive and our bonus dive in December. The final item will be choosing a restaurant for our post-meeting dinner. If you are not on the email distribution list and somehow came across this amazing newsletter and would still like to be added to the September meeting, send Spanky an email at gsndambaa@hotmail.com no later than 12:00 noon on the day of the meeting.

Dive/Camp Weekend

Spanky is pleased to report that the 2026 Dive/Camp Weekend up in British Columbia has been completely filled up. The group will be heading up to North Vancouver for the last weekend of September. Details for getting to the Airbnb and dive charter will be provided to those who signed up. Spanky is looking forward to the event report and hopefully some photos from Canadian waters. Special thanks to ESSDB Shay for putting the trip together.

August Dive Report

It was an overcast morning at the Les Davis pier as club members gathered to dive, which made suiting up more pleasant than previous summer dives. The crack navigation team took all four divers right to the slabs which were only slightly obscured by clouds of krill. Lots of rockfish populated the area as well as small lingcod. Several species of nudibranchs were observed, including two diamondback tritonia, a leopard dorid, and a lemon dorid. Other notable sightings were a sailfin sculpin, a bright red gunnel, and a small dogfish at the end of the dive. A variety of lures, line, and weights were brought to the surface and the usable ones were distributed to the fishermen on the dock. A seafood

2026 GSNDAMBAA-at-a-Glance

09/03/2026	6:00 PM
Club meeting, Edmonds Public Library & Google Meet	
09/25-09/27/2026	
Dive/Camp Weekend, North Vancouver	
10/01/2026	6:00 PM
Club meeting, Edmonds Public Library(?) & Google Meet	
10/03/2026	10:30 AM
Club dive at Rosario Beach	
11/05/2026	6:00 PM
Club Meeting, Edmonds Public Library(?) & Google Meet	
12/05/2026	9:30 AM
Club Dive at Edmonds Underwater Park	
12/06/2026	2:30 PM
Club Holiday Party at Steve & DeeAnn's home	

lunch and some sunshine on the outside deck was enjoyed by all at Duke's after the dive.

Save-the-Date

We have selected the first Sunday in December for our famous (infamous?) **GSNDAMBAA Holiday Party** this year. Due to their kindness and willingness to clean up after the club, we will again convene at the Mount Vernon home of ESSDBs Steve and DeeAnn at **2:30 PM** on **December 6**. Spanky plans to continue our tradition of having a Pirate Gift Exchange and to provide a Spanky's Surprise dinner to supplement our potluck offerings. Spanky will also be collecting annual club dues, so now is the time to start saving up.

Fun Fish Facts

Spanky just learned something new about his favorite fish, the Grunt Sculpin. For those who may doubt the veracity of these facts, the source of this information has been fully vetted. It seems that these cute little guys have a rather unique approach to mating and parenting. When it's time for egg laying, the female will chase a male into a barnacle shell or other small enclosure and trap them there. The female will then lay her eggs (up to about 150) and keep the male trapped

until he fertilizes all the eggs. She then departs and, like many sculpins, leaves the male to protect the eggs while she does other things, although she may return occasionally to watch the eggs. When it's time for the eggs to hatch, the parent fish will collect the eggs in their mouth and shoot the larval fish out, removing the egg case in the process.

Cool-?-of-the-Month Section

Cool-Web-Article-of-the-Month:

A pair of fishermen recently discovered a 2,100 year old shipwreck off the coast of Sicily at a depth of about 150 ft. The find included hundreds of amphorae that were used for shipping wine and olive oil during the time of the Roman Empire. The find was reported to authorities, who determined the approximate age of the wreck. You can read about it [here](#). There is also a cool underwater video of the find [here](#).

Cool-Photos-of-the-Month:

Spanky asked former ESSDB Larry to pull some photos taken during our 2024 Dive/Camp weekend trip to North Vancouver, where we did the same dives that we are doing this year. The first nudibranch is a White-Lined Aldisa, the second is a Giant Nudibranch, followed by a Red Irish Lord and a Northern Sun Star.



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