



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 will be featured; this month is **Health Care and Immigration**. Candidates listed alphabetically. The field sure has narrowed since February's newsletter!

Health Care



Words: Clinton believes in incremental reforms that will lead to universal health care through insurance premium subsidy, but feels that single-payer health care is unrealistic. She also supports AIDS education and research and advocates expanding eligibility for the SCHIP program, expanding Medicare coverage, and requiring all employers to contribute to the cost of their workers' health care. She proposes expanding the Family and Medical Leave Act and barring insurers from rejecting patients with pre-existing conditions. "We have to lower costs, improve quality and cover everybody."

Actions: Clinton voted AGAINST the Republican "prescription drug benefit" bill (2001), FOR allowing patients to sue HMOs (2001), FOR allowing the import of prescription drugs from Canada (2002), AGAINST a limited Medicare prescription drug benefit (2003), FOR negotiating bulk purchases for Medicare prescription drugs (2005), FOR increasing the Medicaid rebate for producing generics (2005), FOR expanding the enrollment period for Medicare (2006), AGAINST limiting medical liability lawsuits to \$250,000, and FOR requiring negotiated prescription prices for Medicare (2007). The American Public Health Association has given Clinton a rating of 100%.

Immigration

Words: Clinton advocates more patrolling of both the Mexican and Canadian borders. She feels that immigration reform should have family unification as one of its goals. "We ought to come up with a much better entry and exit system so that if we're going to let people in for the work that otherwise would not be done, let's have a system that keeps track of them." She advocates programs to help illegal immigrants already in the country to obtain citizenship.

Actions: Clinton voted FOR giving "guest workers" a path to citizenship (2006), FOR allowing illegal aliens to participate in Social Security (2006), FOR establishing a "guest worker" program (2006), FOR building a fence along the Mexican border (2006), AGAINST making English the official language of the US government (2007), and FOR comprehensive immigration reform (2007). Americans for Better Immigration has given him a rating of 16%.

Health Care



Words: McCain opposes a mandated universal health care system and mandated insurance coverage and supports tax-free medical savings accounts, tax credits for health insurance, and more community health care centers. He also argues that we must keep our health care promises to veterans. "People should be able to enroll in a point-of-service plan with access to a multitude of physicians, rather than be limited to an HMO."

Actions: McCain voted AGAINST medical savings accounts (1996), AGAINST Medicare means testing (1997), FOR increasing tobacco restrictions (1998), FOR limiting self-employment health deduction (1999), AGAINST including prescription drugs under Medicare (2000), FOR the Republican "prescription drug benefit" bill (2001), FOR allowing patients to sue HMOs (2001), FOR allowing the import of prescription drugs from Canada (2002), AGAINST a limited Medicare prescription drug benefit (2003), FOR negotiating bulk purchases for Medicare prescription drugs (2005), FOR increasing the Medicaid rebate for producing generics (2005), and AGAINST expanding the enrollment period for Medicare (2006). The American Public Health Association has given McCain a rating of 25%.

Immigration

Words: McCain believes in giving illegal aliens a path to citizenship, arguing that 14 million illegal aliens is "de facto amnesty". He advocates fines, waiting periods, and deportation depending on circumstances. He feels that comprehensive reform starts with border security and includes a temporary worker program.

Actions: McCain voted FOR limiting welfare for immigrants (1997), FOR visas for skilled workers (1998), FOR allowing for immigrant labor for farm work (1998), FOR giving "guest workers" a path to citizenship (2006), FOR allowing illegal aliens to participate in Social Security (2006), FOR establishing a "guest worker" program (2006), FOR building a fence along the Mexican border (2006), FOR making English the official language of the US government (2007), and FOR comprehensive immigration reform (2007). Americans for Better Immigration has given him a rating of 10%.

UPDATE: Many within his own party view McCain as dangerously weak on Immigration because of his sponsorship of the McCain-Kennedy Bill that they have labeled "The Amnesty Bill"

Health Care



Words: Obama believes that the federal government should provide health care for everyone. He also feels that we need to increase competition in the insurance and pharmaceutical markets and advocates better funding for AIDS research and prevention. "Too many hard-working Americans cannot afford their medical bills, and health-related issues are the number one cause for personal bankruptcy. Promoting affordable, accessible, and high-quality health care is a priority."

Actions: Obama voted FOR negotiating bulk purchases for Medicare prescription drugs (2005), FOR increasing the Medicaid rebate for producing generics (2005), FOR expanding the enrollment period for Medicare (2006), and FOR requiring negotiated prescription prices for Medicare (2007). The American Public Health Association has given Obama a rating of 100%.

Immigration

Words: Obama feels there should be a pathway to citizenship for illegal aliens, but argues that it must be earned. He supports border patrols and a border fence as well as holding employers accountable for hiring undocumented workers. He also feels that the system for legal immigration is broken.

Actions: Obama voted FOR giving "guest workers" a path to citizenship (2006), FOR allowing illegal aliens to participate in Social Security (2006), FOR establishing a "guest worker" program (2006), FOR building a fence along the Mexican border (2006), AGAINST making English the official language of the US government (2007), and FOR comprehensive immigration reform (2007). Americans for Better Immigration has given him a rating of 14%.

RICHMOND BEACH

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

June 7	Saturday	12 – 4 p.m.	OPEN
June 8	Sunday	1 – 4 p.m.	OPEN
June 19	Saturday	12 – 4 p.m.	Bob & Cheng will host
July 5	Saturday	11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	OPEN
July 6	Sunday	12 – 3 p.m.	OPEN
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.	OPEN

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

EDITOR'S PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Photo by Greg Becvar

The wreck is the "America" in Lake Superior which Greg photographed around 1996. The America was a packet freighter hauling passengers, freight, and the mail. She sank in 1928 while making for shore after hitting a floating log. That is Steve Watson coming up through a hatch on the fantail.

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

- ⊖ Someone is needed to head-up Richmond Beach Critter Collections and someone is needed to be the liaison between the City of Shoreline and ESDC. If you can do either one or both, please contact Jill or Loogpla for information.
- ⊖ 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.
- ⊖ Someone is needed to help plan club dives, one per month, AT LEAST.
- ⊖ Someone is needed to plan and chair a Reunion Dive with Refresher Course. If you can do this, please contact Jill or Wendy.

**** REMEMBER ****

If you did not pay your 2008 membership dues in full by February 27, you did not receive a March newsletter. The February issue was your last.



CAMP CASEY

by Shawn Miller
Activities Coordinator 2008



Photo by Greg Becvar

Camp Casey

The Camp Casey weekend is approaching quickly and some of you have not received all of the information. It is happening on Friday the 14th of March to Sunday the 16th of March. We will be in J and H barracks (next to the sea lab) the price is \$55 per person for four meals, tax included. Eugene is providing the main course for dinner on Friday. I would like two decent BBQ grills and possibly pop-up shelters or canopies; if you can help with these items I will be most grateful.

In order to dive at Camp Casey you must be a current member in good standing of either Emerald Sea Dive Club or Eugene Dive Club. On the other hand, family and friends are encouraged to spend the weekend with us and serve as shore support (on a space availability basis). Please contact me at 425-268-5509, shawnm@h-ai.com or shawnm1833@yahoo.com to reserve your spot or for any questions you may have. Or if you would like to bring a non member with you I need to know that as well.

CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST RULES

by David Ripley

In order to make voting easier this year there will be a limit of no more than sixty photos allowed in the calendar contest. The total number of photos a photographer may enter will be determined by the number of photographers who enter the contest.

As an example: if 14 photographers enter the contest, that number will be divided into 60 resulting in 4 photos per photographer for a total of 56 entries.

All photographers may enter up to four photos per month until the contest deadline of October 1. You may now submit your photos directly to Glenn via www.emeraldseadiveclub.org on the Photo Contest page. After determining the number of photos each photographer may enter they will then select that amount from their entries.

As in previous years, winning photographers will be limited to 2 photos in the calendar.

Clear as the water in Puget Sound I trust.

CALENDARS FOR SALE

There are 14 calendars left for sale at the reduced price of \$5 each. Contact Darlene at the newsletter to order. esdcnewsletter@mindspring.com

Guest Speaker

This month's guest speaker is Don Kinney who owns Yellow House. He will speak to us about police/recovery diving.

Speaking of guest speakers. Remember when you were in elementary school, junior high school, high school, or college? There was a rule and it was called, "No speaking while I am speaking", teachers and instructors and various speakers are there to be heard and usually have something important to say. How can a person hear another person if, yet another person, is always talking? Someone told me they think ESDC is very rude to their guest speakers and to other club members who "have the floor". THINK before you SPEAK if someone else "has the floor". This includes past and present board members who should know better!

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 31st, 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 15th 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 and 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 15th, 2008. Additional discounts may apply and will be available on a 1st come, 1st 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 3rd or 4th 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 10-11 for further details. Dive in!

MUKILTEO T DOCK TANK GAWD DIVE REPORT

February 15, 2008
by Pam Norton

The weather for the second ESDC TGIF night dive was great. There was a cold wind blowing in from the south with steady rainfall that started pretty much once Andy and I pulled up! We were glad the conditions did not disappoint us and fellow ESDC members Jill Keeler, Jack Titterness, Bruce Bury (BTW-welcome back!), Jack Schacher and Greg Perrigo.

Jill and Jack_ buddied up and headed into the water first. Bruce and Greg P. buddied as did Andy and me and the four of us decided to stay together. We descended at the end of the research pier into 10 ft visibility and followed a western heading down slope to the first shelf. Leveling off at about 95 fsw we hung around for a few minutes and watched huge shrimp and plentiful red rock crabs scavenge for an easy meal. and surf perch tightly huddled together in the circular indentation of the sand trying to get some shut-eye. A few rattfish were also out searching with glowing eyes for their evening meal. Shortly after reaching our maximum depth, we came across the dead seal that Jack T. spotted a few weeks ago. The nocturnal scavengers did their job well, picking the carcass so clean that what was once a seal was now barely recognizable. Which I was very glad for.

Turning south, we began our zigzag pattern up slope while scanning the sand with our lights like an eager treasure hunter using a metal detector to search for something other than a lousy bottle cap. We were hoping to catch a glimpse of a small octopus out hunting or a stubby squid but mostly we saw lots of shrimp, crab and a few scaly head sculpin. At about 50 fsw we came across the headless horse statue and the large PVC geo-dome where in the center stands a memorial to a fallen diver. We cruised in, out and around the geo-dome practicing our buoyancy and shining our lights into various holes and cracks of the geo-dome. Once succeeding in disturbing every sleeping critter with our bright lights and inquisitive disposition, we continued our pattern up slope until stopping at 15 fsw for our freezing cold safety stop! BRRRRRRRR!

Once out of the water the weather took a turn for the worse. The chilly wind stopped blowing, the skies opened up to a trillion blinking stars and I swear it even warmed up a few degrees . . . it totally sucked (smile). We met up with Adria Ali and Jill, Greg P., Andy and I took refuge from the crappy weather, grabbed a nice cold beer, and some yummy warm grub at the Diamond Knot.

Another good time had!

The next TGIF dive is on March 21, Cove 2, and meet at 6 p.m., splash when ready. (It's a full moon!)

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.

2008 Calendar SALE

We have several calendars left over and we must get rid of them. Please support your club by purchasing one or ten at \$5.00 each. Thank you!

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 a restaurant of Jill's choice 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.



PORTEAU COVE BAY, BRITISH COLUMBIA

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/porteau.html>

Wrecks and Reefs of Porteau Cove

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Wrecks and Reefs of Porteau Cove

Here at Porteau Cove Provincial Park, a series of reefs and sunken shipwrecks have enhanced the growth of marine life and the opportunities for recreational diving.

The artificial reef network has been constructed from chains of tires, hollow concrete piles, concrete blocks, and steel H-beams. Over 100 species including octopuses, plumose anemones, lingcod, and several types of shrimp flourish in this important habitat.

Three shipwrecks were sank near the reef network in 1992. The Granthall (28m.) was a steel-hulled CPR tugboat built in Montreal in 1928. In 1967 the superstructure was removed and the Granthall became a herring packer. The other wrecks are an 11m. steel dredge tender, the Centennial III, and a 15m. ferrocement sailboat hull.

The yellow marker buoys and a dive float show the location of the shallower wrecks and reefs. Depths vary from 6m. to 18m. (20ft. to 60ft.)

PLEASE PROTECT YOUR MARINE RESOURCES BY LEAVING THEM AS YOU FIND THEM. HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE DIVE.

Howe Sound

Click graphic to make larger.

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 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 two 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/>

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WHOOZY WHATZ ITZ

If you have ever needed information or wondered who to speak with about something in particular here is your list of to whom to ask what. Your FAQ station. If YOU have something you would like to have posted in the FAQ section, please submit to esdcnewsletter@mindspring.com. Thank you.

Whom do I contact regarding not receiving a monthly newsletter ?	Darlene esdcnewsletter@mindspring.com
Whom do I contact regarding rules of the Calendar Photo Contest ?	David esdcnewsletter@mindspring.com
Whom do I contact regarding a guest speaker ?	Rich crich4scuba@verizon.net
Whom do I contact regarding the One List ?	Andy andy_norton@comcast.net
Whom do I contact regarding upcoming dives ?	Shawn shawnm1833@yahoo.com
Whom do I contact regarding joining ESDC ?	Laura lorlich@ssoe.com
Whom do I contact regarding my mailed-in application that Laura never received?	Skip skipstacy@comcast.net
Whom do I contact regarding questions, comments, or concerns about the website ?	Andy andy_norton@comcast.net Glenn glennbu@gmail.com
Whom do I contact if I have a technical questions or a problem with using the website ?	Glenn glennbu@gmail.com
Whom do I contact regarding a problem with the dive calendar on the website?	Shawn first shawnm1833@yahoo.com Andy second andy_norton@comcast.net
To whom do I send my photos for the contest?	Glenn glennbu@gmail.com
Whom do I contact if I have an idea for the website ?	Glenn glennbu@gmail.com
To whom do I make a complaint about the club or its members? Also accepts questions, comments, and concerns.	Jill jillk@bjbrewster.com
Whom do I contact regarding the Big Buddy program?	Wendy wcdrucker@clearwire.com
Whom do I contact if I need a dive buddy and I am new to the area?	Wendy wcdrucker@clearwire.com Skip skipstacy@comcast.net Greg tridoxia@yahoo.com
Whom do I contact if I would like to become a board member ?	Contact any board member listed on page 11
Whom do I contact if I would like to plan dives ? A dive? Help with hosting dives ?	Wendy wcdrucker@clearwire.com

Kermit isn't allowed to live at home with his parents so he lives in the IN-Box outside his dad's office. Alert the *Enquirer*—**Kermit** is being hung out the box and could drop 5'! What parents won't do for a photo op, eh?



Clarice and Norm Gregory

"Mom?? Dad??"

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 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.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 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/ESDClist



Divers on the Loose -- Any Time Divers Looking For Divers Anytime

▣ Greg Becvar 360-659-2853 tridoxia@yahoo.com

▣ Skip Stacy 425-775-2410 skipstacy@comcast.net

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

Newsletter articles deadlines

April	March 24
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
Saturday-Saturday March 1- 8	Bonaire, CA Early!	Loogpla Cowden 206-399-5682 loogplacowden@att.net
TGIF Dive March 21	Cove 2 6 p.m.	Pam 'n Andy pnorton@rwbeck.com andy_norton@comcast.net
Saturday March 29	Edmonds Fishing Pier Clean up 9 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.	Fran Murray scubagram_590@hotmail.com 206 542 1866
Saturday April 12	Refresher course Mill Creek Aquatic	Jill Keeler jillk@bjbrewster.com
TGIF Dive April 18	Edmonds UWP 6 p.m.	Pam 'n Andy pnorton@rwbeck.com andy_norton@comcast.net
TGIF Dive May 16	Cove 2 6 p.m.	Pam 'n Andy pnorton@rwbeck.com andy_norton@comcast.net
Saturday June 7	Richmond Beach 12 -4 p.m.	Need a host
Sunday June 8	Richmond Beach 1 – 4 p.m.	Need a host
Saturday June 19	Richmond Beach 12-4 p.m.	Bob baileyrj@comcast.net Cheng chengwong@comcast.net
TGIF Dive June 20	Mukilteo T Dock 6 p.m.	Pam 'n Andy pnorton@rwbeck.com andy_norton@comcast.net
Saturday July 05	Richmond Beach 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Need Host
Sunday July 06	Richmond Beach 12 – 3 p.m.	Need Host
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TGIF Dive December 19	Edmonds Oil Dock 6 p.m.	Pam 'n Andy pnorton@rwbeck.com andy_norton@comcast.net
*October 30 st to November 15 th 	North Sulawesi, Indonesia Lembah Strait and Bunaken National Park	Laura Orlich 425-985-8976 or Nancy Chase 877-357-0022

* This includes 6 nights at the Mihahasa Lagoon Resort, 5 nights at the Lembah Resort and 3 nights in Singapore. 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. The estimated total price is \$3735.00, with \$1000 non-refundable deposits due now, and the cash balance due August 15, 2008.

Again, we say Bon Voyage to eight of our members who are trekking off to Bonaire.

“Bonaire's pristine reefs and diverse marine life are unique to the Caribbean. Because the waters around Bonaire are designated as an official marine park, diving Bonaire is like diving the Caribbean the way it used to be - untouched and unspoiled. The island's location in the south Caribbean gives it an arid climate with little rainfall; consequently, the waters are exceptionally clear of silt, (What? How can you dive if you can see?) calm, and dive able year round. It is an ideal destination for underwater photographers. (No silt in the photos? That is unnatural.) Water temperatures average a warm 78-84°F (25.6-28.9°C), (too warm; one could get unfrost-bite; no shivering the teeth loose after the dive?) with visibility (Again, you can see? Like, fish? Awesome!) often averaging over 100 feet(30m), and frequently, up to 150 feet (55m).”

You know the drill: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bonaire> and <http://www.geographia.com/bonaire/bonhis01.htm> (Editorial comments.)



AYO!! (Papiamentu, native language)

Goede reis! (Dutch, official language)

Bon voyage! (French)

Good-bye and have a GREAT time!! (English)



I wish I had taken that refresher course. Now I have to go down and get my equipment off the bottom. What if I just drop the weight belt?