



ADA Annual Awards Presentation and Family Fun Night

March 23, 2002 ♦ 7 P.M.

WHO All ADA members, family and guests.

WHAT Dinner, Awards, Videos, Music, Fun.

WHEN Saturday, March 23, 7 P.M.

WHERE Dave and Busters fun place, Midway Party Room, FI turnpike and 836, Dade County, Dolphin Mall.

Join us for an evening of good eats, special presentations, awards to special people, (including Divers of the Year) and underwater videos followed by fun in the game rooms which include virtual worlds, electronic simulators, pocket pool, and all the classic midway games we grew up with.

RESERVATIONS

DEADLINE MARCH 10

Please call Pat Hackett at (305) 387-0015 then mail check (payable to ADA) to:
Lon Von Lintel
15305 SW 104 Ave.
Miami, FL 33157

COST Adults \$25, Children under 12 \$10

Price includes 18% tip and taxes, and includes dinner, and all presentations, videos, and music in the Midway Room. Not included are fees for games.

Cancellations- full refund before March 10, after that no refund.

DINNER MENU

Chili Con Queso and salsa with tortilla chips, fresh bread and butter, BBQ chicken and Mesquite and hickory smoked beef ribs, house salad, hickory smoked beans, Corn O Brian, chocolate Mousse with vanilla cream, coffee, tea, and soda.

SPACE IS LIMITED!!!!!! CALL TODAY!!!!

ADA 2002 DIVE SCHEDULE

(for other activities see newsletter)

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE BOOKED</u>	<u>DATE PAID</u>
April	14	SU	Tavernier		
	20	SA	Hollywood		
	28	SU	N. Key Largo		
May	4	SA	Islamorada		
	11	SA	S. Key Largo		
	18	SA	Biscayne N.P.		
	26	SU	Miami Beach		
June	1	SA	Islamorada		
	9	SU	Biscayne N.P.		
	15	SA	Tavernier		
	15	SA	Tavernier Nite		
	23	SU	Tenneco		
	29	SA	Islamorada		
July	7	SU	Miami Beach		
	13	SA	N. Key Largo		
	13	SA	N. Key Largo Nite		
	14	SU	Ft. Lauderdale		
	21	SU	Biscayne N.P.		
	27	SA	S. Key Largo		
	27	SA	S. Key Largo		
August	4	SU	Islamorada		
	10	SA	Tenneco		
	17	SA	Biscayne N.P.		
	18	SU	Boca Raton		
	24	SA	N. Key Largo		
	31	SA	Biscayne N.P.		
September	8	SU	Islamorada		
	15	SU	Ft. Lauderdale		
	22	SU	Tavernier		
	28	SA	Duanne		
October	6	SU	Biscayne N.P.		
	13	SU	Miami Beach		
	20	SU	N. Key Largo		
	26	SA	Eagle		
November	8	SU	Palm Beach		
	10	SU	Tenneco		
	17	SU	Pompano		



January B-Days	
Terry Long	1
Johnny Lane	2
Walter Chubrick	5
Alvaro Mendoza	6
David Lucking	7
Al Escobar	13
Javier Jimenez	14
Dan Baeza	15
Jaime Sanchez	16
Julianne Lake	23
Lothar Genge	24
Marie Davis	27
February B-Days	
Cameron Blackstone	4
Donald Decoste	4
Joseph Zibelli	5
James Kiernan	8
Eddie Rhodes	10
Charles Garber	11
Kevin Kegley	13
Suzanne Krausz	13
Edward Zaret	13
Vilma Zapata	16
Steven Lovell	18
J.T. Barrett	20
Monique Gillespie	26
Dennis Metrock	26

Earn Free dives & BBQ

Throughout the year, ADA will offer BBQ's after selected dives. You can enjoy both for free! All you do is volunteer to be the chef of the day - we provide a list of foods, you buy & bring to the dive. After the dive, you & the ADA Safety Officer cook & serve to the hungry divers. It's not too hard, and a great way to go for free! Call Lon & sign up. (ADA will reimburse monies spent for food).

Post-Dive BBQ's \$7

(Dates to be announced)

Last year our BBQ's were a great success. A hot delicious meal after an exciting dive is a wonderful way to punctuate the day. Cooking will begin just after we hit (not too hard I hope) the dock, and before you have stowed your gear, your choice of grilled meats will be ready for your enjoyment. Including:
 Grilled chicken, hamburgers, hotdogs
 Soda or beer
 Potato Salad, slaw, chips & condiments

When you make your dive reservation, indicate if you plan to join us (check the dive schedule first to make sure it's a BBQ dive) & include an additional \$7 with your dive schedule reservation payment.

New! ADA T-SHIRTS & TANK TOPS

Show Your team spirit and pride to belong to one of the largest and oldest dive clubs in the USA!
 On sale at most ADA activities
 \$10 each.

OFF SEASON DIVING

By JIM KIERNAN

As most of the members know, our season as a club ends this year on November 18th.

Many have asked why we don't continue with scheduled club dives into the winter months. The reason is the uncertainty of weather, resulting in many weather-related trip cancellations. This makes it very difficult to administer.

However, during the off-season, Lon and I do dive almost every weekend, weather permitting. Frequently, others have asked us to let them know when we do go, so they can join us.

This off-season, if you wish to be made aware of such dives, let me know. I will keep a list of those wishing to be notified, and will call each week we're going out, early in the week, and give you the opportunity to go with us.

These dives however, are NOT Club Sponsored, so each person will call the appropriate shop that week to make his or her own reservation. There will be no ADA Safety Officer on duty and ADA assumes no liability or responsibility.

ADA RULES & REGULATIONS

All Members Must be familiar with the following

FOR ALL ADVANCED DIVES (DEPTHS OVER 60') ADA DIVERS MUST:

1. Be current (dive activity within the previous 3 months).
2. Have the approval of an ADA Safety Officer.
3. Have a minimum of 25 logged dives.
4. Carry an alternate air source (octopus), time keeping device and depth gauge.
5. Have previous ADA diving experience.
6. All members must dive with at least a 72 cubic foot tank.

ADA GUIDELINES FOR COMPUTER ASSISTED DIVING

1. Members using dive computers may extend their time underwater ten-(10) minutes beyond the time allowed by the tables.
2. Computer assisted dives must be well within the NO DECOMPRESSION LIMITS.
3. Members should understand and follow the manufacturer's recommendations.
4. If a computer diver is buddied with a diver using the tables, both must follow the tables.
5. If a buddy-team is using unlike computers, both must follow the more conservative computer.
6. If, in a buddy-team, either computer fails, both divers must terminate the dive.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE SAFETY OFFICERS' COMMITTEE

All members are reminded to read the "Rules & Guidelines for Diving Activities" you received with your membership package. Number 16 states, "All divers must be present for the pre-dive briefing". If the diver is not present for the entire briefing, diving privileges may be revoked for that dive. Please plan to arrive on time - or better yet - a bit early. We thank you and appreciate your cooperation.

Julio, Dan, Robert, Lee and Lon

ADA KAYAK TRIPS

Our Kayak/Snorkel trips were a huge success last year. If you missed out on them don't despair, we're going to be doing more kayaking this year.

**Trip dates to be announced
in upcoming issues**



CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR LOCAL DIVE TRIPS

Because of our contractual agreements with our service agents - dive shops and boat captains, we must notify them - usually seven days in advance - of the final number of spaces we are paying for. Thus, if our members cancel less than seven days in advance, we regret that *NO REFUND OR CREDIT* can be given, unless trip cancellation insurance has been purchased at the time of the dive trip payment (see next news article!)

ADA TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE

The Board of Directors has approved a unique concept in local diving: *NO FAULT INSURANCE!!*

For an additional \$5.00, per person, per local dive trip, members can eliminate the worry of losing their dive fees because of an unforeseen change of plans.

If, for any reason you are unable to attend a local dive for which you are scheduled and have paid the insurance, ADA will credit your \$29.00 dive fee to another date. *The \$5.00 insurance is non-transferable and non-refundable!*

When you make a reservation, ask for dive trip cancellation insurance.

The Board has elected to continue the insurance offer for 2001.

NOTE: It may be discontinued at any time without prior written notice.

Please call Lon with your questions and comments.

IMPORTANT WEATHER INFORMATION

Before departing for the dive site, confirm weather condition with Lon or the designated Safety Officer. It is the responsibility of the member to call; we cannot call you due to the large number of divers involved. For morning dives, call between 6 and 10 p.m. the night before the dive. For afternoon dives, call between 9 and 10 a.m. the morning of the dive.

NEW MARINE SPECIALTY TAG

Already renowned for a dazzling array of license plates promoting organizations, 51 in all, Florida could be up for adding one more designed for anyone with a fondness for the sea. Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota is trying to collect at least 15,000 signatures needed in order to present the "Protect Our Reefs" slogan before the state legislature in January. According to Bob Dunning... proceeds from the tag are slated for efforts that contribute most meaningfully to improving reef health through education research and conservation programs.

HOW TO MAKE DIVE RESERVATIONS

- 1) ✓ Check this newsletter or the annual calendar for upcoming dives.
- 2) ☎ Call Lon at (305) 251-4975 to make a reservation. Please do not leave requests on his answering machine, the trip may be full.
- 3) We will hold your reservation for four (4) days from the date you call. If we do not receive payment within four days, your space may be given to other members. If you wish to confirm receipt, call Lon.
- 4) Ask for details about the trip when you call. Otherwise, details will be given when you call for a weather check. (See "Important Weather Information" this and every issue)
- 5) ☒ Make your check payable to ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION, not to any individual, and mail to:
Lon Von Lintel, 15305 SW 104 Ave., Miami, FL 33157
- 6) Itemize dates of dives on bottom-left corner of check.
- 7) Do not pay for persons other than spouses or other family members. Include their names on check.

REMEMBER: That family members must have completed individual documentation to register as ADA members.

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DRY TORTUGAS

LIVE-ABOARD *June 15-20, 2002*

Plans are being finalized for an ADA trip to the unspoiled reefs of the Dry Tortugas. Located 70 miles west of Key West, Fl. National Geographic and many government agencies have studied these reefs over the past few years and have pronounced them to be the finest in this part of the world. A live-aboard is the only way to explore this remote area, and we have plans to utilize the research vessel "Tiburón" which departs from Key West. It is a modern yacht which will accommodate 14 divers in full comfort. It is a twin diesel, 63' long with twin cabins, AC, nitrox, fresh water maker, and all usual cruising amenities. This will be a non-spear fishing private ADA charter.

This will be an advanced diving trip for those who meet the ADA Advanced criteria. (see ADA newsletter)

COST- approx. \$1100. March newsletter will have complete details.

RESERVATIONS- call Lon and send a non-refundable deposit of \$100.

CANCELLATIONS- If another diver fills your space all monies will be refunded. Other wise if the space goes unused, a 90 day notice will refund all monies less the deposit of \$100. Less than 90 days notice will result in no refunds.

INCLUDED- all meals, tanks, weights, non-alcohol drinks, linens, twin share.

BALANCE DUE- March 15.

Trip insurance is recommended.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS!!!!

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN

You will be receiving your membership renewals in the mail a few days after receiving this newsletter. If you've changed your Phone number, Address, or especially your Email Address - please let us know of those changes. And if everyone could get their renewals back to Jim in a timely manner that would sure make his monumental task of Membership a lot easier and I know he would greatly appreciate that. Besides, you can't sign up for the new dives of the year if you aren't a Member!

PLEASE NOTE: Our Membership Chairman, Jim Kiernan, has a new email address. If you've bookmarked his old email address (Nyflash@Bellsouth.net) please change it and direct all correspondence for membership to Membership@Activedivers.org.

Inside this month's issue you'll find:

- Membership Renewals are in the mail
- Upcoming Annual Awards Dinner and Family Fun Night
- The New Dive Schedule for the 2002 Year
- New Family Fun Activities - Including Kayaking, Picnics, Camping, BBQ's, and more!
- Environmental & Local Issues

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