

# *Emerald Sea Dive Club*

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## WANNABE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

For the next nine months, this column will give you some information regarding presidential hopefuls. Every month different subjects are featured; this month is **Budget and Spending and National Security**. Candidates listed alphabetically.

### Budget and Spending



**Words:** Clinton feels we should “pay down the national debt, save Social Security, modernize Medicare with a prescription drug benefit, and provide targeted tax cuts to the families who need them most.” She also believes in a balanced budget.

**Actions:** Clinton voted AGAINST a \$40 billion reduction in overall spending (2005) and AGAINST paying down the national debt by rating the effectiveness of programs (2007).

### National Security

**Words:** Clinton feels that the “don't-ask-don't-tell” policy should be repealed. She has consistently supported a tough line on terrorism, advocating threat assessments, protection of the food supply and high-risk sites, increased homeland security grants and improved security at our embassies. She opposes a draft, but advocates deferring or forgiving student loans for national service. Clinton strongly supports funding and training first responders in the US. “We haven't secured our borders, our ports, our mass transit systems. You can go across this country and see so much that has not been done. The resources haven't gotten to the front lines where decisions are made in local government the way that they need to.”

**Actions:** Clinton has not served in the US military. She voted FOR the authorization for the use of force in Iraq (2002), FOR restoring \$565M for states' and ports' first responders (2005), FOR restricting business with foreign companies with links to terrorism (2005), AGAINST the PATRIOT Act's wiretap provision (2005), FOR reauthorizing the PATRIOT Act (2006), FOR requiring CIA reports on interrogation techniques (2006), FOR preserving habeas corpus for Guantanamo detainees (2006), and FOR implementing the 9/11 Commission report (2007). Peace Action has given Clinton a rating of 100% and the Center for Security Policy has given him a rating of 32%.

### Budget and Spending



**Words:** McCain believes we should drastically cut government spending and eliminate all pork-barrel bills. He supports a Balanced Budget Amendment.

**Actions:** McCain voted FOR a balanced budget **Actions:** McCain voted FOR a balanced budget constitutional amendment (1997), AGAINST making national debt reduction a lower priority than tax cuts (2000), and FOR a \$40 billion reduction in overall spending (2005).

## National Security

McCain strongly opposes the use of torture and rendition. He argues that the military's political leaders should have a military background and that a Commander in Chief needs experience more than briefing books. He supports "don't-ask-don't-tell" and feels that women have proven themselves in combat. McCain feels that we should withdraw from the ABM Treaty and develop a missile defense system. He believes we should raise military pay to increase recruitment and is a strong proponent of veterans' rights. He also feels that waste should be eliminated in defense spending and that Europe should increase its funding of NATO.

**Actions:** McCain served in the US Navy from 1958-1981 and was a prisoner of war in Vietnam from 1967-1973. He received Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Purple Heart and Distinguished Flying Cross awards. McCain voted FOR amending the ABM Treaty to allow the deployment of the missile defense system (1996), FOR banning chemical weapons (1997), AGAINST prohibiting same-sex basic training (1998), FOR a military pay raise (1999), FOR deploying National Missile Defense (1999), FOR cutting nuclear weapons to below START levels (1999), FOR another round of military base closures (1999), AGAINST adopting the Comprehensive Test ban Treaty (1999), FOR the authorization for the use of force in Iraq (2002), AGAINST restoring \$565M for states' and ports' first responders (2005), AGAINST restricting business with foreign companies with links to terrorism (2005), FOR the PATRIOT Act's wiretap provision (2005), FOR reauthorizing the PATRIOT Act (2006), AGAINST requiring CIA reports on interrogation techniques (2006), and AGAINST preserving habeas corpus for Guantanamo detainees (2006). Peace Action has given McCain a rating of 0% and the Center for Security Policy has given him a rating of 59%.

## Budget and Spending



**Words:** Obama feels that the Bush administration's policies are not working and opposes raising the national debt limit.

**Actions:** Obama voted AGAINST a \$40 billion reduction in overall spending (2005) and AGAINST paying down the national debt by rating the effectiveness of programs (2007).

## National Security

**Words:** Obama feels we should support veterans and address the deficiencies in the VA system. He advocates appealing "don't-ask-don't-tell", giving our troops the best training and equipment available, and growing the size of the military to maintain rotation schedules. "We know that... our long-term security depends on a judicious projection of military power and increased cooperation with other nations, and that addressing the problems of global poverty and failed states is vital to our nation's interests."

**Actions:** Obama has not served in the US military. He voted FOR restoring \$565M for states' and ports' first responders (2005), FOR restricting business with foreign companies with links to terrorism (2005), AGAINST the PATRIOT Act's wiretap provision (2005), FOR reauthorizing the PATRIOT Act (2006), FOR requiring CIA reports on interrogation techniques (2006), FOR preserving habeas corpus for Guantanamo detainees (2006), and FOR implementing the 9/11 Commission report (2007). The Center for Security Policy has given him a rating of 21%.

## RICHMOND BEACH

It's that time of year again when we get to collect critters for the public's enjoyment and education. There are two weekends left to be covered by our club so, PLEASE, if you want to dive or host or be shore support let Cheng, Darlene, or Jill know ASAP. Dates are as follows:

|         |          |                        |                           |
|---------|----------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| June 7  | Saturday | 12 – 4 p.m.            | <b>OPEN</b>               |
| June 19 | Saturday | 12 – 4 p.m.            | Bob & Cheng will host     |
| July 5  | Saturday | 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. | <b>OPEN</b>               |
| July 6  | Sunday   | 12 – 3 p.m.            | David & Darlene will host |
| July 19 | Saturday | 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Laura & Wendy will host   |
| July 20 | Sunday   | 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Ed LaBouy will host       |

The shelter and truck both are reserved for dates that are filled; the truck takes our gear to the shelter and back to the parking lot.

**Volunteers needed** for several club events; please help where you can so the club can continue enjoying these activities.

⊖ Someone is needed to co-ordinate the summer picnic. If you can do this please notify Jill.

⊖ Someone is needed to help Rich with the Poker Dive.

## CALENDARS FOR SALE

There are 12 calendars left for sale at the reduced price of \$5 each. Contact Darlene at the newsletter to order. [esdcnewsletter@mindspring.com](mailto:esdcnewsletter@mindspring.com)

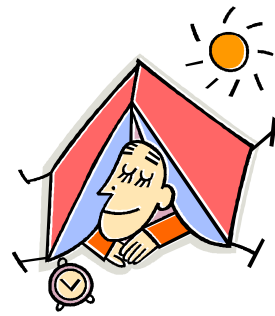
## OLD AGE AND DIVING

If you are interested in helping DAN with their Diving and Age research project follow this link. You should be over 50. Anyone in our club fit this description?

<http://dan.org/research/projects/pde/participate.asp>

**Emerald Sea Dive Club  
Camp & Dive at Salt Creek County Park!**

When: Thursday, July 10, through Sunday, July 13  
Salt Creek County Park, 15 miles west of Port Angeles.



Where:

[http://www.clallam.net/CountyParks/html/parks\\_saltcreek.htm](http://www.clallam.net/CountyParks/html/parks_saltcreek.htm)

We have five campsites reserved, and each site will accommodate two tents and up to six persons. You can also bring an RV, but these are standard sites with no utility hookups. Nightly fee is \$18 per site, plus a \$5 reservation fee for the first night. Pets are allowed. Sign-up sheets will be at the monthly meetings. \$23 deposit due if you want a specific campsite.

Dives: Hoping for two dives per day, with the majority of the best times in the morning to early afternoon. We'll end the weekend on Sunday diving Lake Crescent to enjoy the clear viz and freshwater gear rinse.  
[http://www.shorediving.com/Earth/USA/Washington/Lake\\_Crescent\\_East\\_Beach/index.html](http://www.shorediving.com/Earth/USA/Washington/Lake_Crescent_East_Beach/index.html)

Air Fills: Two locations in the immediate area.

- Dano's Dive Service, west end of Port Angeles, 360-670-6104, 2115 Driftwood Circle. Dano took good care of us last year, and we can drop off tanks any time.
- Scuba Supplies, downtown Port Angeles, 360-457-3190, 120 E Front Street, open Friday 12-5:30 p.m. and Saturday 10-5:30 p.m. Be warned, we had zero luck with this shop last year and they don't apparently always go by the mentioned store hours.

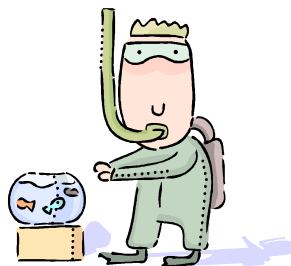
We'll be hosting a potluck dinner for Saturday night. We'll provide the main course, so please bring a side dish or dessert if you want to join in the feast. You're on your own for the rest of the weekend!

\* While we encourage everyone to join us, *rocky shore entry, surf, surge & currents can make this a challenging dive site.* Please visit this next link for site details and honestly assess your diving skills. \*

<http://www.seaotter.com/marine/html/saltcreek.html>

We hope to see you there!

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## EDITOR'S PHOTO OF THE MONTH



by Bob Bailey

Penpoint Gunnel

Going to the rock cave and we're gonna get mar-a-ar-ied, going to  
the rock cave and we're gonna get ma-a-ar-ied, Gee I really love her  
and we're gonna get mar-a-ar-ied, going to the rock cave of love. Spring  
is here the water is blue, whales all sing like they do, today's the day, We'll  
say 'I do' and we'll never be lonely anymore. (Chorus) Buoys will ring the  
sun will shine I'll be hers and she'll be mine we'll love until we get eaten by  
the food chain, and we'll never be lonely anymore.

<http://fishbase.mnhn.fr/Summary/SpeciesSummary.php?id=3799>

## CAMP CASEY

by Shawn Miller

I would like to give my thanks to all the people that had helped me through this wonderful dive adventure. The few people that helped put in the cage and hose in the water, a thank you goes to you. You know who you are. To my shore support, I commend you on a job well done. Dan Fry our boat captain thank you for your support.

In my opinion, Eugene "Pat Bates" did a wonderful job for the dinner on Friday night, something out of the norm. A little change is good sometime. Fifty pounds of ribs w/ BBQ sauce, baked beans, potato salad and some sourdough bread with spread. That was some good stuff.

We had 33 divers enter the water on the first dive. A few did not make it all the way in though. Oh well we used them as shore support; this was badly needed. Besides the confusion of having many divers in the water at the same time, it got a little frustrating on people losing buddies and not returning up to the surface. Everybody needs to remember the basics!

I want to thank all the people that stayed with me and helped clean up. I do appreciate you all. Jill thanks for the pot. I mean the coffee pot. This was a good trip. There were a few people that came out and did not dive, they came to just hang out you are always welcome.

As much as I like to feel important to you all I have decided to give up the planning of the Camp Casey trip for now. I would like to pass on the responsibility to someone else. I feel the last two years was a good run.

That being said, I will need a volunteer for next year to take my place. I could write a guideline for who ever would like the job. Please let me know, I could help who ever volunteers.

Thanks again

## EDMONDS FISHING PIER CLEAN UP

by Fran Murray

The days are getting longer and spring is coming; must be time for our first of the ESDC's two Fishing Pier clean-ups in 2008. March 29, which is a Saturday, we will gather on the lawn in front of Edmonds U/W Sports store for a dive briefing at 9:00 a. m. (there's another around noon for those who only want to do the afternoon dive). This is a mandatory to attend for you to do this dive since it involves high levels of hazards. I would suggest that your diving skill and experience be more than a novice diver. You can always help on the dock which can be just as much fun (well, almost). We pair up veteran pier divers with those who have not had The Pier Experience yet. Don't be disappointed if you are not buddied with the person you came with, maybe you will meet a new dive buddy. U/W Sports, in the past, has generously given us a free fill after

the first dive. We just have to tell them we are doing the pier clean up and be polite to the store personnel. After the dive, we conduct a sale of all the stuff we bring up to the dock. What a hoot that is, particularly if the weather is nice and there are many fisher people.

Here are a few things to think about:

WAIVERS ARE REQUIRED – call 206 542 1866  
or see me at the March meeting

Streamline your equipment to cut down on  
the chance of entanglement

Only two to a buddy team

Scissors or knife is good to have – topside  
as well

This is a working dive and you **WILL** use more air

And anything else that you can think of to make  
this a safe dive. We have not lost a diver yet.  
(Editor's note: knock on metal!!)

Some of the fun stuff we have found in the past: several guns(do not bring them up), hot pink nail polish, a ladies bowling ball, a ladder, dollar bills, little girl shoes, sun glasses, pagers, cell phones, candle sticks, a presentation sword, hats, knives, a bag of checks in a pillowcase with three rocks, and of course lots of fishing gear.

## **DIVE REPORT**

By Janna Nichols

A very happy March to everyone! Diving is great - and I am excited because I was finally able to dive Deception Pass for the first time in my life - saw TONS of cool stuff - so life is GOOD! Without further adieu, here is what is going on in the underwater world.

### **Critter of the Month**

Because it is March, I should be featuring a GREEN-ling, but sorry, that is not the case! Instead, we have a very colorful fish for you this month - see if you know what this one is!  
<http://www.pnwscuba.com/critterwatchers/critterofthemonth.htm>

### **New Level two surveyors and photos**

Thanks to Nate Schwarck and Pete Pehl for hosting the latest batch of REEF Fish and Invertebrate ID classes at the Shannon Point Marine Center in Anacortes. We had a whopping 30 of our students pass the level 2 tests for fish and/or invertebrates! To all of you, very nice going! They were:

Dan Wright, Jill Wright, Jan Kocian, Kirsten Holte, Randy Holte, Pete Pehl, Clint Christiansen, Alton Buckingham (Hi Al!), Paul Sennes, Brian Crouser, Robert Adams,

Grady Lineberger, Lauren Chomiczewski, Amanda Winans, Arnie Mengel, Jessie Rosanbalm, Jordan Sly, Neil Borman, Curtis Clement, Sylvia Graham, Matthew Probert, Sasha McFarland, Eiren McKay, Tyler McKay, Jerod Shellenberger, Sheahan McCulla, Noel Larson, Corinne Sayler, Kevin Sayler, and Nate Schwarck.

View pictures of their wild and crazy class here:

[http://nwgeogirl.smugmug.com/gallery/4367266\\_REFD6#256403357](http://nwgeogirl.smugmug.com/gallery/4367266_REFD6#256403357)

### Upcoming Classes

The next, and last of this series, of the basic REEF Fish and Invertebrate ID classes will be held at the Oregon Coast Aquarium in April and in May we will be introducing a new class - designed for those who are level 2 surveyors to help them get to levels 3, 4 and 5. That will debut at the Seattle Aquarium. More info and signups here:

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

## LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE?

by Laura Orlich

Laura Orlich and Nancy Chase are pleased to present to you an adventure in exploring the Lembah Strait and Bunaken National Park, North Sulawesi, Indonesia.

The Lembah Strait is about 10 miles long and a mile wide, separating North Sulawesi from Lembah Island. This area is called home to a variety of bizarre and weird creatures, including giant frogfish, ribbon eels, cuttlefish, leaf fish, ghost pipefish, lion fish, bat fish, porcupine fish, pygmy seahorses and mimic octopuses. The other side of the island at Bunaken National Park is well known for wall its diving and coral heads.

Departing from Seattle on October 31<sup>st</sup>, we will travel to Manado Indonesia and spend 6 nights at the Mihahasa Lagoon Resort exploring the wall diving and relaxing at the resort. Then we will transfer to the other side of the island to the Lembeh Resort for 5 nights with all its glorious muck. And since we are going all that way, why not layover in Singapore for two extra nights and explore the city. Finally we return to Seattle on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:35 PM

Both resorts are beautiful boutique hotels immersed in nature and local style with focus on exceptional hospitality above and below water. If you are interested, you should go see the resort websites at [www.minahasalagoon.com](http://www.minahasalagoon.com) and [www.lembehresort.com](http://www.lembehresort.com). The trip is all inclusive and covers round trip airfare, all transfers, food (except in Singapore), 24 boat dives, unlimited shore dives, 14 nights lodging. Since we started planning this trip in 2007, the resorts are honoring the 2007 pricing. The estimated total price is \$3735.00, with \$750 non refundable deposits due now, and the cash balance due August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Additional discounts may apply and will be available on a 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> serve basis. Space is available so feel free to contact Laura Orlich at 425-985-8976 or Nancy Chase at 877-357-0022.

**TANK GAWD IT BE FRIDAY DIVES**

Hey everyone, don't you just love Fridays? Unless you are Skip, for most of us it signals the end of yet another workweek and hopefully the beginning of a relaxing weekend. How about starting the weekend off right? Each month, Pam and I will be hosting an event we are calling the "TGIF" Dive. On a chosen Friday night, we will meet up at one of our favorite local dive sites at 6:00 p. m. for an after work splash. And with this club, dinner usually follows!

Meet up at 6:00 p. m. and splash when ready. Care to join us? If you cannot make it one month join us the next one? Be sure to check the ESDC club calendar for all of our monthly TGIF dive dates: <http://www.emeraldseadiveclub.org/EventsCalendar.aspx>. We hope to see you there! Oh, and these are of course night dives. Please remember to bring your primary, secondary and tank lights. Celebrate TGIF dives with Andy & Pam Norton on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month. It is a great way to unwind and rid your soul of the stresses of a hectic month. See calendar, pages 19-20 for further details. Dive in!

## REFRESHER COURSE

### "OH BOY, SCUBA SKILLS " WHY?

We all started our diving experience with a basic course. During that course, we practiced and mastered a core set of skills. I have titled those skills as the "OH MY GAWD SKILLS". These are the skills we use when Murphy's Laws (Murphy was an optimist) raise their ugly heads. Most of these times are fraught with a degree of PANIC!!

Many of us remember those early skill as not being a whole bunch of fun and we would really rather not do them again. Knowing how to do them automatically may save you from embarrassment or worse, injury. We all remember removing our mask, but when was the last time you actually removed your mask underwater, or the last time you and your buddy practiced an alternate air source ascent. When your buddy or another diver kicks off your mask or when your buddy is low on air, is not the time to practice.

On Saturday April 12, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. we will meet at Patti's Egg Nest to discuss, over breakfast, those "OH MY GAWD SKILLS" then we will go to the West Coast Aquatic Center 15622 Country Club Drive Mill Creek WA 98012 and practice them between 10:00 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.

Dive masters and at least one instructor will be available to assist or demonstrate, upon your request. If you want a formal refresher course that can be arranged, as well; however, this is a time for you and your buddy to practice the basic skills that you choose, at your pace.

Who knows, exchanging your equipment underwater while buddy breathing might just become fun!! I feel that this would be a Saturday morning well spent. A sign up sheet will be available at the next meeting.

For more information, you may contact Dan Fry at 425-343-6037.

**Editor's note:** There is a fee to the pool of \$5.00 per person and it would be nice if every diver tipped Dan for doing this for ESDC. I suggest \$3.00-\$5.00 per person.

Where'd  
that dang  
diver go?



by Jerry Dollar

One night not too long ago three of our members made a night dive at the Mukilteo T-Dock. The dive started normally enough and after a short while, our divers found themselves at 80 feet. At this point one of the Diver 1's regulators started leaking. The diver removed it from his mouth and waved it through the water hoping to dislodge any foreign matter that might be causing the leak. When Diver 1 saw this was going to be a little more work to get the regulator to stop leaking, Diver 1 signaled to Diver 2 to kneel down in front of him.

Diver 2 noticed quite a bit of air coming out of the free flowing regulator and offered their octopus to diver 1. Diver 1 declined and put his own octopus in his mouth and Diver 2 let the proffered octopus drift free. During the course of events, the divers had all drifted down to about 100 feet.

While still attempting to dislodge the foreign matter the free flowing regulator stopped flowing. Diver 2 seeing this action on the part of Diver 1 and not seeing any errant bubbles, relaxed. Diver 1 took one or two breaths and then it happened. On the second or third inhalation, there was nothing, not a hint of air. Frantically Diver 1 signaled Diver 2 that he was out of air. Diver 2, who had relaxed began frantically searching for the alternate air source, which was now hanging free, out of its holder. Diver 1 reported later that all he could see was a great big regulator in Diver 2's mouth with air coming out of it. He felt he was within seconds of panicking when Diver 2 found the errant second stage and placed it in front of his face. The two divers then hooked up and made a normal ascent, although they did find it necessary to omit the safety stop since they were hanging in open water at night. They noted that it was difficult to read their gauges because they were using one hand to maintain buddy contact and could not hold their light and gauges in such a manner that they could read the gauge.

Fortunately, both divers were uninjured. They credit their successful ascent while air sharing to the fact that they practice the skill frequently. Given that they were at 100 feet and it was at night this was not a trivial event. If Diver 2 had not been paying attention to Diver 1 and not been in a position to share air, if Diver 1 had panicked, if they had become separated during their ascent or if they had rushed their ascent at all the outcome could have been tragically different. They both admit there were things

that could have gone better. It would have been better if Diver 2 had not dropped the alternate second stage but had retained it until the event was positively over and then replaced it in it's keeper but their training and practice easily overcame this minor problem. One of them could have held a light shining it on the other's computer to make it easier to monitor their ascent, but who would think about something like that under this kind of stress and they did monitor their ascent rate by slowing whenever their computer beeped at them so they were clearly in control and thinking rationally. In other words, both divers responded in a textbook manner to what was a very serious situation and the outcome was that both divers are alive and healthy today. Could you do as well?

As was stated by the divers they credit both their training and their frequent practice for the successful ascent. How long has it been since you have practiced those skills you learned in open water? Skills developed to keep you alive when things go wrong. Mask clearing, air sharing, controlled emergency ascents, dropping weights, manual operation of your BCD, response to a sticking inflator button, cramp removal and tired diver tows are all essential skills in our environment. Emerald Sea Dive Club has arranged for you to have a chance to review and practice these skills under the tutelage of club members who are instructors and dive masters. The only cost is an afternoon of your time and \$5 toward the cost of the pool and a tip for Dan. Please take advantage of this opportunity. You never know when you will need one of these skills to save your life or that of your buddy. Please contact: [jillk@bjbrewster.com](mailto:jillk@bjbrewster.com) or my phone 425-356-9444.

**When: Saturday, April 12, 2008**

**Time: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

**Where: West Coast Family Aquatic Center**

**15622 Country Club Drive**

**Mill Creek**

<http://www.swimwca.org/generalinfo/directions.htm>

We will be meeting for breakfast prior to the pool session at Patty's Egg Nest on 164<sup>th</sup> in Mill Creek. The breakfast meeting is voluntary but it will give you the opportunity to insure that you know what skills will be practiced and ask any questions you might have. Besides, they have great, fresh squeezed orange juice. Please RSVP for the breakfast to: [jillk@bjbrewster.com](mailto:jillk@bjbrewster.com) or my phone 425-356-9444.

**Time: 7:30 AM**

**Place: Patty's Egg Nest**

**402 164<sup>th</sup> St NW**

**HORNBY ISLAND DIVE TRIP**

Elena DiPardo won the Hornby Island dive trip at the Christmas Party and has found she cannot make use of the gift certificate; therefore, she has kindly donated it to the club.

There will be a raffle at the April meeting for this trip. Everyone interested in winning this trip **and leading a group to Hornby Island** may put their name into a hat and whoever's name is drawn will be going to Hornby Island for diving. Elena has this to say, "I think it is nice diving up there and the place is nice, food great, and boat is easy to dive from. Anyone who gets the certificate should know that it is at least 2 full days of traveling to get there with 3 ferries each way. It is even better if they planned an over night in Nanaimo on the way up. Also, it may be necessary to stay an extra night at the lodge or Campbell River on the way home if they want to get the full value out of the 2 days of diving. Amanda and Rob are lovely hosts." <http://www.hornbyislanddiving.com/>

## LITTLE YELLOW ROCKS

by Skip Stacey

After a meal of Crawdad Bisque, Alligator Fritters and Key Lime Pie for dessert, I knew we were off to a good start and we were not even out of Houston yet. It was a smooth plane ride and landing and we had arrived in Bonaire for a week vacation of diving. The first step off the plane was a hot and humid slap like a warm moist kiss from a 22-year-old New York call girl. (And Skip would know this how?) After a trundle through customs and baggage claim, it was time to load up into our 4-seat dive mobiles. We split into two groups with Dan Fry as pilot and me as navigator. John Laggert and Adria Ali were the backseat side gunners and because Adria was among three Army has-beens, she was the FNG (Don't ask) (Friendly New Girl). The other four were John Hynd as pilot with Loogpla as the navigator and Jack-n-Jill as the backdoor tail gunners. ?! We were off to eat and meet with the divers and their spouses from the Ohio group. Our actual dive package did not start until the next day so we stuck around the resort with Marty and the Ohio Boys and managed to get two dives in. Bonaire is mostly shore diving with yellow rocks along the road to mark dive sites.

Easy entries and short swims over pure white sand to the first reef then down to more pure white sand and then usually a second reef that came up then down again to darkness so one could really dive each site many times. There was a lot to see shallow also. I have to admit that in addition to the 80 ft. + viz I probably saw more (in both quantity and species) fish and corals and overall life in these first two dives as on some other trips combined. Dinner was on the waterfront on outside tables with an amazingly beautiful and colorful sunset. Adria kept the tea rolling from an endless supply from her rather large purse. The next day was dive shop time with endless air and even three free Nitrox fills to those who showed their cards. The townhouse lodging side by side for the eight of us was comfortable and we were rested and ready. All we had to do was dive---dive---eat---exchange tanks---dive---rest---dive---exchange tanks--eat---night dive. As navigator, all I had to do was point out little yellow rocks and we were diving.

No currents---unlimited air---80 ft+ viz. (more, but I don't want to brag), a few night dives, a couple wreck dives on the "Hilma Hooker". John Hynd was the dive person who topped out with 20 dives and Loogpla broke the 1000th dive, came back with 1001, and still made a giant breakfast for everyone. The life was everywhere with all colors of vase and tube sponge, every type of Gorgonian possible, from a 6-7 foot sea fan to forests of sea plumes; There was every type and color of coral that were homes for

hundreds of small hamlets and basslets. Every dive saw at least two or three drum fish with porcupine fish and puffers, trunkfish and cowfish, scrawled filefish, tangs and durgons. There were peacock flounder in the white sand with small forests of garden eels. Other eels, from giant green morays out in the open to spotted moray and gold spotted and snake eels. There were big eyes all over with grouper and rock hinds snappers and schools of grunts and jacks. Goatfish, butterfly fish, pairs of beautiful queen, rock beauty, French angelfish and Spanish hogfish. Damselfish all over and as many parrotfish as I have ever seen. I even dropped down within 30 feet of a small eagle ray, played with a couple of barracuda (**bet the barracudas did not know Skip would have eaten them, given the chance**) and a real first was a night dive paired up with a 5 foot tarpon that was using my light to spot prey. It swam around me for 10-15 minutes. Shallower were the gobies and blennies darting back for protection if we got too close. We tried to find seahorses, toad/frogfish and shark but did not see any this time.

Above was fantastic food and because Bonaire is a desert island, cactus and thorn bushes (trees). The main economy besides diving and tourism is sea salt evaporation ponds. There are not many types of animals, mostly wild burrows, iguanas and other lizards, goats and birds. Bonaire has more asses on the island second only to Washington D. C. I tried to sneak up on some flamingoes for pictures and did not have a chance; they must have eyes in the back of their heads. The weather was warm with cool winds at night and a little monsoon type rain that ended as quickly as it started. I will go back and hope this gets a group interested but if not then I will mention we saw turtles about every three or four dives also. Friday came around, we toured toward the other end of the island, and I even had some oriental type conch meal for lunch. We saw a lot of cactus and goats. It was also my birthday and the group took me to the Coca-Cola Santa Clauses Pizza Joint for pictures with Santa and all of us. Good American type pizza and a really big bar of chocolate and a nice "Hilda Hooker" dive shirt---thanks everyone for that---really NICE.

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## WHOOZY WHATZ ITZ

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## OTHER STUFF

### Membership Dues

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

### Winning \$50.00

You could win a **\$50.00** ESDC check up to four times a year, depending on your luck. There are several ways of winning:

- 1) by hosting club dives
- 2) by submitting stories, articles, or information to the newsletter
- 3) by signing up a new member

Every time you sponsor a club dive, submit to the newsletter, or sign up a new member 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, and fun! Remember, a club dive is a dive approved by Shawn Miller, Activities Coordinator, and placed on the clipboard and on the ESDC web site. This is a great way to meet club members and have lots of fun. Remember: the more dives you book, the more submission to the newsletter you make, and the more new members you sign up the more chances you have of winning.

### 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

If you would like to join the One List go to [www.groups.yahoo.com/group/ESDClist](http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/ESDClist) then click on "Join This Group". The One List is 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!** If you have trouble with this process then contact Andy [andy\\_norton@comcast.net](mailto:andy_norton@comcast.net).

## OUR NEXT MEETING

**Wednesday, April 2** 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.**

### GUEST SPEAKER

Jesper from Bubbles Below will be speaking about underwater photography.

### 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.)

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### Newsletter articles deadlines

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| May       | April 28     |
| June      | May 26       |
| July      | June 23      |
| August    | July 28      |
| September | August 25    |
| October   | September 29 |
| November  | October 27   |
| December  | November 24  |

## DIVE AND EVENT CALENDAR

| DATE   | DIVE  | SPONSOR  |
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| TGIF Dive<br><b>March 28</b>                                 | Cove 2<br>6 p.m.  | Pam 'n Andy<br><a href="mailto:pnorton@rwbeck.com">pnorton@rwbeck.com</a><br><a href="mailto:andy_norton@comcast.net">andy_norton@comcast.net</a>              |
| Saturday<br><b>March 29</b>                                  | Edmonds Fishing Pier<br>Clean up<br>9 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. | Fran Murray<br><a href="mailto:scubagram_590@hotmail.com">scubagram_590@hotmail.com</a><br>206 542 1866  |
| Saturday<br><b>April 12</b>                                  | Refresher course<br>Mill Creek Aquatic                  | Jill Keeler<br><a href="mailto:jillk@bjbrewster.com">jillk@bjbrewster.com</a>  |
| TGIF Dive<br><b>April 18</b>                                 | Edmonds UWP<br>6 p.m.                                   | Pam 'n Andy<br><a href="mailto:pnorton@rwbeck.com">pnorton@rwbeck.com</a><br><a href="mailto:andy_norton@comcast.net">andy_norton@comcast.net</a>              |
| Friday – Monday<br><b>April 25 – 28</b><br><br>Full! sign up | HMCS Chaudier<br><br>on waiting list                    | Skip Stacy<br><a href="mailto:skipstacy@comcast.net">skipstacy@comcast.net</a><br>Jerry Dollar<br><a href="mailto:abalone@verizon.net">abalone@verizon.net</a> |
| TGIF Dive<br><b>May 16</b>                                   | Cove 2<br>6 p.m.  | Pam 'n Andy<br><a href="mailto:pnorton@rwbeck.com">pnorton@rwbeck.com</a><br><a href="mailto:andy_norton@comcast.net">andy_norton@comcast.net</a>              |
| Saturday<br><b>June 7</b>                                    | Richmond Beach<br>12 -4 p.m.                            | <b>Need a host</b>   |
| Saturday<br><b>June 19</b>                                   | Richmond Beach<br>12-4 p.m.                             | Bob <a href="mailto:baileyjr@comcast.net">baileyjr@comcast.net</a><br>Cheng<br><a href="mailto:chengwong@comcast.net">chengwong@comcast.net</a>                |
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| Saturday<br><b>July 05</b>                                   | Richmond Beach<br>11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.                | <b>Need Host</b>   |
| Sunday<br><b>July 06</b>                                     | Richmond Beach<br>12 – 3 p.m.                           | David & Darlene<br><a href="mailto:esdcnewsletter@mindspring.com">esdcnewsletter@mindspring.com</a>  |
| TGIF Dive<br><b>July 18</b>                                  | Edmonds Oil Dock<br>6 p.m.                              | Pam 'n Andy<br><a href="mailto:pnorton@rwbeck.com">pnorton@rwbeck.com</a><br><a href="mailto:andy_norton@comcast.net">andy_norton@comcast.net</a>              |
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| Saturday<br>July 19  | Richmond Beach<br>11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.                                   | Laura <a href="mailto:lorlich@ssoe.com">lorlich@ssoe.com</a><br>Wendy<br><a href="mailto:wcdrucker@clearwire.net">wcdrucker@clearwire.net</a>     |
| Sunday<br>July 20  | Richmond Beach<br>11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.                                   | Ed LaBouy   |
| TGIF Dive<br>August 15   | Edmonds UWP<br>6 p.m.  | Pam 'n Andy<br><a href="mailto:pnorton@rwbeck.com">pnorton@rwbeck.com</a><br><a href="mailto:andy_norton@comcast.net">andy_norton@comcast.net</a> |
| TGIF Dive<br>September 19  | Mukilteo T Dock<br>6 p.m.  | Pam 'n Andy<br><a href="mailto:pnorton@rwbeck.com">pnorton@rwbeck.com</a><br><a href="mailto:andy_norton@comcast.net">andy_norton@comcast.net</a> |
| TGIF Dive<br>October 17  | Edmonds UWP<br>6 p.m.  | Pam 'n Andy<br><a href="mailto:pnorton@rwbeck.com">pnorton@rwbeck.com</a><br><a href="mailto:andy_norton@comcast.net">andy_norton@comcast.net</a> |
| *October 30 to November 15<br> | North Sulawesi,<br>Indonesia<br>Lembah Strait and<br>Bunaken National Park | Laura Orlich<br>425-985-8976<br>or<br>Nancy Chase<br>877-357-0022   |
| TGIF Dive<br>November 21   | Cove 2<br>6 p.m.   | Pam 'n Andy<br><a href="mailto:pnorton@rwbeck.com">pnorton@rwbeck.com</a><br><a href="mailto:andy_norton@comcast.net">andy_norton@comcast.net</a> |
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