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WANNABE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

For the next five months, this column will give you some information regarding presidential hopefuls. Every month different subjects are featured; this month is **Trade and Globalization**. Candidates listed alphabetically.



McCAIN

Words: McCain endorses free trade and supports NAFTA, the GATT agreement, and US membership in the WTO and favors trade treaties over protectionism. "I would negotiate a free trade agreement with almost any country willing to negotiate fairly with us. Only risks to the security of our vital interests or egregious offenses to our most cherished political values should disqualify a nation from entering into a free trade agreement with us."

Actions: McCain voted FOR renewing Fast Track presidential trade authority (1997), FOR expanding trade to the third world (1997), FOR permanent normal trade relations with China (2000), FOR extending free trade to Vietnam (2001), Andean nations (2002), Chile (2003), Singapore (2003), and Oman (2006), and FOR implementing CAFTA. The CATO Institute Center for Trade Policy Studies has given McCain a rating of 100%.



OBAMA

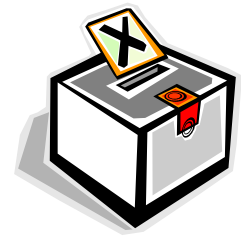
Words: Obama opposes free trade agreements that don't live up to labor and environmental standards and advocates "hard bargaining" in trade negotiations. "Globalization is here, and I don't think Americans are afraid to compete. And we have the goods and the services and the skills and the innovation to compete anywhere in the world."

Actions: Obama voted AGAINST implementing CAFTA (2005) and FOR a free trade agreement with Oman (2006).



People going to Indonesia in October and November, be sure to submit your absentee ballots BEFORE you leave!!!

It is time to start thinking about ESDC elections for board members. We will be nominating in October and voting in November. Please give this serious thought before nominating someone or yourself. Some positions take a lot of time and others take hardly any time but all positions have responsibilities that MUST be carried out in a timely fashion.



ESDC Elections

By Andy Norton

Election time is right around the corner! And not just for President, but Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Activities Coordinator and Newsletter Editor. Wow. I didn't even know the United States put out a newsletter. Of all the junk mail I get, I haven't been getting that one. Oh wait, I remember now... It's [Emerald Sea Dive Club](#) elections time! We're definitely an easy-going group, but can you imagine how chaotic it would be if we had zero involvement from our members where leadership is concerned? The success and good times we've enjoyed can definitely be attributed to the strength of the membership, but leadership has always played a huge part as well. That being said, the ESDC needs you! How would you like to be a part of how your club is governed?

Nominations for ESDC Officers positions and volunteers for appointed positions (Greeter, Big Buddy Coordinator and Webmaster) always seem to be a difficult and uncomfortable process. Many members may be interested in being on the board but out of modesty, embarrassment, avoidance of competition or whatever, they are not willing to stand up publicly and put their name out there or have someone do it for them. Many also may be willing but simply don't like being put on the spot. In an attempt to increase member interest in getting involved, we are implementing a slight change to the nomination process.

We are adding a silent nomination period. Beginning after the September meeting, nominations will be accepted online via a form on the website. You may nominate yourself or any current club member for an Officer's position or as a suggestion for any of the appointed positions. Then, beginning at the October meeting, the floor will be opened to nominations which will then be added to those received online. In accordance with our bylaws, Officers are elected by simple majority vote of those present at the November meeting. The incoming Board then fills appointed positions in January. The idea is that by providing a silent alternative, those standing on the sidelines wanting in may be more comfortable stepping forward. So throw your name (or some other victim's) in the hat and get involved! We hope to see you on the November ballot.

2009 CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST REMINDER

by David Ripley

This year's calendar photo contest ends September 30. Your final four submissions must be e-mailed to the website by midnight of the 30th.

If anyone has suggestions concerning publication of the calendar please submit them to the newsletter editor via e-mail or to myself at the September or October meeting.

Remember—Bob Bailey (whose outstanding photos would almost certainly occupy two pages in the calendar) has decided not to enter the contest this year thereby guaranteeing one or two other photographers a place in the calendar.

Thanks to all who have entered the contest thus far. If you are a procrastinator, you are running out of time—submit Now! You'll feel better afterward.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Annual Christmas/Holiday/Year End PARTY will be taking place in Snohomish at the Historic Waltz Building on the evening of December 6. . Thank you to Adria, Skip, Pam, Marylou and Laura for volunteering to help Jill with the arrangements.

WINNER OF AUGUST'S DOOR PRIZE DRAW

Rick Grove who won a \$25.00 Starbuck's Gift Certificate

Editor's Photo of the Month

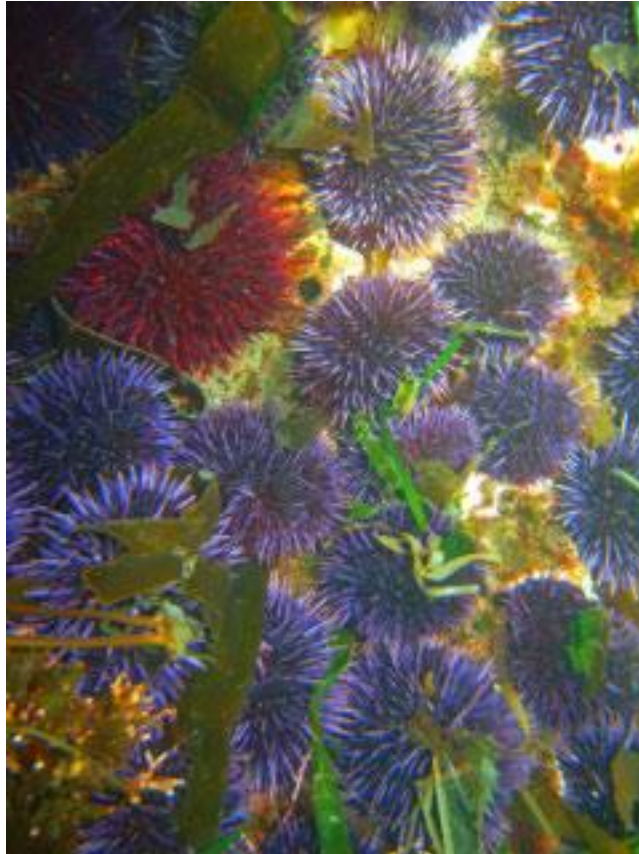


Photo by Greg Becvar Urchins Salt Creek, 2008

EDMONDS FISHING PIER CLEAN-UP

by Fran Murray

The days will be getting shorter and fall will be coming. It must be time for our second ESDC Fishing Pier clean-ups in 2008. **September 13**, which is Saturday, we will gather on the lawn in front of the Edmonds U/W Sports store for a dive briefing at 9:00 am (there is another around noon for those who only want to do the afternoon dive). This is mandatory in order for you to do this dive because it involves high levels of hazards. I would suggest that your diving skill and experience is 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. Do not be disappointed if you are not buddied up 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 lots of fisher people.

Here are a few things to think about:

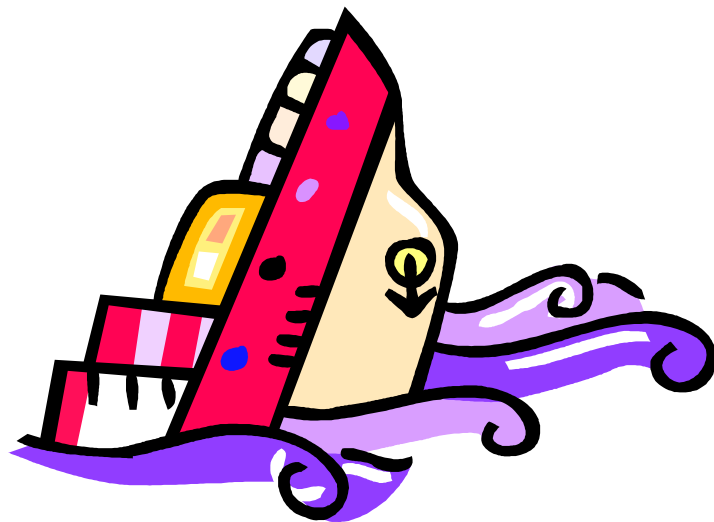
- ✚ **WAIVERS ARE REQUIRED**
 - call or see me at the July, August or September meeting
- ✚ Streamline your equipment to cut down on the chance of entanglement
- ✚ Only two to a buddy team
- ✚ Scissors or knife are good to have – topside as well
- ✚ This is a working dive and you **WILL** use more air
- ✚ AND anything else you can think of to make this a safe dive
- ✚ We have not lost a diver yet.

FYI: 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 but no little boy 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. For more information or to sign up, please contact Fran, [206 542 1866](tel:2065421866).

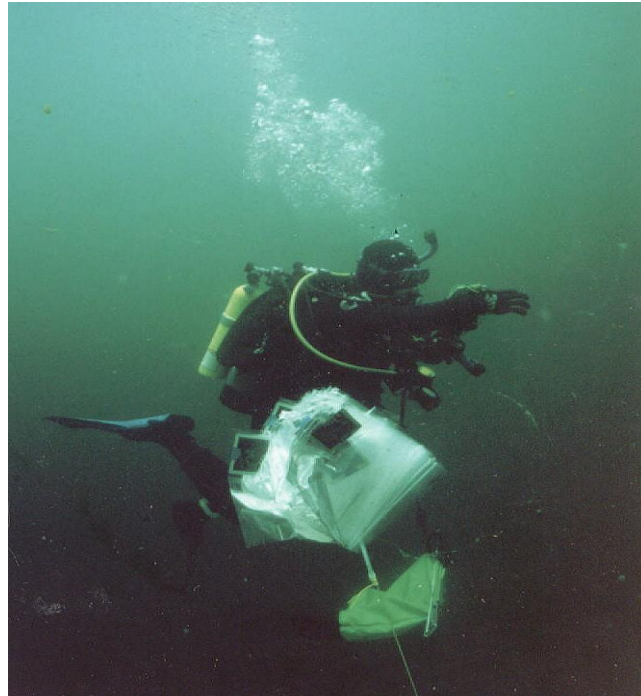
SINKING OF THE HMCS ANNAPOLIS

By Skip Stacy

THE THIRD CALLING-----For the third time in many years Emerald Sea Dive Club has been honored with an exclusive invitation from the Artificial Reef Society of British Columbia to become involved in the preparations for sinking of their latest Canadian Navy battleship, the 371 foot HMCS Annapolis. The former destroyer is to be sunk in Howe Sound sometime in 2009 to be added to quite a list of ARSBC accomplishments. Howie Robins, the president of the Society contacted Loogpla Cowden to organize a couple of trips with volunteers to WORK (there's that word) on this project. The Artificial Reef Society of British Columbia has pretty much been a world leader in sinking these large dive destinations and sea life habitats and our own Emerald Sea Dive Club has been involved somewhat with the last two, including the Cape Breton, out of Nanaimo and the "737 Project" lowered into the water off of Chemanius, BC. Our volunteers were honored with plaques bearing their names attached to these underwater reefs and my personal perspective is quite rewarding to find the plaque with the names on it on the Cape Breton and as I have not had the chance to dive the 737 (YET) I am sure it will be equally rewarding. The plan is to carpool up and split costs and parking on Sunday, **September 14** and again on Sunday, **October 5**. We will depart Horseshoe Bay (Sewell Marina) at 8 a.m. **sharp** each day by private boat and return after a full day's WORK. We will be aboard the HMCS all day so we must provide all of our own food, snacks, liquid refreshments, WORK clothes with a change off good clothes, gloves, protective eye wear and boot type footwear (tennis shoes will not be allowed), your own tools (socket set, pliers, vice-grips, pry bar); dust masks will be provided. This is actually more fun than WORK. I forgot to mention parking is \$12.00 so even more reason to carpool. Let's all get together, sign up, eat, carpool, and have fun. Punch up the ARSBC or Howe Sound-Horseshoe Bay-Sunshine Coast for more nice information and pictures, maps and other things to do (Porteau Cove-Squamish). Howie and his group are experienced at this and it's a pleasure to be invited.



Poker Dive



Saturday **September 20**

Photo by Greg Becvar

Bruce Bury

Seacrest, Cove 1

Porteau Cove, B. C. Camping and Diving weekend September 26, 27, 28, 2008 By Cheng Wong

I just contacted the BC Discover Camping and found that the campground reservation requirement is only up to September 15. After that date, it is on a first come first serve basis.

I contacted Skip Stacy, because he is a retired, free man, no work any day, and asked if he can do us a great favor by being at the campground by 8 a.m., September 26, 2008 to hold 2 large camp sites for our group and Skip promised to do it. Thanks to Skip.

If you would like to come camping and diving at Porteau Cove, please reply to chengwong@comcast.net or baileyrj@comcast.net and bring your family if you like. It is a beautiful area for a weekend get away.

The plan for the weekend is this:

We need to know how many will be coming (so Skip knows how many sites to hold)

We need to have more people go up early to hold more campsites

We know we will have two lunches, two dinners, and two breakfasts

We need goodies and stories for two nights' campfires

We have to know if we want communal meals or do individually

If we do the communal meals then we need to decide as to who bring what for which meal plus bring cooking ware

I know Bob and I like the communal meals and will do breakfast for both mornings

Of course, we all have to bring our own camping and diving gear

Bob and I would love to see you

The entrance is at the end of the parking lot with a stair case of less than 30 steps then sandy bottom with big rocks here and there with boundary buoys from 60' at the south to 90-100' at the north where Nakaya is. There are many things in between at about 30' to 60', see the dive map. If you are up to it, you can do 4 dives a day; we did it before, we don't need to do it again. Now, a campfire night with goodies and stories will do just fine.

We do not need to go to Nakaya if we do not have a boat or kayak. At the previous camping someone brought a kayak and a boat and that was fun, being towed and riding on and doing back flips into the water.

The entrance is much easier from any of Bonaire's dives but you have to be careful with your knee, if you can take the challenge of that staircase . . . wish all dive sites had lifts that could haul BCD with weight and tank out and in from the water, that would be perfect.

We will see how other camper/divers will choose on the meals. Bob and I will provide and cook the breakfasts, no matter which way we go about meals, for we both love to eat , especially breakfast.

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 octopus, plumose anemones, lingcod, and several types of shrimp flourish in this important habitat. Three shipwrecks were sunk near the reef network in 1992. The Granthall (28m.) was a steel-hulled CPR tugboat built in Montreal in 1928. In 1967, the super structure was removed and the

Granthall became a herring packer. The other wrecks are an 11m. steel dredge tender, the Centennial, and a 15m. Ferro cement 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. (20 ft. to 60ft.) PLEASE PROTECT YOUR MARINE RESOURCES BY LEAVING THEM AS YOU FIND THEM. HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE DIVE



ATTENTION TO ALL GOING TO PORTEAU COVE!

David and I just returned from Whistler and as some of you may already know, the 2010 Winter Olympics will be held there. The Canadian Government is doing a MAJOR road renovation from Vancouver to Pemberton. Allow yourselves one extra hour to reach Porteau Cove in case the roads are cut to one-lane. Also, the day you leave, you may want to leave early in the morning as we thought we had left early enough but sat in line at the border, returning to the United States for 2 hrs and 50 minutes! I would suggest being at the border before 10 a.m.

NANAIMO & HORNBY ISLAND

By Ann Miller

Nanaimo, BC, Canada

Ocean Explorers Diving/Ian Hall

www.oceanexplorersdiving.com

Friday, October 10th

The price for 1 day of diving (two boat dives) is CAD\$140.00 + 5%GST = **CAD\$147.00** per person. This includes two boat dives, air fills, tanks & weights. Food and lodging are separate (the Buccaneer Inn is about 5 minutes away and costs approximately \$70.00 per night)

Advanced divers only as the dives are deeper than 60'. **The deposit is TBD.**

Hornby Island, BC, Canada

Hornby Island Diving/Rob & Amanda Zielinski

www.hornbyislanddiving.com

Friday, October 10th – Sunday, October 12

The price for 2 days/2 nights (arrive Friday, dive Saturday/Sunday, depart Sunday) is CAD\$370 per person + 5% GST = **CAD\$388.50**. This is the club price, FYI retail is CAD\$420 per person. This includes 2 nights accommodation (Friday & Saturday), 4 boat dives (2 Sat/2 Sun), all meals from dinner Friday through lunch Sunday, air fills, tanks & weights.

The deposit is \$185 per person (first day's stay) and is due by May 28.

If interested, please contact:

Ann Miller Home: 425-408-1617 Cell: 206-730-5640 Email:
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CANTAMAR DIVE

Dan and Jill have put together a springtime diving trip to a “new” destination. It is Club Cantamar <http://www.clubcantamar.com/english/index.html> in La Paz, Mexico. We are leaving March 18, 2009 and returning March 28, 2009. This is a 10-day, all-inclusive package, which means our lodging, food and diving, are included.

10 nights/6 days diving Full board.....\$1228 p/p (double occupancy)
 10 nights/6 days diving Full board.....\$1146 p/p (triple occupancy)
 Day of fishing..... \$125 p/p (min 2 people)
 7th Day of diving..... \$100.00 p/p



Single rooms are also available; however, they will cost more.
 Non-diving packages are also available, please ask me for that information and I will forward it to you.

Package includes:

- Airport transfers round trip from La Paz international
- Accommodations in double standard room
- 2-3 dives per day
- Daily breakfast and dinner at the restaurant of Cantamar
- Lunch on diving days on the boat and lunch at the restaurant on non-diving days
- Sales taxes

Does not include:

- Tips for the crew
- Rental dive equipment
- Nitrox
- Spotter plane fees to look for whale sharks (\$20US p/p, optional)
- Plane reservations on Alaska Airlines is \$448.00 plus tax for a total of \$564.10
- The flights are:

Flight	Departs	Arrives
Alaska Airlines 454	Seattle (SEA) 7:00 am Wed, Mar 18	Los Angeles (LAX) 9:36 am Wed, Mar 18
Alaska Airlines 268	Los Angeles (LAX) 10:45 am Wed, Mar 18	La Paz, MX (LAP) 1:06 pm Wed, Mar 18
Alaska Airlines 267	La Paz, MX (LAP) 2:56 pm Sat, Mar 28	Los Angeles (LAX) 5:27 pm Sat, Mar 28
Alaska Airlines 473	Los Angeles (LAX) 9:00 pm Sat, Mar 28	Seattle (SEA) 11:41 pm Sat, Mar 28

Here's the scoop – Contact Dan at 425-343-6037 or aquarealmdivers@yahoo.com or contact Jill at 425-356-9444 or jillk@bjbrewster.com. A \$100.00 (non-refundable) deposit by September 3 (our meeting date in September) will hold your spot; the remaining balance is due by January 7 (the first meeting of the New Year).

Dan is offering to conduct an advanced open water class for \$100.00 per person and a nitrox class for \$100.00 per person or both classes for \$150.00 per person plus books and materials. Contact Dan if you are interested in these classes while in sunny La Paz, Mexico.

Salt Creek Photos



Photo by Jill Keeler

Andy Norton at Salt Creek, 2008



Photo by Greg Becvar

Salt Creek, 2008

Saving the Coral Reefs

Researchers Are Tracking Ways to Help Revive Reefs

By **DARCY BONFILS** and **IMAEYEN IBANGA**

Aug. 7, 2008

More than 4,000 species of fish and other sea creatures are in a perilous position as their home faces extinction.



Coral Reefs around the world house thousands of fish species but are facing trouble due to humans' impact on the environment.

(Getty Images)

Coral reefs hold more than 25 percent of all ocean life and serve as one of the most critical blocks in the human food chain.

"If we were to lose reefs, you basically lose the condominium that holds all those creatures," said Ellen Prager, chief marine scientist for the Aquarius Reef Base research project in Largo, Fla.

Coal reefs have thrived for 200 million years, but dealing with extensive human impact and environmental pressures, including overfishing, water pollution and climate change, have taken a toll on the ocean's populous habitats.

"The resilience of the coral reefs ecosystem is stressed and impaired," said environmental consultant Gary Davis.

Studying the Reefs

Scientists have turned to the world's third largest coral reef, which hugs south Florida's coast and extends to the Florida Keys, to help determine just how human and the environment influence coral reefs.

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Prager is among the researchers studying coral reefs off the coast of Key Largo, Fla., in the world's only underwater lab looking for how climate change effects impact the Florida reef.

"By being down here and studying coral reef, we can see how they all act in the real world," Prager said.

The Florida reef is one of the ones facing the most risk because of human impact and environmental stress, but research from the Dry Tortugas, also in Florida, offers some hope.

The nation's most remote island chain, which has shores accessible only by boat or plane, is prime spawning area for coral. It also is a hurricane target. In fact, six storms hit the Dry Tortugas between 2004 and 2005, including Hurricane Katrina.

Each time a large storm hit, it stripped coral from the ocean floor.

"Fifty to 100 square miles of area literally denuded," said Jerald Ault, a professor at Rosenstiel School of Marine Science at the University of Miami. "It looked like your favorite parking lot."

Though Ault said the area was "decimated," it is coming back to life partly because of actions that protect the waters against fishing. The coral has bounced back from the storms and may give insight for other reefs experiencing trouble.

"So if the corals are adapted to these things, which they seem to be — and can survive — it gives us hope that they can survive our human impact," said Jim Bohnsack, of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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[Hundreds Of Baby Penguins Dead, Climate Change?](#)

Check out these links for more information about coral reefs.

• www.noaa.gov • [Fisheries Ecosystem Modeling and Assessment Research](#)

• [ICRI International Year of the Reef 2008](#) (This article taken from GMAC's website.)

THE SALUBRIOUS (suh-lōō-'-brē-uhs) NOOK

Diving and Migraine Headache

By Dr. Hugh Greer, DAN Southwest Regional Coordinator

A migraine headache is a periodic, usually one-sided, throbbing ache, sometimes preceded by warning signs and symptoms and of variable severity.

Migraine, though dreaded, is common. More than half the people in the world will have some experience with migraine during their lives, and about 5 percent will see doctors. A few of these will suffer significant disruption of their activities.

Fitness & Diving: Migraine poses little danger to divers. Even those with frequent migraine do not usually experience an increased incidence while diving. An elevated level of carbon dioxide in the blood, which occurs with decreased ventilation and breath holding / hypoventilation, can theoretically precipitate a migraine headache because carbon dioxide (CO₂) causes vasodilation in the brain. An increased level of oxygen in the blood (which occurs in diving as well as in hyperbaric chambers) has been used with variable success to treat severe migraine, because it is a powerful brain vasoconstrictor.

Very complex migraine, with visual loss or paralysis, might lead to confusion in diagnosing a diving accident. However, little data exists to suggest that migraine poses a significant hazard to divers. Severe and incapacitating migraine headaches while in the water would create a hazard for the individual. People with severe and incapacitating migraine should probably not dive.

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 26-27 for further details. Dive in!

TGIF Dive #9

Bruce Higgins Underwater Trails, Edmonds WA

August 15, 2008

By Pam Norton

The record-breaking heat covering the Seattle area like an electric blanket on a chilly evening did not deter me and my fellow dive club members Andy Norton, Jill Keeler, Jack Titterness, Skip Stacy, Larry Warren, Linda Perry, Aria Ali, Glenn Bulat, and Sabina Fischer from making our ninth TGIF at Bruce Higgins Underwater Trails dive a success. Located next to the Edmonds ferry terminal, BHUT is a marine preserve constructed and maintained by volunteer divers led by Bruce Higgins. Every weekend Bruce and his divers float large concrete slabs, lay line, connecting to existing structure one puzzle piece at a time. The diving is shallow and the surface swim, well, can be a killer, but divers from all over flock here to experience the spectacular underwater world Bruce and his pals have created. Bruce Higgins is always looking for volunteers so if you are interested in helping out, meet at the Edmonds Underwater Sports at 8 a. m. Air fills are provided to those helping.

The buddy teams were me and Larry (congratulations to Larry for making his third big buddy dive with me), Andy and Jill, Linda and Skip, Glenn and Sabina and supporting us from shore were Jack and Adria. To avoid overheating, we donned our gear as quickly as possible and trudged our way down the beach finding relief in the cool refreshing 56-degree water. As Larry and I were putting on our fins, a gaggle of hard core beach goers were wading in waist deep in wearing nothing but T shirts and shorts. 90 degrees or not, they are nuts! With final buddy checks done, we began our long, long, long surface swim to the buoy marking the beginning of the Jetty Way trail and the direction starting our dive. Who planned this dive at high of an 11-foot tide anyway? Oops, that would be me! Anyway stopping for a brief rest, we happily descended in 15 feet of visibility, and began making our way through the thick anemone covered eelgrass waving back and forth in the gentle current. Right away, we were rewarded with schools of tiny tube snouts demonstrating the art of synchronized swimming and a large hooded nudibranch. Hooded Nudibranch is not uncommon at BHUT but this one was very orange in color and covered with white spots. Pretty darn cool!

Traveling in a northwest direction and not quite to Northern Lights trail, we came upon a couple of boats that I do not believe I have seen before. Although blanketed by kelp, the boats were not overly covered by barnacles, which made me think perhaps they had not been sunk too long ago. Larry and I explored the boats, observing a bustling community of shrimp, white-lined dirona, opalescent nudibranch, decorator crabs, and small scaly head sculpins. Swimming along we came upon a very, very, large cabazon. I wanted Larry to see just how big these buggers are so I gently put my dive light under its belly and prodded it along. Annoyed it swam slowly off and we were able to see its bulldog like head, fanned out pectoral fins, and beautiful muddled blending of grey, black and white colors used as camouflage. (I admit that I

couldn't resist the temptation to harass the poor cabbie just a little bit as payback for the many times I've been rammed for swimming near or sometimes not so near, their nests during egg babysitting season). We swam around exploring the various structures and soon it was time to turn around and head in. Once again, in the eelgrass we were rewarded by finding the elusive sea hare, a type of nudibranch, more entertaining tube snouts, and a huge male red rock crab and a tiny female red rock crab embracing like desperate lovers.

We spent a delightful hour and 5 minutes touring this wonderful park and afterwards we were treated to one of the most beautiful sunsets I have ever seen! Vivid oranges and reds painted the horizon in gentle wispy waves of color It was spectacular.

Andy and Jill were the last to come in as they too thoroughly enjoyed their hour and 28-minute dive making us wait for dinner, ugh! By then our stomachs were really growling and we were really looking forward to some good Mexican food in large quantities at where else but our favorite Edmonds post dive restaurant, Las Brisas. Comforted by a large dinner and cool beverages, we sat around unwinding and chit chatting about the cool sights, the sunset, and how much fun we all had.

Thanks everyone, you all rock!

The next TGIF dive will be September 19 at Mukilteo T dock. We will meet at 6 p.m. and splash when ready. Andy and I look forward to seeing you there!

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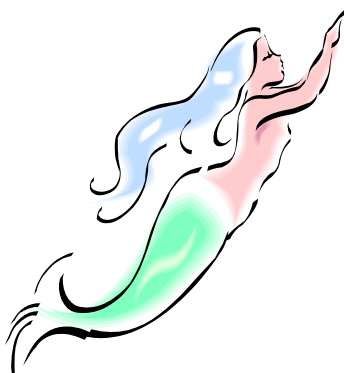
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WHOOZY WHATZ ITZ

If you have ever needed information or wondered who to speak with about anything in particular here is your list of to whom to ask what. Your FAQ station. If YOU have anything 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
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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 in this newsletter
Whom do I contact if I would like to plan dives ? A dive? Help with hosting dives ?	Wendy wcdrucker@clearwire.com
Whom do I contact if I would like to become a Diver on the Loose ?	Darlene esccnewsletter@mindspring.com



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.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE ESDC YAHOO GROUPS “ONE LIST”

By Andy Norton

The Yahoo Group's “ESDC list” site, more commonly referred to as “The One List” (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ESDClist/>) is a fully functional website. You can search and view the entire history of posts made to the list, share files such as dive site reviews, maps, general articles, photos and more.

Why join the One List? Exclusively maintained as an ESDC member benefit, the list is available only to paid members. It is a great way to find or tell dive buddies about dives that haven't been officially posted to the club calendar, announced at a meeting or in the newsletter. To inquire about dive conditions, find help for planning dives, post reviews of dives, dive charters or services, chat about current events in the diving community, list equipment for sale, or post any other activities or subjects that you think might be of interest to club members. You can post as often as you like!

How do I join? There are two ways to join the One List:

1. The first is by way of invite sent to any email address you choose to provide to the list moderator.
2. The second and far more preferable way though is to create a Yahoo ID (or use the one you already have) and sign up with that.

Why use a Yahoo ID? If you only use an email address, you can only send and receive email and you cannot personalize how you receive messages. The One List website will not be available to you. Use a Yahoo ID though and you get access to the entire One List site and all of its features.

How do I get a Yahoo ID?

1. Visit this link to get started: <https://login.yahoo.com/>. Look in the lower right portion of the page where it says, “Don't have a Yahoo! ID?” and click on **Sign Up**.
2. Follow the 3-step setup and you should now have your own Yahoo ID.
3. Go to the ESDC “One List” site, <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ESDClist/>, and click on the **“Join This Group”** button on the right side to get started!

But what about all that SPAM? Bombarded by email messages is the most common concern members have expressed. You have complete control over that! After you have signed up with a Yahoo ID, you can choose what email address you want to use and how you want to receive messages (if at all). Here is how to edit your membership settings:

- Sign in with your Yahoo ID.
- Click on “Edit Membership” on the One List home screen:



- Scroll down to Step 1 to edit what profile you are using related to the One List, and what email address you want to use to receive messages:

Step 1. Your Contact Information

The profile shown below will be used to identify you when you access photos, messages, and other great features of your Yahoo! Group. The email address will be used for group messages.

Yahoo! Profile

Select the Yahoo! Profile you would like to use for this group. This profile will be used to identify you when you access the group's Web features.

arn_26

scubafiveo

[\(Add new profile\)](#)

Email Address

Choose the email address that you would like group messages sent to.

arn_26@yahoo.com

[\(Add new email address\)](#)

- Scroll down to Step 2 to edit how you receive messages. You can choose to receive Individual Email, a Daily Digest, only special notices direct from the moderators, or choose not to receive anything at all and only browse posts directly via the One List website:

Step 2. Message Delivery

Yahoo! Groups lets you choose how you stay in touch.

Individual Email
The option to choose if you want to get each group message and special notice individually and immediately, as it is posted.

Daily Digest
The option to choose if you want to see all messages but limit the amount of email you receive. We'll compile an email of up to 25 messages and send daily (special notices too!).

Special Notices - Receive only important email notices from the group moderator.

Web Only - Don't get notified of the latest happenings. Read messages only on the web.

- Click the button on the lower right to "Save Changes", and get busy posting or receiving messages!

So do not be left out. Join the One List today! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any problems or need a better walk-through of the process.

Andy Norton – andy_norton@comcast.net

OUR NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 3 at **Shawn O'Donnell's**

122 128th Street SE

Everett WA 98208

425-338-5700

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

GUEST SPEAKER

Geoff Sutton with the Scubability program who will talk about helping wounded veterans learn to dive

How to Get to Shawn's:

Heading north on I-5: Take exit number 186 for WA-96 E/128th St SW. Turn right at 128th St SE/WA-96.

Heading south on I-5: Take exit number 186 for WA-96 E/128th St SW. Turn left at 128th St SE/WA-96.

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

Editor's Note: Anyone is welcome to submit a story, a joke, a photo, or a medical item for any of the columns or features. Your submissions are very welcomed!

Newsletter articles deadlines

October	September 29
November	October 27
December	November 24

DIVE AND EVENT CALENDAR

DATE	DIVE	SPONSOR
Saturday September 13	Fishing Pier Clean-up Edmonds	Fran 206 5421866
Sunday September 14	HMCS Annapolis work party Howe Sound, BC	Loogpla loogplacowden@att.net
TGIF Dive September 19	Mukilteo T Dock 6 p.m.	Pam 'n Andy pnorton@rwbeck.com andy_norton@comcast.net
Saturday September 20	Poker Dive Cove 1, Seacrest 8:45 briefing	Rich Carton crich4scuba@verizon.net
Tuesday – Sunday September 25-28	Hornby Island boat dive \$582.75 & \$185 deposit 3 days lodging/all meals	Ed LaBouy 425-241-3931 brownwaterED@comcast.net
Sunday October 5	HMCS Annapolis work party Howe Sound, BC	Loogpla loogplacowden@att.net
Friday – Sunday October 10 -12	Nanaimo & Hornby Island	Ann Miller H: 425-408-1617 C: 206-730-5640 ann12775@comcast.net
TGIF Dive October 17	Edmonds UWP 6 p.m.	Pam 'n Andy pnorton@rwbeck.com andy_norton@comcast.net
*October 30 to November 15 	North Sulawesi, Indonesia Lembah Strait and Bunaken National Park	Laura Orlich 425-985-8976 or Nancy Chase 877-357-0022
TGIF Dive November 21	Cove 2 6 p.m.	Pam 'n Andy pnorton@rwbeck.com andy_norton@comcast.net
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Saturday December 6	Christmas Party Waltz Building	Jill jillk@bjbrewster.com 425-356-9444
TGIF Dive December 19	Edmonds Oil Dock 6 p.m.	Pam 'n Andy pnorton@rwbeck.com andy_norton@comcast.net



My SCUBA instructor always stressed that you should never go diving alone. If you have equipment problems, your buddy can help you. If you run out of air, your buddy can help you. If you meet an aggressive shark, your odds are 50-50 instead of 100%. (Submitted to the Internet by Ben Plant)

One day, a diver was enjoying the aquatic world 20 feet below sea level. He noticed a person at the same depth he was, with no scuba gear on whatsoever.

The diver went below another 10 feet, but the person joined him a minute later. The diver went below 15 more feet, a minute later, the same person joined him.

This confused the diver, so he took out a waterproof chalkboard, and wrote, "How the heck are you able to stay under this deep without equipment?"

The person took the board and chalk, erased what the diver had written, and wrote, "I'm drowning, you moron!" (Submitted to the Internet by Anonymous)

Seen in Personal Ads column: Young attractive male seeks female dive buddy for shared recreation and friendship, must have boat. Please send photo of boat. (Submitted to the Internet by Anonymous)