



# The Mouthpiece



March 2010 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## ADA SEASON KICKOFF and VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY

**SATURDAY, APRIL 17  
NOON**

(complete details and info in April newsletter)

**WHO-** ALL ADA MEMBERS, FAMILY AND GUESTS

**WHAT-** BBQ, AWARDS, SPEAKERS, FUN WATER CRAFTS

**WHERE-** SHAKE-A-LEG, 2620 S. BAYSHORE DR. COCONUT GROVE, FL.  
(visit [shakealegmiami.org](http://shakealegmiami.org))

In addition to all the fun, food, and frolic,  
**ADA will honor all the hard working volunteers who have given their  
time and talents to make it go in 2009. Our thanks to-**

**Frank Young**- Membership chair, Safety Officer  
**Steve Herz**- Newsletter editor, Safety Officer  
**Dafne Martinez-Obermeier**- Board, Treasurer  
**Dan Baeza**- Board, Safety Officer, internet  
**Lee Wood**- Board, Safety Officer  
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**Rachel Hancock**- BBQ Chef  
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**Mara Suarez**- Social Assistant  
**Pat Hudson**- Internet Facebook

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND WATCH FOR THE APRIL NEWSLETTER**

### ADA Now Offers Free Dives

This year ADA will be having some free dives. Sounds great? It is for those of us who like beach diving. Count me in because it is my favorite. It offers convenience, long dive times, multiple dives and a lot of exercise. They were usually held in the morning but this year the late afternoon/early evening will be offered. The times and places will be determined at the beginning of the dive scheduled week. Check the dive schedule for dates.

Some of the locations will be John Lloyd Park, Ero Jacks (dive boats drop you at this one), Glenn's Reef, The Boulders, The Golden Brick Road, 8<sup>th</sup> St. (we can also make the Copenhagen from here, again dive boats go here) Delray Wreck and Embassy Suites. See the adventurous. For more information or suggestions please call me at 954-990-9534.

Jerry Kosakowski

## 2010 ADA Dive Schedule

### April

24, Ft Lauderdale

### May

2, Miami reefs  
8, N. Key Largo  
16, BNP  
22, Tavernier  
29, Tenneco Towers adv.

### June

6 Islamorada  
12 W. Palm adv.  
19 S. Key Largo  
27 N. Key Largo

### July

3 BNP  
11 W. Palm adv  
17 Tavernier- Eagle adv.  
17 Tavernier night  
25 BNP  
31 Islamorada

### Aug.

7 Miami wreck adv.  
15 N. Key Largo  
21 Tavernier  
29 W. Palm adv

### Sept

4 Pompano  
4 Pompano night  
12 W. Palm adv  
18 Islamorada  
25 Miami wreck adv.

### Oct.

3 Duanne wreck adv.  
10 N. Key Largo  
16 BNP  
24 Ft. Lauderdale adv.  
31 Speigal Grove adv

### Nov.

7 N. Key Largo  
13 BNP  
21 Miami wreck adv.

Are you on Facebook? Join the ADA page here:  
<http://www.facebook.com/ActiveDivers>  
We can post your photos and share dive stories!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ADA

December

 Thomas Jones  
 Jennifer Cheney  
 Vickie Ribera  
 Jay Abbazia  
 Ricardo Armelin

Marcella Nemec  
Jerry Kosakaowski  
Charles Porter  
Roy Wasson

January

 Aurelio Escobar  
 Jannette Lajom  
 Cynthia Boulais  
 Douglas Dyszar  
 Stanton Bershad

Daniel Sumner  
Lothar Genge  
John Abadia  
Natasha Bravo

February

 Steven Moore  
 Romain Breton  
 Charles Carson  
 Daniel Cabellero  
 Helen Colby

Evelyn Roisman  
Dennis Metrock  
Andrew Lenoir  
James Kiernan



Welcome Back Divers  
It's Time To Get Wet

The new season is upon us and it's time to get out the gear and get all ready. If you've been idle these last few months, don't forget to get out and do some exercise to get back in shape before you hit the water. Start by just walking and build up from there to wake up those sleepy muscles. Don't forget to get your gear in shape too. It's probably time for a yearly VIP inspection and maybe even a hydrostatic test of those tanks. Your regulator is your life under water so don't forget to have it serviced by your local authorized dealer before that that first dive of the year! The last thing you want on your first dive this year is a surprise. See you at the dock.

## 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.

## 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.

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