



Emerald Sea Dive Club

Narc-ed Out News

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President's Column

by Jill Keeler

Stay tuned for this exciting column in next month's issue!

Editor's Column

by Darlene Ripley

"Heeeeeere's Johnny!" made famous by Johnny Carson's sidekick Ed McMahon and repeated for effect by Jack Nicholson in *The Shining*. "I'mmm back!" spoken by I forget whom in which movie. I have not seen any aliens of late so I have to dig up lines from old movies to catch your attention. With Johanna's recent resignation as newsletter editor I was asked by Jill to return for another tour, or was it President Bush who told me I was going to spend another tour? I forget now . . . anyway, I am back as editor of the newsletter and David, my trusty sidekick will coordinate, direct, run, organize, be in charge of the (no, not the Photo Contest) but the Calendar Contest – his position will be known as the Calendar Contest Coordinator or for you X and Y Generationers CCC; otherwise, formerly known as Prince . . . I mean Photo Contest Editor.

This month's newsletter will be a little smaller than usual because, well, I do not know why, just because! But I hope to be back in the swing of things by June's issue. (May's issue will be rushed too as I and my trusty companion, Tonto, will be out of town. I mean David.)

Any questions or comments can be sent to the old ESDC Newsletter e-mail address: esdcnewsletter@mindspring.com

"You can't handle the truth!" Jack Nicholson, "*A Few Good Women*". OK, OK, so Jill did not exactly BEG me to take over. I whined and cried and stomped my little feetsies until she said yes. In order that my behavior was not in vane get those dive stories, dive dates, information, and photos in to the newsletter. I hear there is a \$50.00 reward for doing so.





You already had a guest speaker for April; you did not think you were getting another one, did you?

Calendar Contest

David Ripley has volunteered to run the Calendar Contest again this year so get those photos in. For now, each photographer may submit 4 photos per month this year. You may submit photos taken between October 1, 2006 and September 30, 2007. Because the contest is being started late each photographer is permitted to submit 28 photos through April 30th.

Please send any suggestions or ideas for the contest, i.e. total number of photos per photographer allowed, how the selection of winners should be done, etc. to David at esdcnewsletter@mindspring.com.

We had a lot of GREAT photos last year! The quality was up from the previous year and there were more photographers. This is a lot of fun for David and I and we enjoy seeing so much effort put into photo content. Good luck and Good shooting!

Report from Camp Casey

by Shawn Miller

Camp Casey what a trip! It all started with the Sunday from hell. The week before we went for the collection Skip Stacy, Rich Carton, Wendy Drucker and I went out to connect the pipe to the intake box. To make a long story short we had three to seven foot waves and it made our day a very bad one. I bailed out, and was shore support for the day. The three of them pressed on and did a stand up job except they couldn't stand. At least in that surf it was almost impossible. The job was done though; good job to all of us.

So everything was going good until Wednesday, then 20 foot breakers hit and the pipe we put out broke. . Keith Ludemann is a very resourceful man. He made some phone calls and got some divers to find the end of the pipe on Thursday. Keith and his crew were out there until 10 pm Thursday night putting it all together.

Friday I showed up bright and early to set up the place. Things were coming together smoothly. Friday night we all got together and ran through the dive times and realized they were off slightly. So we got our whits about us and changed the times. At the BBQ we had burgers, foot long dogs and waterfowl sausages. They went like hotcakes. Sorry, Wendy, you could not have any. Eugene Dive Club also raffled, for free, an underwater MP3 player. I was one number off but you know who won? RICH CARTON of all people. Next time you don't get a ticket! We had a good time, did a pre-morning brief and talked about trips coming up and things. Not to mention we saved the club members over \$300 by having a BBQ.

Saturday morning we all met out by the water and to my surprise Jill Keller, Jack Titterness, Steve Berthinier and Norm Gregory were out there to help the club and the divers. If I missed anyone I'm sorry. There were about 30 divers in the morning and about 25 in the afternoon. We collected a lot of critters. Even with being out-numbered by Eugene Dive Club Emerald Sea outshined them by collecting a lot more critters. Practice makes perfect. Ron Migas had reg. problems so he helped me on shore dragging worn out bodies to the beach. To all my divers, Emerald Sea Dive Club and Eugene Dive Club, on behalf of myself and Keith, and Seattle Pacific University we thank you.

I had a blast out there. I hope you all did as well. Next time we will have cool games to play and maybe a treasure hunt. We will just have to see. With that being said; I will see you all next time or at the next meeting. See you all later.

REEF Survey

by Janna Nichols

Be there or....

Join us for our upcoming Survey Dive and BBQ Day! This Saturday, April 14th, 10am - 3pm at Edmonds Underwater Park. We'll bring the BBQ - you supply your own grub to grill, plus a potluck munchie to share with others if you like! Survey dive days are a great way to practice your fish and Invertebrate ID skills, learn how to do a survey if you've never done one, meet other fish geeks, contribute surveys to the REEF database, and have a great time! **Please reply to this email if you think there's a chance you can come.** More details here:

<http://www.pnwscuba.com/critterwatchers/quarterlydive.htm>

NOTE: If you've completed 25 surveys, you are eligible to take the REEF Level 3 test! Saturday is a perfect day to do just that (or the level 2 tests for beginners) Just let me know by replying to this email! More info on experience levels here:

<http://www.pnwscuba.com/critterwatchers/levels.htm>

Guess who?

Mark Dixon, REEF AAT member, has April's Critter of the Month posted on the website. See if you know what it is or if you've ever seen one before!

<http://www.pnwscuba.com/critterwatchers/critterofthemonth.htm>

Upcoming Invasive Tunicate Training Workshops - FREE!

All divers in the NW should be trained to identify invasive tunicates! The Portland Sea Searchers are scheduled for April 10th, and a workshop for **Seattle area divers** will be at the Seattle Aquarium on Tuesday, April 24th at 7pm in the upstairs classroom. Training takes about an hour. Let me know if you'd like to come to either one! More info here:

<http://www.pnwscuba.com/critterwatchers/classes.htm#tunicates>

She did her level best...

Jackie Coletta has recently taken and passed with flying (fish) colors her REEF level 5 test! Combined with completing 50 surveys, she's now an official REEF Level 5 surveyor and new member of the REEF Advanced Assessment Team! Her mug is here:

<http://www.pnwscuba.com/critterwatchers/index.htm#levels>

Thank you Thank you!

Very huge thanks to all the divers who've been helping locate and/or remove some of the invasive tunicates around Puget Sound and Hood Canal! Most recently: Valerie Lyttle, Jackie Coletta, Tim Renz, Lowell Thomson, Rhoda Green, Georgia Arrow, Jan Kocian, Arline Fullerton, Jake Rufer, Glen Marquardt, Mary Jo Adams, Don Coleman, Nolan Grose, Breckie McCollum, Christy Semmens, Phil Green, Pete Naylor, the Kelp Krawlers Dive Club (Olympia) and the Pacific Dive Club (Aloha, Oregon). Photos of the divers in action here:

<http://nwgeogirl.smugmug.com/Invasive%20Tunicates>

Hope to see you on Saturday at Edmonds!

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Other Stuff

Membership Dues

\$30 for a single membership \$47 for a family membership

Did you know that if you show your ESDC membership card at Northwest Sport Dive you get a free air fill? Be sure you have your ESDC membership card with you when you go shopping at dive shops—you just never know.

If other shops give you a discount please let us know and we will publish their name.

Winning \$50.00

You could win a \$50.00 ESDC check by hosting club dives. Every time you sponsor a club dive your name "goes into a hat" and twice a year a raffle will be held and one person from each drawing will receive \$50.00 from ESDC as a **Thank You** for sponsoring dives, friendships, and fun! Remember, a club dive is a dive approved by Shawn Miller, Activities Coordinator, and placed on the clip-board and on the ESDC web site. This is a great way to meet club members and have lots of fun. **Book your dives today!** Remember: the more dives you book the more chances you have of winning.

Another way of winning is to submit stories, articles, or other information to the newsletter. Your name "goes into another hat" and twice a year a raffle will be held and one person from each drawing will receive **\$50.00**.

Continuing Education Reward

When you take a class that furthers your diving experience, such as Advanced Open Water, Rescue, Dive Master, etc., show The Board your certification card and you will receive a congratulatory \$15.00. This offer is only good one time per calendar year.

ESDC Mailing List

E-mail (this person?), our mailing list moderator, (name and address to be filled in later) to be put on the ESCD yahoo group mailing list (www.groups.yahoo.com/group/ESDClist) where you can communicate with other members regarding various dive topics, find dive buddies, or let everyone know about a planned dive that did not make it to the newsletter or clipboard in time. **Join the list so YOU won't be left out!**

Our Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 2 at Alfy's Pizza

4820 196th SW Lynnwood WA 425-775-5459

Board meeting, **6:00 p.m.**; everyone is welcome to join. General meeting, **7:00 p.m.**

How to Get to Alfy's:

Heading north on I-5: take exit 181B (196th St SW/Alderwood Mall Pkwy). At the top of the exit there is a stop light, turn left. At the next stop light turn left onto 196th St SW proceeding to 48th. Alfy's is on the south side of the road. (Alfy's is 4 blocks down from The Rock.)

Heading south on I-5: take exit number 181 (Lynnwood). At the top of the exit there is a stop light, turn right onto 196th St SW, proceed to 48th. Alfy's is on the south side of the road. (Alfy's is 4 blocks down from The Rock.)

How to Contact Us

Visit our web site: www.emeraldseadiveclub.org

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If you are interested in being included on this list please contact the editor.



Newsletter articles deadlines

May	April 29 th
June	May 28 th
July	June 25 th
August	July 24 th
September	August 27 th
October	September 24 th
November	October 29 th
December	November 26 th

DIVE and EVENT CALENDAR

Apr 13	Fri	7:30 AM City Of Shoreline Appreciation Breakfast	For RSVP call 206-546-0614
Apr 14	Sat	REEF Survey	Edmond's Underwater Park
Apr 15	Sun		10 AM -3 PM
Apr 16	Mon		
Apr 17	Tue		
Apr 18	Wed		
Apr 19	Thu		
Apr 20	Fri		
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