



The Mouthpiece



March 2006 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLET-

WINNERS OF THE ADA 2005 RAFFLE

The ADA free raffle, and free BBQ, was held at the Beach Bash, Nov. 12, Hollywood Beach, Florida. The day was beautiful, but too windy to dive. So most members ate instead of diving. Then after all were stuffed, the winners were announced. To claim your prize, call Lon.

AL ESCOBAR– Canes football tickets, thanks to donor Roy Wasson.

AURELIO GARCIA– Dive 5 pac for 06.

The following each won a free ADA dive.

BILL COOK

ENRIQUE GONZALEZ

DON DECOSTE

NANCY MCKENZIE

SHARON MILES

EDDIE LIM

KEITH ROBERTS

RICH AUGER

FRANK YOUNG

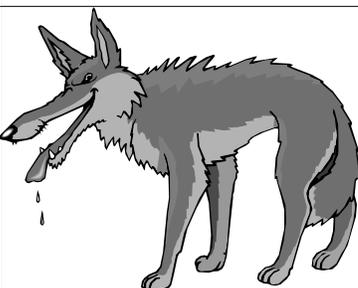


Mark your calendars

April Fools Day

We have a big event planned, and to make it a bit more interesting, we hope to provide a lot of laughs with your ideas.

Please send me your jokes, pranks, and silly stuff in keeping with the spirit of the Day.



If we use your idea, we will give you full credit and drinks on us.

Thanks

Lon

See page 3 for more details



ADA THANKS IT'S VOLUNTEERS!!

As everyone knows, ADA charges ahead each year thanks to the many men and women who generously donate their time and talents. They do it for you, the member. Say thanks as you see them during our many activities this year.

JIM KIERNAN– Membership chair, Board member.

JACK HILDRETH– Membership chair.

SHARYN JEFFERIES– Membership chair.

STEVE HERZ– Newsletter editor, Safety Officer.

ENRIQUE GONZALEZ– Newsletter assistant.

DAN BAEZA– Safety Officer, Board member, Internet Advisor.

DARYL JOHNSON– Safety Officer, Board member, Chef.

LEE WOOD– Safety Officer, VP, Board member, Social Host.

ROBERT FOX– Safety Officer, Chef.

DAFNE MARITNEZ– Treasurer, Board member.

SHARON BARON– Secretary, Board member, Social chair, Chef.

CHRIS WOOD– Board member, Internet advisor.

PAT HACKETT– Social chair.

JERRY KOSAKOWSKI– Board member, Conservation chair.

ROY WASSON– Raffle donor, Chef.

ADELL NICKELSON– Chef.

KEELEY SANCHEZ– Chef.

BARBARA FOX– Chef.

ROSEY WOOD– Social hostess.

CAROL KELLEY– Welcome committee.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE

Forms were sent out several weeks ago reminding members to renew. If you did not get a notice, contact Jim. (see back page for info.)

BISCAYNE NATIONAL PARK REQUIRES SAFETY SAUSAGES

Effective June 1, 2005, all divers are required to carry safety sausages (SS) during the dive at BNP. For those not familiar with this device, it is an inflatable tube from 3' to 8' long, colored a bright red, yellow or green. Its purpose is to make divers more visible on the surface. In the case of drift dives, the diver waits on the surface to be picked up by the boat. In heavy seas, a diver far from the boat needs to be visible and the best way is a SS. Without it a diver might not be able to attract the attention of the boat. Most dive shops carry several lengths and colors of SS. . From our experience, the longer, the better. I recommend 5' or more and yellow seems to be the best color. Most have a valve on the end, which contains the air and is an advantage, but must be inflated by mouth, a possible disadvantage. Some are open on the end and can be inflated by purging the regulator in the opening, an advantage,

THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION
presents an evening of
THE ADA 13th ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTATION
at
FT. LAUDERDALE'S HOWL AT THE MOON
near
FAMOUS LAS OLAS RIVER WALK

APRIL 1, 2006

WHO– Members, family and guests

WHAT– Happy hour, dinner, awards, New Orleans style dueling piano bar,
sing alongs, howl along, night club entertainers

WHEN– Sat April 1. Begins at 5pm, until the wee hours

WHERE– Howl at the Moon, 17 South Ft. Lauderdale Beach Blvd.

MENU–

Peel and Eat Shrimp
Swedish meatballs
Smokehouse Chicken
Chips and Salsa
Cheese and Crackers

Spicy Hot Wings
Maui chicken
Baked ziti
Veggie platter
Caesar Salad
Buttered Rolls

Maui Chicken
Grilled Chicken
Deli meats
Tossed Sal
Pasta Salad

COST– \$25 pp includes dinner and entry to piano bar and night club, not cash bar.

RESERVATIONS– Deadline March 15, call Pat 305 387 0015 Mail check payable to
ADA to:

Lon Von Lintel
13374 sw 46 Ter.
Miami Fl 33175

CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS– full refund before March 15, after March 15 no refunds

DIRECTIONS– Las Olas Blvd east to A1A, north 2 blks to corner of Cortez
St and Ft. Lauderdale Beach Blvd. The Beach Place Complex, 3rd floor.

Parking available on site and nearby lots.

PROGRAM–

5–6 pm Happy Hour, meet and greet,
6–7 pm dinner and awards

7–10 pm dueling pianos and sing alongs, crazy silliness, be part of the act.

10–4 am nightclub entertainers and/or River Walk adventure.

Come join the April Fools Day nonsense and enjoy an evening with old
friends and new buddies, HOWL AT THE MOON!!

ADA 2006 DIVE SCHEDULE

April	May	June	July
4–22 N. Key Largo 4–30 Ft. Lauderdale	5–6 BNP 5–13 Tavernier 5–21 Pennekamp 5–27 Lost City	6–3 BNP 6–11 Islamorada 6–17 Pompano 6–25 Molasses	7–2 Elliott Key 7–8 N. Key Largo 7–8 Minnow caves nite 7–16 Miami Wreck 7–22 Tavernier 7–29 BNP
August	September	October	November
8–6 West Palm 8–12 Pennekamp 8–19 Duenne and Eagle 8–19 Tavernier night 8–26 Islamorada	9–3 Elliott Key 9–9 Looe Key 9–10 Tavernier 9–17 Lost City 9–23 Boca Raton	10–1 N. Key Largo 10–8 BNP 10–15 Duenne and Eagle 10–22 Miami Wreck 10–29 West Palm	11–5 Islamorada 11–12 Elliott Key 11–19 Speigal Grove 11–25 Tenneco Towers

BNP CREDITS

ADA members who attended the July 23 dive have been offered a credit for another non-ADA dive at the park. Thanks to manager Tom Perkins, who regrets the short bottom times imposed by the Captain, you may call Lon to get your free pass.

NO SOOP FOR YEW! (the Soup Nazi)

As most divers know, the Oriental demand for shark fins to make soup has decimated shark populations world wide. These beautiful animals are being slaughtered by the thousands, cutting off only the fins and then thrown back to a slow and painful death. Some may say "Good riddance", but sharks are an important part of a healthy eco system, and most of us enjoy an occasional encounter.

To our dismay, in May 2005, Disney announced that shark fin soup will be available for business dinners, weddings and special events at Hong Kong Disneyland, scheduled to open in Sept. 2005. "Hong Kong Disneyland takes environmental stewardship very seriously, but we are equally sensitive to the local cultures. It is customary for Chinese restaurants and 5 star hotels to serve shark fins soup in Hong Kong, as the dish is considered an integral part of Chinese banquets." Esther Wong, PR Manager.

At first, Disney ignored the protests of divers and environmental groups from around the world. But on June 24, 2005, Disney executives backed down. The official reason, Disney says, is they could not find a "sustainable" source for shark fins. However, they clearly felt the pressure from the thousands of e mails, letters, and phone calls as well as the escalating call for a boycott. To those who helped in this effort, our thanks.

We won!! (Note– the above was taken, in part, from the clostertofree.org web site.)

Post Dive BBQS

Cost \$7.00 includes-

Grilled hotdogs, hamburgers, chicken, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, chips and fixins. Soda & Beer.

While divers are tending their gear, our chef of the day will be preparing a feast fit for a King/ Queen or at least for hungry divers. We invite all divers on the above dates to join us for good outdoor food and telling tall fish tales. Please send \$7 along with the dive fees, you may make one check for both.

DIVE AND EAT FREE

That's right, on our BBQ days you can earn a free dive and free eats. It's easy, just volunteer to be the chef of the day and you go for free.

Here's how it works -

You buy the food and bring to the dive, after which you and the Safety Officer will prepare and serve. The supplies and menu list will be faxed to you a few days prior with an exact list of needed items. Then you submit a receipt and your expenses will be reimbursed. Call Lon for more info and sign up!

LOST CITY COMES TO MIAMI

Soon to be built in the off-shore waters near Key Biscayne, a re-creation of the Lost City of Atlantis will be of much interest for divers and serve as an artificial reef for marine creatures. Being 900 feet in diameter, it will be visible from the air and will take 2-3 years to complete.

ADA plans to monitor it's progress with our first dive scheduled for May 27. Watch the Mouthpiece for details.

For more info go to the Jan. 20 issue of the Miami Herald.

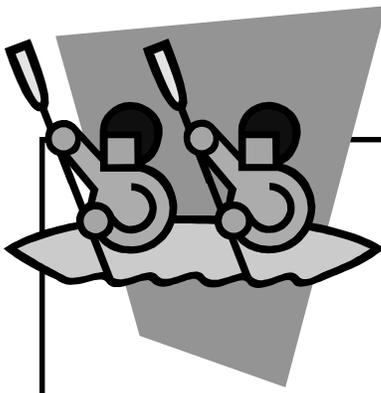
CORALS TO BE TRANSPLANTED

The Nature Conservancy plans to take corals from a privately owned underwater nursery and relocate them to multiple sites in our area. Divers and boat captains may get involved with monitoring this project by contacting Meaghan Johnson at 305 745 8402.

Could this be an activity for ADA? If you are interested, let us know.

Got Ideas?

Now is the time to express yourself . Let's hear some ideas you may have to help make this the most exciting "Dive Year" yet. Want to go somewhere special? More Specialty dives? Want to send articles for the newsletter? Send me an e-mail(Newsletter@activedivers.org) . Let's hear from you!!



BISCAYNE NATIONAL PARK ADA KAYAK/CANOEING TRIP SATURDAY MARCH 11, 2006

Biscayne National Park is the largest marine park in the National Park System with 95% of its 173,000 acres covered by water. The area was set aside as recently as 1998. Along the mainland shore of Biscayne Bay, lies the longest stretch of Mangrove Forest on Florida's east coast. Mangroves are critically important to the park's food chain and its broad, shallow body of water teems with life. Join us on this fun filled morning and explore the magnificence of this precious natural resource.

Directions: Driving south on the Florida Turnpike, take the SW 137th Ave/ Speedway Blvd. Exit. (Exit 6) Turn left onto SW 137th Ave/ Speedway Blvd. Go approximately 3 1/2 miles and turn left onto SW 328th St/N Canal Dr. After about 2 miles will be the park entrance. Same location as the ADA dive trips.)

Gathering Time: 9:00 am at the kayak/canoe put in area, adjacent to the parking area.

Rentals are available at the Park.

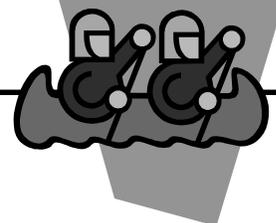
Fees: Canoes: \$25 for 1/2 day (4 hours)
 Sit on top Kayaks: \$31 for 1/2 day

Deadline for those needing to rent (the supply of boats is limited) is Monday March 6th. Call Pat Hackett at 305-387-0015 or Sharon Baron at 305-386-8961.

Please do not call the Park concessionaire directly to reserve kayaks/canoes. These rental fees are exclusively for ADA.

Please call Pat or Sharon ASAP to reserve your space on this outing.

Some supplies that are a must: sun screen, drinking water, hat, sun glasses, gloves (if you have them) bug spray, food and drink for a mid-paddle picnic lunch.



ADA DIVE PACS 2006

Many of our members took advantage of the convenience and big savings of purchasing dive pacs last year. ADA is again offering dive pacs for this year.

Prices—

5 local dives for \$145 (that's \$29 per dive, a savings of \$30)
15 local dives for \$375 (that's \$25 per dive, a savings of \$150)

Advantages—

1. You write only one check
2. You mail only one check
3. You save \$\$\$

All dive pacs are non-refundable, non-transferable and must be used in 2006. Insurance may be purchased, see article this issue.

ADA FREE RAFFLE 2006

Prizes to be awarded:

- First prize— one dive 5 pac for 2006
- Second prizes— ten single dives
- Third prizes— your choice in the grab box until all items gone.

How to earn raffle tickets:

- 1 ticket for attending any ADA function.
- 1 ticket for proudly wearing ADA T-shirt.
- 5 tickets for winning the mini-raffles.
- 10 tickets for being the BBQ chef.

PHOTOS WANTED

Want to see your name in lights? Want to be the star of the show? Want to be rich and famous? Well....we can't promise that, but if you are a photographer we welcome your photos of your u/w adventures AND top-side shots of ADA and members at any and all ADA activities. We will publish your shots in our monthly newsletter THE MOUTHPIECE on a space available basis. "Please send electronic (one meg or less) or film (with self addressed envelope if you want them returned) pics of this year's dive/activities to:
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2006 ADA PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

SINGLES ONLY DIVES
NEW MEMBERS DIVES
KAYAK TRIPS
CANOE TRIPS
DOUBLE WALL DIVES
BBQs and PICNICS
AWARDS BRUNCH
NIGHT DIVES
3 TANK DIVES
TWILIGHT DIVES
Stay Tuned....More is yet to come!!!!

PLACE AN AD IN THE MOUTHPIECE

ADA accepts business ads for publication in our newsletter. The cost is \$50 for ads in five issues, and \$60 for ads in all 9 issues. The ads are business-card size and must be camera ready. Send them to Steve, editor, with check payable to ADA.

FOR SALE/WANTED ADS

The Mouthpiece is a great way to let other divers know you have dive related equipment for sale or you are seeking to purchase. Just send a brief description, asking/offering price, and contact info. to our hard working editor. This a free service but only when space is available.

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