



The Mouthpiece

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March 2007 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Dive Dominica !!!

With ADA
June 1-8

Dominica is the most mountainous of all the Caribbean islands, located south of Puerto Rico. The diving is outstanding and has been rated in the top 5 of many categories including:

#3 in Top Dive Destinations
#5 in Wall Dives
#1 in Small Animal Encounters
#1 in Healthiest Marine Environments
#1 in Snorkeling

Our base of operations will be the Castle Comfort Resort, the only dive-dedicated hotel on the island. This small 15 room resort is located on the protected east side, with calm, clear waters at its front door. For more information go to castlecomfortdivelodge.com, divedominica.com, softdive.com.

Dive Package includes:
RT Airfare from Miami
7 Nights Double Occupancy
Breakfast Daily
10 Boat Dives
Unlimited, 24/7 Shore Diving
Tanks, Air, Weights
RT Airport Transfers
Hotel Kayaks
(Non-Divers \$200 Less)
Cost \$1495

Payment Schedule—\$500 Non-refundable Deposit
March 15th—\$500 additional
April 1st—Balance Due

Refund/Cancellations
Before April 1st, refunds based on monies returned to ADA
From Service Agents, after April 1st—No Refunds
But, if space is filled, only a change charge.
Call Lon today—305-251-4975 to see if space is still available.

Topside activities, not included in price, are hiking to Tall Water Falls, Whale Watching, (90% chance of seeing Whales or Dolphins) and Sport Fishing

THE ADVENTURE BEGINS JUNE 1ST

ADA MEMBERS WIN BIG!!

Last October, ADA held its annual **FREE** raffle at Hollywood Beach. A number of members enjoyed the **FREE** beach dive just before the **FREE**

BBQ. The weather was picture perfect, the seas calm, and sky blue. After sampling all of the **FREE** BBQ items, the crowd grew tense and the drums rolled.

Then the **winners** of the FREE raffle were announced. and they are:

Winner of a free dive is **Sharon Baron**
Winner of a free dive is **Enrique Gonzalez**
Winner of a free dive is **Dennis Metrock**
Winner of a free dive is **Jack Hildreth**
Winner of a free dive is **Lee Wood**
Winner of a free dive is **David Ray**
Winner of a free dive is **Jim Kiernan**
Winner of a free dive is **Adel Nickelson**
Winner of a free dive is **Trish Jacobs**
Winner of a free dive 5 pac is **Carol Cox**
Winner of Canes football tickets is **Doug Couvertier**

These lucky winners earned free raffle tickets by attending ADA activities, wearing the ADA t shirt, cooking BBQs, and referring new members.

(see article on free raffle in this and every issue of the Mouthpiece.) Contact Lon to claim your prize.

Earn your free raffle tickets and **Be a winner this year!!**

RENEWAL NOTICES SENT, DUES \$35

It is time to renew your membership. It expired Dec. 31. Notices were sent last month. You may have noticed this year's dues are \$35. After many years of no increase, it was necessary to reluctantly raise our fee. If you did not receive your notice, please remit \$35, payable to the Active Divers Assoc, to the address below. The \$35 covers both single and family memberships, which is an even bigger bargain for those with several family members who are certified.

Please send to:

Frank Young
ADA Membership chair
1115 Country Club Prado
Coral Gables, Fl. 33134

ADA DIVE PACS 2007

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

Single purchase two tank local dives \$39

5 pacs-5 local two tank dives for \$165

Prices are for boat tickets only.

You may purchase a pac and later decide which dives you wish to reserve.

Specialty dives are at higher prices, will be announced.

**ALL DIVE PACS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE,
NON-TRANSFERABLE AND MUST BE USED IN 2007**

NOTICE !!!

DON'T FILL OUT THOSE FORMS

A few weeks ago, I mailed out membership renewal notices. In those same envelopes, I included blank membership applications and waiver forms.

One-Third of you that have responded to-date went to the trouble to fill out both forms for yourself and had the waiver form notarized. Several of you have called me for clarification. For this misunderstanding I apologize.

As indicated in the cover letter, the blank forms were for your use in recruiting new members to ADA. Of course, if you want more forms for this purpose, I'll be happy to supply as many as you want. The forms on the website have also been updated and are clearer and more user friendly than before.

Frank L. Young
Membership Chair



Photo Gallery

To see a great new gallery created by Nic Boyd and Chris Wood, go to www.activedivers.org and click on gallery.

Photos by Amaury Cruz, Dan Baeza, Nick Boyd, and others.

Send your photos, taken any time any where, to Nic. We will post, space permitting. See newsletter for instructions on how to send.

Good job guys!!

APOLOGIES TO NIC BOYD

In the Nov. issue of the ADA newsletter, I thanked all our generous volunteers for '06. But I overlooked one person who has served us well for several years- Nic Boyd, who has had a big hand in the photo galleries we all enjoy. Sorry Nic.

Lon

**ADA
Shark Valley Bike Ride**

February 24, 2007

Meeting Time: 9:30am

Where: Bike Rental office

The Everglades, a "river of grass," is a gift right in our back yard. Shark Valley, a circle path right smack in the middle of the Glades safe for bike riding and bird watching. It's just a little over 20 miles **West** on Tamiami Trail aka Route 41. Gators and birds galore line the canals and bike trail. We'll pedal 7.5 miles to the Observation Tower for a snack and rest stop then return back to the parking lot. Bicycling the road takes an average of 2 to 3 hours, but varies with physical stamina and personal interests.

Bike rentals are available.

Call Shark Valley Tram Office at 305-221-8455 for information.

After the ride we'll chow down at the PIT BBQ on the Trail after the ride!

Pat Hackett 305-387-0015 Sharon Baron 305-775-7092 are your hosts.

Give us a call if you are planning to go so we may wait for you at the Bike Rental Office.

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:

Nic Boyd

One S. Ocean Blvd # 204

Boca Raton, Fl. 33432

or email to: nboyd@oceanlandinc.com

Include your name and names of other people, if you know them, and location."

Send your photos, taken any time any where, to Nic. We will post, space permitting. See newsletter for instructions on how to send.

Post Dive BBQS

Cost \$10.00 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 \$10 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!



HOLY CALAMARI ——— BATMAN!!!!



Wellington, New Zealand-

New Zealand Fisheries Minister Jim Anderton said a squid weighing an estimated 990 pounds was caught in Antarctic waters. With eyes as big as dinner plates and razor-sharp hooks on its tentacles, it took two hours to land. If calamari rings were made from the squid, they would be the size of tractor tires. It will be frozen and shipped to a museum to be preserved for scientific study. Giant squids are estimated to grow up to 46 feet long and live in depths of 6,500 feet.



 **Keys Travel Delays 15-30 minutes.** 

 Due to a large construction project on US 1, between Homestead and Key Largo, travel times to all sites in the Keys will be longer than usual. Plan to depart home earlier to avoid arriving late. Remember, divers must attend the briefing to be eligible to dive. Arriving late stresses everyone and detracts from your dive experience and enjoyment. 



PROUDLY WEAR YOUR ADA T-SHIRT!!!

You will earn 5 raffle tickets by wearing your ADA t-shirt at all ADA dive briefings. We want to see a sea of RED ! This a great way to tell everyone you are a member of the Biggest, Baddest, Boldest, Bravest, Bestists, bunch of divers on the face of the earth!! Everyone will ask, "Who are these red wonders?" It is also a good way to recruit new members and earn 20, that's right TWENTY RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE BIG Free Drawing in October

ADA DISABLED DIVERS PROGRAM

Earlier this year, ADA was contacted by the director of a local organization which trains and rehabilitates teenagers with physical handicaps. She is a certified diver and has promoted the fun and excitement of diving to her students. Many have expressed a desire to explore the underwater world, just as you and I do. Not having the skill and training needed to certify divers, she is asking for our help. Connie Crowther has volunteered to coordinate and plan efforts by ADA and its members to assist in the training and SCUBA certification of several of these young persons.

However, circumstances have not allowed the program to move forward this year. Connie and Sharon Baron are in the process of research, planning, and implementation of training programs for next year. Watch for news on this front, and consider how you may assist in our efforts. Many ADA members have already offered help in the form of money, time, and resources, for which we thank you. When the program is ready, we will notify ADA members with a wish list of needed resources.

THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION
presents an evening of
THE ADA 14th ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTATION
at
FT. LAUDERDALE'S HOWL AT THE MOON
near the
FAMOUS LAS OLAS RIVER WALK

APRIL 14, 2007

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 14. 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- \$30 pp includes dinner and entry to piano bar and night club, not cash bar.

RESERVATIONS- Deadline April 5th, call Pat 305 387 0015 Mail check payable to ADA
to:

Lon Von Lintel
13374 SW 46 Terrace
Miami, FI 33175

CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS- full refund before April 5, after April 5 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 FUN and enjoy an evening with old
friends and new buddies at HOWL AT THE MOON!!

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 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.

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.

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HOW TO MAKE DIVE RESERVATIONS

1. Check this newsletter or the annual calendar for upcoming dives.
2. Call Lon (305) 251-4975 to make a reservation. Please do not leave a message on the 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 report. See important weather information in this and every issue)
5. Make your check payable to ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION. Not to any individual, and mail to :
Lon Von Lintel , 13374 SW 46 Terrace Miami, Fl. 33175
7. Itemize dates of dives in the left hand corner of your check.
8. REMEMBER! That family members must have completed individual documentation to register as ADA members.

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ADA CHECK-IN TIMES !!!

Ours are different than the dive operators.
When making dive reservations or during the all important
WEATHER CHECK.
Inquire about the **ADA CHECK-IN TIME.** Please arrive on
time, or better yet, a bit earlier and chat with new friends and
old buddies.