



# The Mouthpiece



March 2003 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## April-May Dive Schedule

4-26

North Key Largo

Sites may include: The Christ of the Abyss, the Elbow, N. Dry Rocks, N. N. Dry Rocks, Grecian Rocks, Carysfort, Shark Reef. Average depth 30', usually no current. Average visibility is 30-50' with many tropicals, morays, cudas.

5-4 Islamorada

Just 4 miles past Tavernier, sites may include: Hammerhead, The Canyon, El Infante, Crocker, No Name, The Valley Aquarium, Alligator. Average depth 30-40', visibility 40-50'. Some current, many fish, shallow wrecks

5-10 Tavernier

Sites may include: Conch Reef, Davis Ledge, Hens & Chickens, Little Conch, Capt. Tom's Ledge, 40' Ledge, Fish Trap, Horseshoe. Average depth 30', average visibility 40-60', many morays, schooling tropicals, unusual pillar corals.

5-17 Biscayne Park (inc tanks)

Sites may include: Rocky Reef, Elkhorn Forest, Ball Buoy, Far Out Reef, Cuda Ledge. Usually no currents, massive corals, small caves. The Keys "Best Kept Secret", only one commercial boat allowed in area. Depth 20-30', vis 30-60'.

5-24 Tenneco Towers (**Advanced**)

Choice of more than 40 wrecks. Some unlike anywhere else: Jet airliner, M-60 Tanks, Tankers, Freighters, Tugs, Barges. Most are intact with penetration possible. Average depth 90', visibility 40-50'. Expect currents and dramatic profiles, many fish. **See advanced criterion this issue.**

All Dives \$35.00



### 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 packs 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 This offer may be withdrawn at any time without notice.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

ALL NON DIVE PACK DIVES FOR 2003 ARE \$35.00

INCLUDING BISCAYNE NATIONAL PARK!

## 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.

Make checks payable to ADA and mail to:

Lon Von Lintel

15305 SW104 Ave

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### !! MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE!!

All members should have received the membership renewal form from Jim by now. If you have not please call Lon at 305 251 4975. You should also receive a raffle ticket with your name on it when you receive your member pac, if not, call Lon. Please refer to the free raffle info in this and every issue.

### THE BIG STUFF IS COMING!!!

If you noticed the free raffle info in the last newsletter, you may have been curious about the "big stuff". Well here is the start-

1. \$200.00 gift certificate from **Biscayne National Park**, thanks **Tom**
2. Two free dive trips, tanks and weights (value of \$120.00) from **Atlantis Dive Center**, thanks **Capt. Slate**
3. Two free dive trips, tanks, and weights (value of \$120.00) from **Lady Cyana Divers**, thanks **Gloria**.
4. Two free dive trips, tanks, and weights ( \$128.00 value) from **Florida Keys Dive Center**, thanks **Tom**
5. \$200.00 gift certificate from **Southeast Oceanic Services**, thanks **Mike**
6. Scuba Pro depth/pressure console, a \$200 value from **Austins Dive Center**, thanks **Tom**

MUCH MORE TO COME!!!!!!!!!!!!



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# ADA 2003 DIVE SCHEDULE

## June

6-1 South Key  
Largo  
6-8 Biscayne Park  
6-14 Islamorada  
6-21 Lauderdale  
6-29 Tavernier

## July

7-5 Biscayne Park  
7-12 Spiegel Grove  
7-13 Tenneco Towers  
7-19 Tavernier  
7-19 Tavernier night  
7-27 Islamorada

## August

8-2 Biscayne Park  
8-10 Tenneco Towers  
8-16 Spiegel Grove  
8-16 North Key Largo  
night  
8-23 Islamorada  
8-31 Biscayne Park

## Sept

9-7 Tavernier  
9-14 Dania Beach  
9-20 Biscayne Park  
9-28 Hollywood

## October

10-4 Islamorada  
10-11 Biscayne Park  
10-12 Miami  
10-19 Duanne Wreck  
10-26 Lauderdale

## November

11-2 Boca Raton  
11-9 Eagle Wreck  
11-16 Palm Beach  
11-23 Dania Beach  
11-30 North Key Largo

## 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:

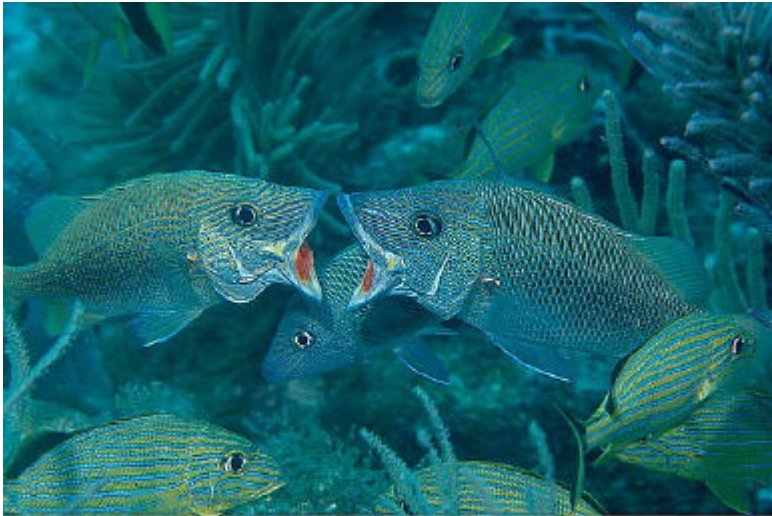
J. Nicholas Boyd  
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Or e-mail them to: [nboyd9989@attbi.com](mailto:nboyd9989@attbi.com). (re-size them to 800x600 or as uncompressed as your camera will allow).

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.

Our First WINNING entries!! You have until the 5th of each month to get your entries in, so take those cameras out and go Diving! To view these outstanding photo's in color, visit our website:

[www.activedivers.org](http://www.activedivers.org).



Anonymous Photographer "Lost Gardens" Florida Keys Grunts **1st Place!**  
 Nikon N-80 105mm Macro Lens Twin Ikelite Strobes Kodak Film  
 Subject Distance 3 feet



Anonymous "Lost Gardens" Florida Keys Blennie **2nd Place!**  
 Nikon N-80 105mm Macro Lens Twin Ikelite Strobes Kodak  
 Subject Distance 5 inches



Jim Kiernan "The Aquarium" Reef Feb. 2, 2003 Florida Keys  
 Sea n Sea Motomarine II w/Strobe Octopus in daylight  
**honorable mention!**

**Mouse Calls**

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## 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.

## 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. Please call Lon with your questions and comments.

### 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*

### 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.



### LUXFER OFFERS \$50 FOR OLD TANKS

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Inside this month's issue you'll find:

- ? The 2003 Dive Schedule
- ? Our First Photography Contest Winners
- ? Info on the Awards Luncheon
- ? More Raffle Info including some of the "Big Stuff"

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