



# *Emerald Sea Dive Club*

## *Narc-ed Out News*

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## President's Column

by Jill Keeler

### Dive Flags do we need one or not?

As summer approaches and I see the recreational boating traffic increase I feel that those of us in the dive community should know the rules.

In a previous life I was an avid boater and learned the hard way what some of the various nautical signages meant. Of course as a teenager with the power of a boat in my hands I gave little regard to the many rules of the water. Maybe we should assume every boat is driven by an invincible teen.

However, as I have matured and become a bit more responsible I have decided to do some research on boating and the use of dive flags.

When conducting dive operations from a vessel the law apparently is clear. According to *Adventures in Boating*, the vessel must display the blue and white alpha flag: [http://www.boat-ed.com/wa/course/p4-11\\_otherequipment.htm](http://www.boat-ed.com/wa/course/p4-11_otherequipment.htm).

The red and white dive flag is entirely optional in this case. The alpha flag must be a meter in size and rigid, and indicates that the vessel has limited maneuverability due to dive operations. This is consistent with the U.S. Coast Guard Rule 27 E (<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/mwv/navrules/rules/Rule27.htm>), which specifies the alpha flag (unless you are engaged in mine clearing operations but we so rarely do that).

Within King County, the red and white dive flag is required for all divers, as per title 12, section 12.44.220

(<http://www.metrokc.gov/mkcc/Code/15-Title%2012.pdf>). The section is titled skin diving, but I think that is meant to include scuba.

In Seattle, the Seattle City Council has established regulations which require the red and white dive flag and which specifically state that the alpha flag is not sufficient to meet the requirements: [http://www.ci.seattle.wa.us/police/Units/Harbor\\_Diving.htm](http://www.ci.seattle.wa.us/police/Units/Harbor_Diving.htm)

I am unable to locate any requirements for either Pierce or Snohomish counties. I was witness to two divers being sited in Mason County for diving without a dive flag. There also do not seem to be any requirements statewide, other than the ones relating to a vessel conducting dive operations. If we dive from a boat, the alpha flag is also required, so within King County, a boat would have to fly both. How many of us set a flag at "The Coves"? To be legal we should be flying a red and white dive flag. I have been trying to be better about this myself, but it all takes time. I am coming to the personal conclusion that if I get tangled up with a boater and do not have a dive flag out I have absolutely no legal grounds to stand on because the boater had no way of knowing I was there; however, if I am flying a dive flag and a boating issue arises I should have legal grounds to stand on. This site was also interesting: <http://www.dive-flag.com/>

I'm looking forward to a safe and fun summer of diving.

## Editor's Column

by Darlene Ripley

I thought that, perhaps, I was too harsh with my anti-cold pro-warm diving statement of last month. So, after receiving a dive invite from GB, my buddy and I decided to head to EUWP. Ahhhh, yes, a beautiful dive – so I have heard.

Buddy and I waited . . . and waited . . . and waited . . . for the 10:15 a.m. splash time on the gorgeous Sunday morning of Mother's Day. GB never showed. How unlike him. Well, he must have had a work emergency. But how come no one else from ESDC showed? Oh, yeah, Mother's Day—male divers are home with their "mothers". So, Buddy and I decided to head into the beautiful PS waters off Edmonds and the UWP.

In our six years of diving, Buddy and I have NEVER had a good dive at EUWP. There has always been too much algae, too many mean lookin' Ling Cod, too much kelp, no visible signage for which "road" we are on and do not forget the cold water—not the warm water, but the cold water. Oh, let us not forget the effort and time in donning the cold water diving gear. Geeeee. Give me a swim suit and warm water! I am tired after struggling with all the COLD gear: three pairs of sox, three pair of undies, two swimsuits, two pairs of long john

An hour later, I was bored, my fingers were a little chilly, I still had no idea where I was because I still had not seen any "street" signs nor anything recognizable, except for my buddy who was AT LEAST 3' away in the dark -- all I could make out was the yellow on his fins; if I used my flashlight. I just assumed he was attached to them. Wait a minute, check your instruments: air—2100, depth 11', direction—SE; wait a minute . . .

Yep, another great dive wasted at EUWP in the cold. "Not that there's anything wrong with that". Did I leave out something? Oh, yes, the dive planner, GB – the No Show! Come to find out, neither Buddy nor I can comprehend English. The e-mail read: ". . . Edmonds Oil Dock . . ." "When is our next WARM WATER dive?"

bottoms, five shirts, two hats, a snowmobile suit, three pairs of gloves, a dry suit, rubber booties, rubber gloves, hood, and I am good to go – into the cold water.

We headed toward the water. Where is it? It's not on the beach. It's not on the rocks. Oh, there's the water about a mile off shore! So, we walked out there and finally got deep enough to get the tank weight off our backs and the weight belt weight off our hips. On a positive note, this occurred less than a mile from shore -- I would say  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile! Things could have been worse.

Down we go. Where is everything? I feel the bottom but I do not see the bottom. All of a sudden a HUGEmungous cabizon appears. Better get away from it. Oh, there's a rope. Follow it. I turned around and there was the same fish—following me. When I stopped—it stopped. Cute. Hugging the bottom I followed the rope. What rope? I mean I followed a line of kelp, weeds, and yukky stuff that I assumed was on top of a rope. Pretty soon we came to what is left of a boat. In and around the boat are those HUGE fish again. One of them showed me it's pretty, tiny TEETH. Nice. I heard a snarl.

## Calendar Contest

Where are all of the photographers? We had some GREAT photos last year for the calendar. You are allowed to submit 4 photos per month this year; therefore, you can submit 32 photos through the end of May. So far, we only have two photographers and one has entered almost 15. That is enough for the calendar but then you cannot vote and get involved. This person will win by default. COME ON—get those shutters uh shutterin'!!

I am continuing with the monthly photo spot. This will be known as Editor's Photo Choice. These photos can be ANY of your dive photos taken any time, any year, any place, etc. These may or may not be Photo Contest entries. If you have a photo you took 20 years ago in Madrid and you want to share with the club then send it in. You may submit more than one; however, I will choose the one I like best—hence, Editor's Choice. See the new "column" Editor's Photo Choice of the Month and see who and what our first submission is. (**This person's name goes into the \$50.00 quarterly draw! YOU could be next.**)

Each photographer may submit 4 photos per month this year. You may submit photos taken between October 1, 2006 and September 30, 2007. Please send photos to David at [esdcnewsletter@mindspring.com](mailto:esdcnewsletter@mindspring.com).

As in the past, all photos will be available for viewing on ESDC's web-site and this will be available around June 6th. Thanks to Andy and Glenn! And this year there will be on-line voting via ESDC's web-site.

## Editor's Photo Choice of the Month



Elena DiPardo

Hairy Frogfish

Elena took this photo in September 2006, in Lembah Straight, Gangga, North Sulawesi Island, Indonesia, at 50'. Thanks for sharing this interesting looking fish with us, Elena. Can you see his reflection in the mirror? For more information on this sea creature click the following link:  
<http://www.dive-the-world.com/creatures-frogfish.htm>

## Community Project

submitted by Loogpla Cowden

written by "Cindy"

From time to time I am fortunate enough to make contact with some people/groups that I feel have a worthy cause and can contribute to the Diving Community over all.

I've finally made a contact list and posting addresses in the hopes that upon occasion, that while each club has its own unique membership, the overall diving community can keep in contact with each other.

With that said, Ms. Cindy, at [GirlDiver.com](http://GirlDiver.com) is putting together a "Dive for the Cure" happening in October and wanted to spread the word. She would like the opportunity to come speak with your group or make contact if you might be interested in helping some way.

Here are the details as they stand today, subject to change of course since it is a ways off. Also, keeping in mind summer might be a slow time for Club activities - or not? I've copied Cindy so you might contact her directly and help if you can.

~~~ EVENT INFO ~~~~

The Event: Seattle/Tacoma event- October 5-7 at Owen Beach, Tacoma

**Friday** - Auction with catered dinner and live entertainment by the Blue Juice Band. There will be up to 20 live auction items and many more silent auction items. Breast Cancer survivors from the scuba community will give a short narrative at the event about diving and breast cancer.

**Saturday** - Pool rented by Dive for the Cure to accommodate a pool session for the Discover Scuba participants. Dive centers have the option to use this at no cost.

**Sunday** - Main Event - 3 dives; Celebration Ceremony; Dive Alley

Dive 1: Discover Scuba - 2 female participants from each participating dive center will do a Discover Scuba experience with their instructor. (20 divers with 10 instructors)

Dive 2: Open Water Certification - 4 female participants from each participating dive center will complete their Open Water Certification by doing their final

dive at the event. Each 4 person team will be accompanied by their instructor and at least one dive master. Forty newly certified women will emerge from the water to the cheers of the large crowd. (40 divers, 10 instructors, 10 dive masters)

Dive 3: Women in Diving Specialty – Classroom based distinctive specialty with optional scuba dive. Final dive will be the 4 participants from the dive center, male and female, who will go through the Women in Diving specialty for the event. **This event is for already certified divers of both sexes.** The “optional” scuba dive attached to this specialty will be completed at the event. This specialty will be written by instructors from each certification organization. Topic covered will be the same -- course written to satisfy individual agency's requirements. (40 divers)

Celebration Ceremony – Grand Prize of over \$1500 awarded to the participant who raises the most money. There will be prizes in other categories as well. All dive participants will receive a framed certificate at the event. Donation check of approximately \$75,000 will be given to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Clinic at this ceremony.

Dive Alley – Consists of 10' x 10' tents that offer participating dive centers exposure to a large number of non-certified people drawn to the event for Breast Cancer and to support the participating divers. New student sign-ups encouraged. Participating sponsors will have tent space, as well as Breast Cancer related non-profits.

## Marine Protected Areas

by Mike Racine

WSA and People for Puget Sound are generating a list of potential sites to nominate to WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife for Marine Protected Area status. We need your suggestions. Are there dive sites in your area that you feel would benefit from conservation under the MPA program?

To understand better the policy affecting Marine Protected Areas, here is a link to the Fish & Wildlife Commission's policy on MPA's: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/com/policies/c3013.htm>

Here is a link to WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife's existing MPA system: [http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/mpa/puget\\_sound/index.htm](http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/mpa/puget_sound/index.htm)

Please forward back to me any suggestions you might have for new MPA sites. Thanks. [mikera@centurytel.net](mailto:mikera@centurytel.net), 425.830.9545.

## Dos and Don'ts / Fish - n- Fins

By Loogpla Cowden

It is that time of year again to look into your dive lockers and closets. Having been diving for over 14 years I have collected much dive gear and various dive items. Being a garage sales expert, I am compelled to offer some helpful hints.

Tip for hosting a sale:

My biggest pet peeve is people who don't take down their signs. Please make sure to take down your signage once your sale has ended. Have your signs large enough to read at a speed of at least 35mph (approx. 2" tall lettering). Be sure to include the dates, times and address of the sale. Place the signs at busy intersections near your neighborhood and signs leading them to your location.

Although it is not necessary, I find it helpful to involve my family members and neighbors with the sale. Advertising in the local newspaper is a good idea too.

Next, make an effort to price your items. People don't want to ask for prices on every item that they are interested in. I usually walk away from a sale where the items are not priced.

Remember to price the items according to the most **you** would pay for it at a garage sale; and be willing to take less.

Don't price anything for less than a quarter. If it's not worth a quarter put it in a free pile. Don't under-price your items just to get rid of them. It is better to donate them, take the tax deduction, and save yourself the time and trouble of having the sale. Consider offering items at half price on the last day of your sale. Be sure to have change on hand – coins and bills.

Tips for attending a sale:

Drive cautiously if you are attending a sale. There are some maniac garage sale shoppers. Don't hesitate to offer a lower price on an item you really want but you think is priced too high.

Lastly, purchase something from the younger entrepreneurs that might be selling cookies and lemonade at the sale. Remember when you were their age? Enjoy. (Editor's note: you may purchase Garage Sale Kits at Boruck Printing & Silkscreening [Aboruck@connectexpress.com](mailto:Aboruck@connectexpress.com) or [www.boruckprinting.com](http://www.boruckprinting.com) Tell Mr. Boruck Darlene sent you!!)

## Board Members

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## Board Appointees

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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 in the Participation Pool

You could win a \$50.00 ESDC check (just like real money) by hosting club dives and by contributing stories, articles, photos, and information to the newsletter. Every time you sponsor a club dive or make a submission to the newsletter your name "goes into a hat" and four times a year a raffle is held and one person from each drawing will receive \$50.00 from ESDC as a **Thank You** for sponsoring dives, friendships, information, stories 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!** Submit your **newsletter contributions** today. Remember: the more dives you book the more chances you have of winning; the more newsletter submissions you make the more chances you have of winning; the more photos you submit for the newsletter the more chances you have of winning.

There was a drawing in April for contributions in January, February, and March. There will be a drawing at June's meeting for contributions made in April, May, and June. If you have made any kind of a contribution to the club or to the newsletter make sure **YOUR** name gets into the drawing by contacting Shawn.

## 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 Andy Norton, our mailing list moderator, [andy\\_norton@comcast.net](mailto:andy_norton@comcast.net) to be put on the ESCD yahoo group mailing list ([www.groups.yahoo.com/group/ESDClist](http://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, July 11 at Alfy's Pizza**

4820 196<sup>th</sup> 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 (196<sup>th</sup> 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 196<sup>th</sup> St SW proceeding to 48<sup>th</sup>. 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 196<sup>th</sup> St SW, proceed to 48<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.emeraldseadiveclub.org)

Write us: Emerald Sea Dive Club  
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Edmonds WA 98020

Contact any of the board members via telephone or e-mail  
[www.groups.yahoo.com/group/ESDClst](http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/ESDClst)

## Divers on the Loose

☒ Greg Becvar                      360-659-2853                      [tridoxia@yahoo.com](mailto:tridoxia@yahoo.com)

☒ Bruce Bury                        425-788-8063                      [bury1of6@aol.com](mailto:bury1of6@aol.com)

☒ Skip Stacy – rainy days        425-775-2410

☒ John Laggart –weekday dives                      [jmnlaggart@msn.com](mailto:jmnlaggart@msn.com)

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

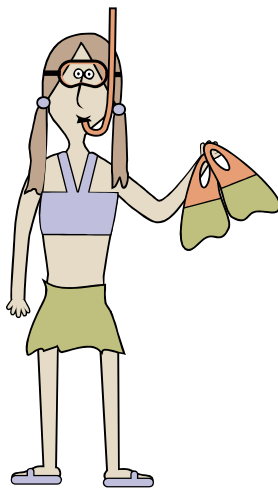


## Newsletter articles deadlines

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| July      | June 25 <sup>th</sup>      |
| August    | July 24 <sup>th</sup>      |
| September | August 27 <sup>th</sup>    |
| October   | September 24 <sup>th</sup> |
| November  | October 29 <sup>th</sup>   |
| December  | November 26 <sup>th</sup>  |

## Guest speaker

There is not a guest speaker in June but there is the annual club dive at Edmonds U/W Park after a short general meeting.



**Be there, or be dry.**

## DIVE and EVENT CALENDAR

| DATE                                           | DIVE/EVENT                                                                       | SPONSOR                                                                                                                                                                          |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday<br><b>June 6</b>                     | Dive Club Meeting<br><b>7:00 PM @ Alfy's</b>                                     | Miss Jill and her board                                                                                                                                                          |
| Friday<br><b>June 8</b>                        | <b>7:00 PM</b> Seacrest Cove 2<br>Night Dive                                     | Loogpla Cowden<br>206-399-5682<br><a href="mailto:loogplacowden@att.net">loogplacowden@att.net</a>                                                                               |
| Sunday<br><b>June 17</b><br>Happy Father's Day | <b>11:00 AM -3:00 PM</b><br>Richmond Beach Critter<br>Collection--potluck/BBQ    | Skip Stacy<br><a href="mailto:Skipstacy@aol.com">Skipstacy@aol.com</a>                                                                                                           |
| Saturday<br><b>June 23</b>                     | Owen's Beach<br>Treasure Hunt                                                    | NW Dive News<br>Contact Rich<br><a href="mailto:addcorich@verizon.net">addcorich@verizon.net</a><br>or Skip <a href="mailto:Skipstacy@aol.com">Skipstacy@aol.com</a><br>for info |
| Wednesday<br><b>July 11</b>                    | Dive Club Meeting<br><b>7:00 PM @ Alfy's</b>                                     | Jill and The Board                                                                                                                                                               |
| Thursday--Saturday<br><b>July 12-14</b>        | Channel Islands, CA<br>Sign up while you can.<br>\$440 + air fair<br>Live aboard | Loogpla Cowden<br>206-399-5682<br><a href="mailto:loogplacowden@att.net">loogplacowden@att.net</a>                                                                               |
| Saturday<br><b>July 14</b>                     | <b>10:00 AM--2:00 PM</b><br>Richmond Beach Critter<br>Collection & BBQ potluck   | Laura Orlich,<br><a href="mailto:lorlich@ssoe.com">lorlich@ssoe.com</a>                                                                                                          |
| Wednesday<br><b>August 1</b>                   | Dive Club Meeting<br><b>7:00 PM @ Alfy's</b>                                     | Jill and her friends                                                                                                                                                             |
| Sunday<br><b>August 5</b>                      | ESDC Picnic<br>@ Kayak Point!                                                    | Greg & Laura Becvar                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Wednesday<br><b>September 5</b>              | Dive Club Meeting<br><b>7:00 PM @ Alfys</b>                                                                    | Jill and her band of doers                                                                                               |
| Saturday<br><b>September 15</b>              | <b>8:30 AM</b><br>Edmonds Fishing Pier<br>Cleanup<br><b>Waivers Required!</b>                                  | Fran Murray<br>206-542-1866<br><a href="mailto:scubagram_5900@hotmail.com">scubagram_5900@hotmail.com</a>                |
| Wednesday-Saturday<br><b>September 19-22</b> | Nanaimo, BC<br>Diver's Choice Charter                                                                          | Loogpla Cowden &<br>Marty Leonard, 206-399-<br>5682,<br><a href="mailto:loogplacowden@att.net">loogplacowden@att.net</a> |
| Wednesday<br><b>October 3</b>                | Dive Club Meeting<br><b>7:00 PM @ Alfys</b>                                                                    | The Jill Band                                                                                                            |
| Thursday-Saturday<br><b>October 11-20</b>    | FIJI BEGA LAGOON<br>Warm water diving<br>Deposit \$150 Total Cost<br>\$2,700                                   | Adam Springer for details<br>425- 239-0241                                                                               |
| Friday<br><b>October 19</b>                  | Edmonds UWP<br>Night Dive<br><b>7:00 PM</b>                                                                    | Loogpla Cowden<br>206 399 5682<br><a href="mailto:loogplacowden@att.net">loogplacowden@att.net</a>                       |
| Wednesday<br><b>November 7</b>               | Dive Club Meeting<br><b>7:00 PM @ Alfys</b>                                                                    | If you don't know by now<br>...                                                                                          |
| Thursday – Sunday<br><b>November 8 -- 11</b> | Hornby Island, BC<br>All inclusive                                                                             | Loogpla Cowden<br>206 399 5682<br><a href="mailto:loogplacowden@att.net">loogplacowden@att.net</a>                       |
| Friday<br><b>November 30</b>                 | Edmonds UWP<br>Night Dive<br><b>7:00 PM</b>                                                                    | Loogpla Cowden<br>206 399 5682<br><a href="mailto:loogplacowden@att.net">loogplacowden@att.net</a>                       |
| Saturday<br><b>December 1</b>                | ESDC Xmas Party<br>Snohomish, WA                                                                               | TBA                                                                                                                      |
| Monday—Saturday<br><b>December 3-8</b>       | Cozumel, Mexico<br>with Aqua Safari<br>Warm water & sun<br>\$1100 R\T air 5 nights 4<br>days of 2-3 tank dives | Loogpla Cowden<br>206 399 5682<br><a href="mailto:loogplacowden@att.net">loogplacowden@att.net</a>                       |

