



Local Diving Workshop

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Purpose and Format

- Primary Purpose is to introduce you to possible new and different diving sites in Puget Sound
- Format – we each will discuss three sites
- Location – Description – Specific Issues (if any) – Why WE like them and you should too!

Questions!

- PLEASE ASK QUESTIONS!!!
- About 10 minutes has been allocated to each site





Online Resources

- Online Resources
- www.northwestdiveclub.com
- www.pnwscuba.com
- MANY, many others



Books

- 151 Dives – Betty Johnson
- Northwest Shore Dives – Stephen Fischnaller (dated)
- The Northeast Dive Guide – Mike Hughes (general info on PNW)
- Shore Diving Near Seattle – Wallner
- Northwest Wreck Dives - Boyd



O. O. Denney Park Lake Washington

- Lake Washington?
- Why???
- No gear rinsing
- Different critters
- WARM in summer
- Lots of wrecks

Where is it?

- O.O. D. is in N. Kirkland or accessed from Bothell

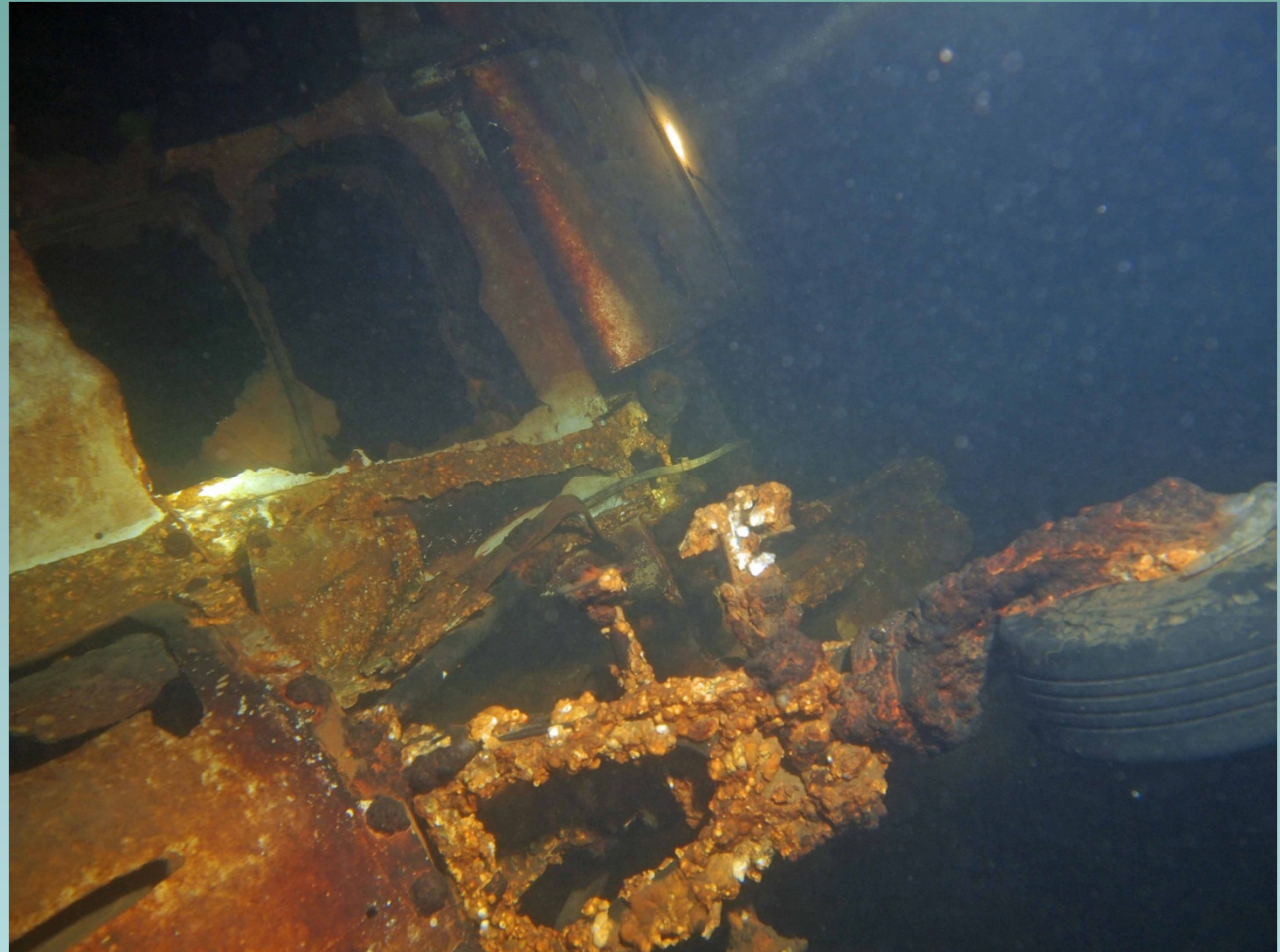


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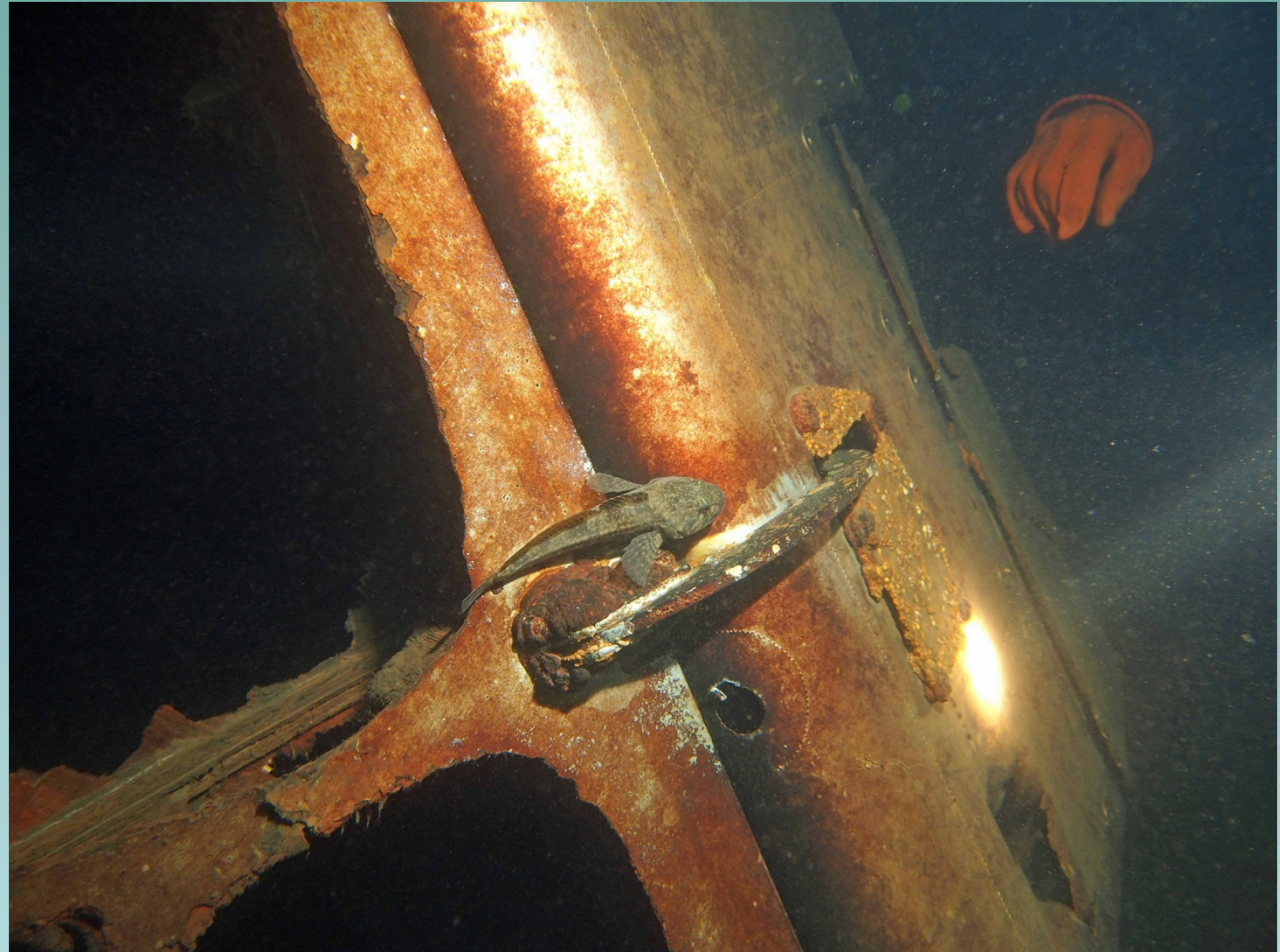
- Easy parking
- Nice facilities
- Flat, easy entrance
- Silty, millfoil
- Creek nearby
- Flat with drop off
- Max depth – 120 feet+
- Summer thermocline – 35 feet



What's There?



Bullhead (?) On Valiant



Critters and ?

- Crayfish
- Salmon
- Bullheads
- Dumped stuff – canoe paddles?
- Line to the Valiant





Why Do I Like It?

- Something different
- No current/tidal issues
- Cleans your gear
- Can be WARM



Other Lake Washington Dive Sites

- Easy Diving at Leschi
- Friends living on the Lake?
- LOTS of wrecks
- Many are technical dives below 120 feet
- Some are much shallower
- Most need access by boat

Redondo Beach

- Federal Way/Des Moines



Aquarium Pier Low Tide



Description

- Beginner to intermediate dive
- Two entrances (normally)
- North – flat and shallow
- South – steeper and deeper
- Eel grass and silt
- Many objects for critters
- “40 Foot” line on north side



What can you see?

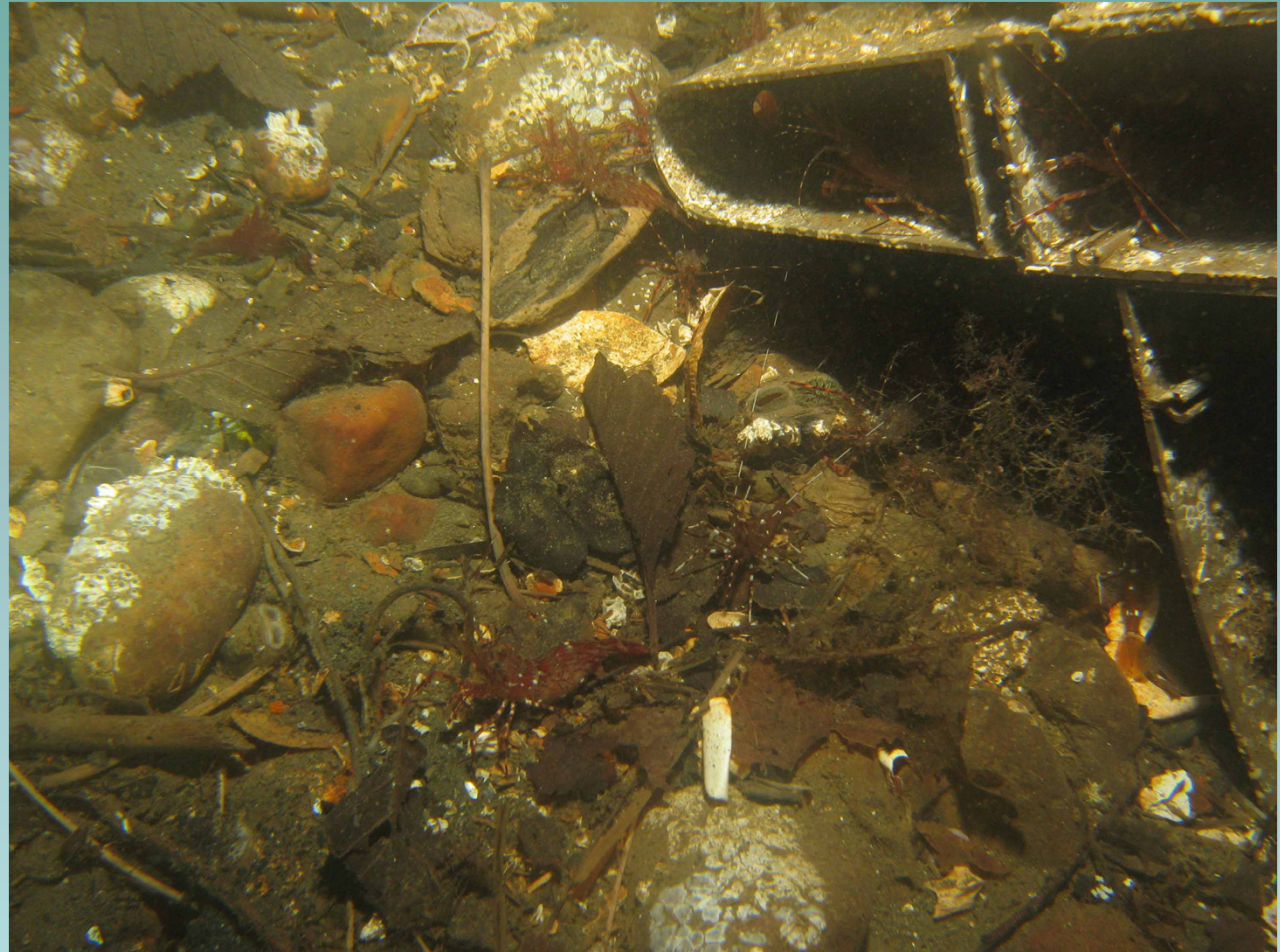
- Lots of critters – common and not so common



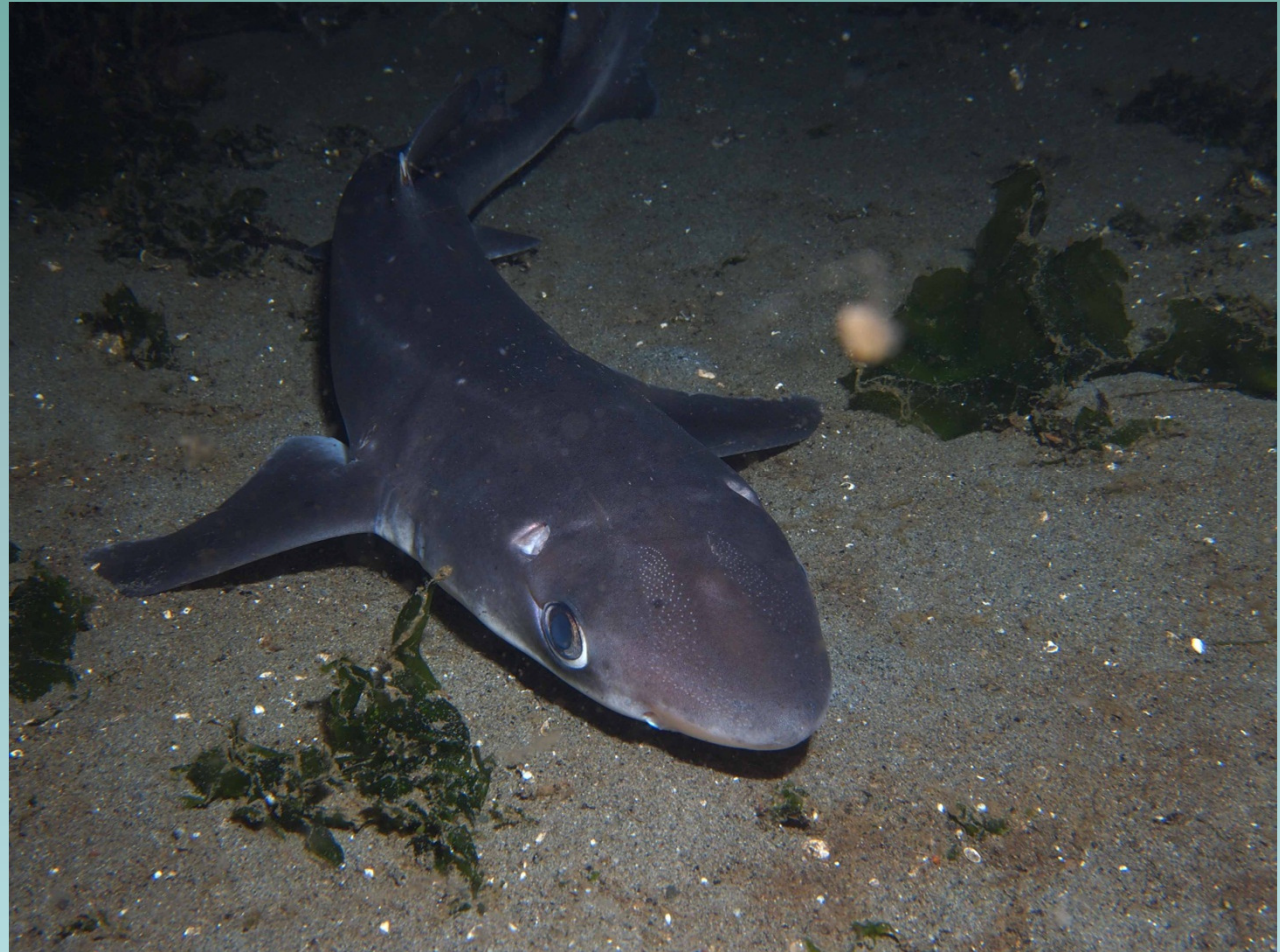
Red Octopus



Debris



Dog Fish



Crescent Gunnel



Sturgeon Poacher



Hooded Nudi



Facilities

- Part of a Boat Launch/Fishing Pier complex
- Lots of parking – on street on lot
- Salties Restaurant
- Bathrooms
- Stairs on South side (currently blocked)
- Stairs on North side





Issues

- Low tide creates a walk
- “Redondo River” on South Side during high exchanges
- North side, shallow, not so much



Who Should Dive It?

- North side – training site, aka beginner site
- South side – training side BUT can get deep quickly
- Wonderful night dive site



Why Do I Like It?

- LOTS of critters
- Easy Navigation (generally!)
- Easy access
- Easy parking

Z's Reef

Maury Island Barges

- Boat Dives out of Tacoma
- Bandito Charter or private boat
- Washington Scuba Alliance Buoy



Z's Reef – Fox Island



Maury Island Barges



Getting There



Entrance to Site



Critters



Janolus Fuscus



Ling Cod





MANY, many others

- Z's reef – generally have GPOs, wolf eels
- Maury Island Barges – also GPOs, lots of nudibranchs

Z's Reef

- Mooring line to top of reef
- Reef 5 – 15 feet high
- Max depth 55 feet
- Can be done as a drift dive
- Not very silty
- Clay/rock structure





Maury Island Barges

- Fairly shallow – 40 – 50 feet
- Older barges that are quickly deteriorating
- Lots of structure to poke around
- A little to the north is a sunken boat – maybe 60 feet deep



Issues

- Beginner sites and easy to navigate
- Current not too important – can drift Z's reef
- Live Boat pickup at both sites
- Barges – have pilings for ascent reference



Why I Like Them

- Both Sites are easy
- Both sites have lots of critters
- Both sites have easy navigation
- Both sites have WSA buoys