



Emerald Sea Dive Club

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President's Column

by Jill Keeler

"The intoxication of power rapidly sobers off in the knowledge of its restrictions and under the prompt reminder of an ever-present and not always considerate press, as well as the kindly suggestions that not infrequently come from Congress."

"My God, this is a hell of a job! I have no trouble with my enemies . . . but my damn friends; they're the ones that keep me walking the floor nights."

Editor's Column

by Darlene Ripley

I am looking for some "reporters". If you are interested in writing a small column and dive a lot or know a lot of divers please contact me and we will discuss your valuable job opportunity with ESDC Newsletter!



Darlene esdcnewsletter@mindspring.com

And a reminder: PLEASE volunteer to help Jill with the Xmas Party. I know she is a super woman but even super women need help. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS!!! To Cheng who won first place in the Warm Water Critter category and Bob who won two first places in the Cold Water Macro and Cold Water Critters categories. They submitted three pictures and all won first place in their categories.



Guest Speaker

by Rich Carton

Our Guest for September will be Mike Hooley. He is the regional manager for SDI/TDI and he will be talking to us about "solo diving" the benefits and precautions of diving alone.

Edmonds' Moonlight Beach Adventure

by Wendy Drucker

Hey ESDC divers! We need volunteer critter collectors for the City of Edmonds' "Moonlight Beach Adventure" Saturday, September 15. This is similar to our critter collection dives at Richmond Beach, except it is a night dive. The Edmonds Beach Rangers will be on hand at Marina Beach Park from 7 to 9 p. m. to interpret for the beachgoers. The past two years this event has had a large turnout – at least 150 visitors – so they will need plenty of critters.

I know this is the same day as the Pier Cleanup but we need volunteers for the night critter dive as well. The event organizers count on our reputation as critter collectors.

We'll meet at the Edmonds Oil Dock at 5:30 p. m. with splash about 6:00. They need the critters in the touch pools by 7 p. m. Afterward, we can go for dinner or a beer!

If you have questions, please call Wendy Drucker at 206-632-3874.

Diver's License Plates I

submitted by Pam Norton

Dear EDSC members – here is a message from WSA President Mike Racine. I have mailed in the signatures collected at the July club meeting but I do not know if, after the moratorium expires, they will need to be collected again. Bureaucracy at its finest!

Diver's License Plates II

by Mike Racine

Washington Scuba Alliance has just been notified that the state legislature has extended the moratorium on new license plates that was set to expire in July 2007. Working with the WA Dept. of Licensing, a number of organizations mounted campaigns to apply for special license plates, relying on the ability to submit an application once the moratorium expired this month.

It now appears that we will not be able to submit our application till July 2009. This means our plate would not be available until January 2011. We do not know what caused the legislature to take this step but it is impacting not only our effort, but those of other organizations such as the Washington State Fire Fighters Association and the Washington State Youth Soccer Association.

We plan to continue collecting signatures to assure that we have the proper number of commitments. The only open question at this time is whether or not the signatures we currently have will still be valid for the 2009 submission. We have been told that we should receive further direction on this issue in late October. Until we hear differently we will continue to collect signatures.

We regret the delay, but the legislature's action was completely unexpected by both the Dept. of Licensing and those organizations who have worked diligently over the last couple of years to mount these efforts. We will continue to update as we learn more.

Don't forget if you have not already become a member of the Washington Scuba Alliance to please go on-line and join us. It is through strength of numbers that we can have the best impact on the diving environment within the State of Washington. Washington Scuba Alliance <http://www.wascuba.org>

Puget Sound Sightings

submitted by Janna Nichols

We have had some amazing sightings of some very interesting fish in Puget Sound and Hood Canal the past few weeks, so I'd invite you to take a look at the photos and stories some of our critter watchers have to share, including:

Ocean Sunfish (Mola mola) – Valerie Lyttle and Dan Hershman

Spotfin Sculpin – Sarah Hillebrand

Bluebarred Prickleback – Rhoda Green

Silverspotted Sculpin – Richard Zade

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

Plan now for September ID classes

I'll be teaching both fish and Invertebrate ID courses in September in Vancouver, WA. If you're from the Portland/Vancouver metro area, you won't want to miss these! Classes are offered to you **free** of charge, thanks to REEF and a grant from the Russell Family Foundation. Limit 40 students, so reserve your spot ASAP.

More info and online registration here:

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

Fun Afloat!

Join us for our annual REEF survey of Hood Canal on board Pacific Adventure Charters, Saturday Sept 29th. There are still openings for both the morning and the afternoon cruise. More details here:

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

Critter of the Month

A commonly sighted critter, this guy has a pretty tough attitude! See if you know what it is:

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

Fish and Invertebrate photos now online!

To help you prepare for upcoming ID courses and help you remember what you've learned afterwards, photos of all the fish and invertebrates taught in the basic REEF ID classes are now posted online.

<http://nwgeogirl.smugmug.com/REEF%20Marine%20Life%20ID%20Courses>

That's it for now – enjoy the photos and reports and keep watchin' critters!

Sam Waterman

submitted by Gerry Dollar

Oh My Gawd...it's Stan

*If you are an underwater photographer or want to be one, you've got to be there.

*If you want to convince someone to take up Scuba, they've got to be there.

*If you know who Stan Waterman is you know you want to be there.

*If you have never heard of Stan Waterman you need to be there.

*If you want to meet a legend, you better be there.

I know I'm going to be there.

Stan Waterman is purely and simply a legend. National Geographic, Blue Water, White Death and The Deep are among his credits. His awards include five Emmys, two Gold medals from the U.K. Underwater Film Festival, four Golden Eagles, Lifetime Achievement Awards from the Miami Expo and from Boston Sea Rovers, the Cousteau Diver of the Year Award, the Richard Hopper Day Memorial Medal from the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences and the Reaching Out Award from the Diving International Scuba Diving Hall of Fame.

This, simply put, is your chance to meet The Man.



LiveWell Ventures Travel 's Second Annual Underwater Film Festival presents:

THE UNDERWATER WORLD OF STAN WATERMAN

When and Where?

Sunday, September 23, 2007

3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Edmonds Conference Center

Chrysanthemum Hall

201 Fourth Ave. N

The Agenda

3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

No host bar. Hors d'oeuvres, micro brews and spirits

4:00 PM to 6:00

Stan Waterman

Diving the Maldives

Monsters and Dragons

The Banda Sea and Island of the Snakes

Bali and the Dragon

6:00 Pm to 7:00 PM

Book sales and signing

Q&A with Stan

Tickets \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 at the door or buy three and get one
free

Contact ESDC Member Nancy Chase at (360) 387-4110 or Toll Free at (877)357-0022. Tickets
are also

available at Bubbles Below and Lighthouse Diving

Editor's Photo of the Month



Elena DiPardo

Puffer fish

"A ham of a fish" is how Elena describes this puffer fish who lives in Utila, Honduras at about 40'. Elena shot this "very curious" cutie March 28, 2006. It was about 18 inches long and it let Elena photograph and video him for quite a while; hence, the attribute, a ham! Hammy says, "Click here to learn all about me, <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pufferfish> and if you want to see where I live click here": <http://www.aboututila.com/>.

Photo Contest

Have you been to www.emeraldseadiveclub.org to look at this year's entries? This is going to be a tough choice as ESDC photographers have stepped-up their game! Nice photos, photogs!

Board Members

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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.

The next drawing will be held in September for contributions in July, August, and September.

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 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, September 5 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

Write us: Emerald Sea Dive Club
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Contact any of the board members via telephone or e-mail
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/ESDClst

Divers on the Loose

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☞ Skip Stacy	425-775-2410	
☞ John Laggart –weekday dives		jmnlaggart@msn.com

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



Newsletter articles deadlines

October	September 24 th
November	October 29 th
December	November 26 th

DIVE CALENDAR

DATE	DIVE/EVENT	SPONSOR
Wednesday September 5	Dive Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ Alfy's	Jill and her band of doers
Saturday September 15	8:30 a.m. Edmonds Fishing Pier Cleanup Waivers Required!	Fran Murray 206-542-1866 scubagram_590@hotmail.com
Wednesday-Saturday September 19-22	Nanaimo, BC Diver's Choice Charter	Loogpla Cowden & Marty Leonard, 206-399- 5682, loogplacowden@att.net
Wednesday October 3	Dive Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ Alfy's	The Jill Band
Thursday-Saturday October 11-20	FIJI BEGA LAGOON Warm water diving Deposit \$150 Total Cost \$2,700	Adam Springer for details 425- 239-0241
Friday October 19	Edmonds UWP Night Dive 7:00 p.m.	Loogpla Cowden 206 399 5682 loogplacowden@att.net
Wednesday November 7	Dive Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ Alfy's	If you don't know by now ...
Thursday – Sunday November 8 – 11	Hornsby Island, BC All inclusive	Loogpla Cowden 206 399 5682 loogplacowden@att.net
Friday November 30	Edmonds UWP Night Dive 7:00 p.m.	Loogpla Cowden 206 399 5682 loogplacowden@att.net
Saturday December 1	ESDC Xmas Party Snohomish, WA	TBA
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Monday—Saturday December 3-8	Cozumel, Mexico with Aqua Safari Warm water & sun \$1100 R\T air 5 nights 4 days of 2-3 tank dives	Loogpla Cowden 206 399 5682 loogplacowden@att.net

Vancouver Island Dive

by Loogpla Cowden

Please join Marty and I for a few dives in Vancouver Island, Canada the weekend of September 19-22, 2007. If you have been thinking about diving in Saskatchewan, Cape Breton, Dodd Narrows, and more – this is a trip for you! The cost for 3 days' diving (including hotel, diving, lunch, air/weights and all taxes) is \$412.28 (CND) p/p double occupancy.

If you are thinking about it, please let me know. We are looking forward to diving with you!

Loogpla.

SUND ROCK DIVE

by Andy Norton

We will be hosting a day of diving and BBQ at Sund Rock on Sunday, September 30th. Meet at Hood Sport 'N Dive at 8:30 a.m. for 2-3 tanks with food served in between. Fee is \$16 per diver, payable at the dive shop. Here's a link with map and directions that can be added to the calendar post: <http://www.hoodspordndive.com/contact.htm>. The club will supply the meat for the BBQ (leftovers from the picnic). Potluck for anything else. Those interested can contact us at andy_norton@comcast.net or c#206-799-1095. Thanks!

Did you read the two presidential quotes under President's Column? No, Jill did not write them. They were written by USA presidents William Howard Taft and Warren G Harding.

