



The Mouthpiece

February 2003 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION

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Mark your Calendar

SUNDAY March 30

Annual Awards Luncheon

Who - All members and their family and friends

What - Brunch, awards, and dive related presentations by dive experts

When-11 am to 1 pm Sunday March 30, 2003

Where -94th Aero Squadron Restaurant , 1395 NW 57th Ave., Miami, FL, 305-261-4220

Cost - Adults \$19.00, Children under 12, \$10.00

Reservations Required. Call Pat Hackett @ 305-387-0015

Deadline March 20th 2003 Cancellations after March 20th...No Refunds.

Menu- bagels, croissants, Danish, eggs, bacon, sausages, omelets, waffles, fresh fruit, cheeses, salads, chicken, seafood, roast beef, baked ham, roast pork, turkey, crab claws, clams, oysters, cakes, pies, pastries, mousses, cappuccino, champagne, mimosa, or orange juice.

Wow! We hope everyone can forget their diet for just one day.

ADA Photography Contest—New for Thee in 2003

We are implementing an ongoing photography contest in 2003. Winners will be announced in each MOUTHPIECE and a link provided so the images can be viewed online. Winners will win raffle tickets (see related article) to be used at the annual meeting. In addition, a Yearly Grand Prize Winner will be announced and recognized. Judging will be done ultimately by someone with professional experience yet does not participate in picture submission.

The Rules:

1. Pictures will be limited to South Florida Waters or ADA sponsored dives.
2. Pictures will be limited to two per month per diver.
3. The only editing allowed is overall color balance and sharpening. Please do not otherwise edit (including, but not limited to, crop, clone, fix, paint, saturate, cut, paste, move, or any other little button on there) out or in ANYTHING that is not part of the original image (such as backscatter, ugly fish, ugly divers, etc.). We contemplate that the judge will take into consideration the images potential with cropping.

The General Info:

1. There will be two initial categories: 1) Cameras with External Strobes and Manual Settings, & 2) "Point and Shoot" or Cameras for most of us. (Those without manual settings and/or external strobes) A third category, digital cameras, will be considered if there are enough digital camera buffs out there.
2. Photographers can provide prints, slides or digital images. Entrees can only be returned if a Stamped, self-addressed envelope is provided.
3. Prints or slides will be scanned. Send your prints, slides, or digital images on CD to:

J. Nicholas Boyd
One South Ocean Blvd.
Boca Raton. FL 33432

Or e-mail them to: nboyd9989@attbi.com. (re-size them to 800x600 or as uncompressed as your camera will allow).

4. If you email your pics, follow up with a confirmation e-mail to ensure they got there. Large e-mails sometimes get "lost in the mail".
5. Include/provide your name, camera, category (if it's not obvious) lighting, location, description, etc.
6. We will expand to a Master category for three time winners.
7. Email (above) or call (561-416-2009) Nick Boyd with questions.

New for 2003!

Members may now take advantage of NEW DIVE PACS and freeze 2002 prices for this year! Look at these savings

10 packs—10 dives for only \$290

Save up To \$60

5 packs—5 dives for only \$150

Save up to \$25

You may use these pacs for any local dive except Biscayne National Park. They are non-refundable unless you purchase insurance or if we cancel the trip. This offer may be withdrawn at any time without notice

To simplify your booking and our accounting procedures

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Hello, My name is Steve Herz and I am the new editor of the "Mouthpiece". Chris Wood has decided to take a much needed break (after 4 years straight) so I have volunteered to take over from him. I know from experience, that any organization is only as good as the members that help to make that organization run. It takes all members to keep it strong. I urge you, one and all, to get involved and keep this one of the best dive groups in S. Fla. Please send me any articles of diving interest, pictures, dive spot reviews, or anything else that is relevant to the interests of ADA members. I am only the editor, this is YOUR newsletter. Help to make it Yours.

My e-mail is newsletter@activedivers.org. or you can call me at 305-752-3755.

Thank you

ADA Raffle 2003

FREE

WIN HUNDREDS OF \$\$\$\$\$\$\$:
IN PRIZES, EQUIPMENT, GIFT CERTs.

FREE

Earn raffle tickets by:

1. Wearing an ADA t-shirt during the dive briefing. (1 ticket)
2. Attend any ADA function. (1 ticket)
3. Bring in a new member. (5 tickets)
4. Renew membership early (1 ticket)
5. Win the monthly photo contest. (5 tickets)

A small prize will be awarded at each dive, the big stuff later this year. Soooo get out there and earn those tickets. (Tickets cannot be purchased) More info on "THE BIG STUFF" next issue.

FREE T-SHIRTS!!!

Renew your membership before Feb. 15 and WIN A FREE T-SHIRT!!!

Bring in a new Member and WIN A FREE T-SHIRT!!!

T-shirts and Tank tops may also be purchased at all ADA functions for \$10.00.

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 buddyed 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 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

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 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 this year.

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

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.



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



BAHAMAS LIVE-ABOARD 2003

ADA is considering several big trips for next year. Of interest is a one week trip on the luxury dive boat Aqua Cat. Their colorful brochure is being handed out at most of our local dives. If you have not attended any of our recent dives and would like a brochure, call Lon.

You can also study the details at their web site - www.aquacatcruises.com. We ask all interested divers to call in your vote. If we receive enough positive response, we will book a trip for next June. **CALL LON AT (305) 251-4975**



<p>Mouse Calls</p> <p>Steve Herz 13441 S.W. 108th St. Cir. N. Miami, Fl. 33186</p> <p>Computer Repairs Upgrades Data Transfers Networking Services</p> <p>Phone: 305-752-3755 Fax: 305-752-3533 Email: Sbar369886@msn.com Cell: 305-606-6331</p> <p> Professional and Certified repair done quickly in the comfort of your Home or Workplace.</p>	<p>Underwater Camera Repair <i>dot com</i></p> <p>10044 SW 221 Street Miami, FL 33190 305•234•0903 Phone 305•234•0907 Fax</p> <p> e-mail: mikem@underwatercamerarepair.com http://www.underwatercamerarepair.com</p> <p>Quality Servicing and Repair of your Nikonos® and Sea & Sea Equipment</p>
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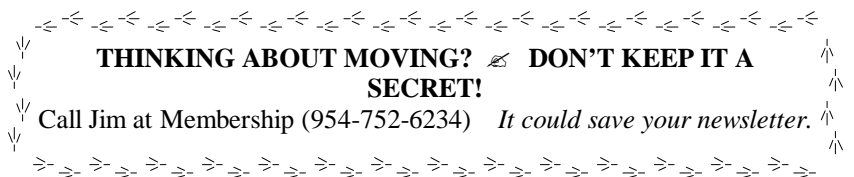
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 Call Jim at Membership (954-752-6234) *It could save your newsletter.*