



The Mouthpiece



April 2005 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

April Dive Schedule

April 14–17

Florida Springs and Camping

23 Sat. pm

Hollywood

Wrecks, Reefs, and fun. A wide range of dives and sights to behold. If you didn't make it last weekend, this is the dive of the season. Start the dive season off right and join us for fun and adventure.

30 Sat. pm

N. Pennekamp

BBQ

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, moreys, cudas. **BBQ after dive, see article this issue.**

May Dive Schedule

May 8 Sun. pm

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 moreys, schooling tropicals, unusual pillar corals

15 Sun. pm

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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.

22 Sun. am

Biscayne Nat. Park (*Advanced*)

BBQ

Sites – The Wall, Anniversary, Rocky Reef, Elkhorn Forest, Cuda Ledge, Ball Buoy, Doc DeMilly. Expect currents, usually we drift dive the deep reefs. Depths 70–110', average visibility 40–80'. Only one commercial dive boat allowed in area. **See advanced criterion this issue. BBQ after dive, see article this issue.**

28 Sat. pm

Ft. Lauderdale

Double your pleasure with the best of both worlds! We could dive reefs or maybe wrecks. A plethora of flora and fauna, just waiting to be explored.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2005

Renewal notices were mailed Feb. 6. If you have not received it, call Jim and check your address.
954– 227– 8885

STRANDED DOLPHINS REHAB SITES NEED OUR HELP

I am sure you grimaced as I did, as we watched on nightly TV the suffering of the dolphins who were stranded in the Keys last month.

Some recovered and were released, some died, and some were taken to rehab facilities at Key Largo and Virginia Key in Miami for intensive care.

These rehabs are running out of funds and volunteers to keep the operation running until all have recovered.



DO YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF SAVING A DOLPHIN?

Volunteers are needed for countless different jobs in and around the dolphin pools. Walking those unable to swim, preparing their fish meals, checking in volunteers, buying supplies, assisting the biologists, running errands, making phone calls, and maintenance are just some of the non-glamorous work to be done.

DONATIONS OF FUNDS AND FOOD NEEDED.

PADDLE IN THE KEYS
April 24, 2005
KEY LARGO DAY

MEETING 9:00am

WHERE: FLORIDA BAY OUTFITTERS

PHONE: 1-305-451-3018

Get out of Dade and come on down to the Keys. Paddle through mangrove paths and bays. Pack a lunch and enjoy a day without traffic and noise. Wonderful!

Bring your kayaks or canoes. Rentals available on site

We will meet at **Florida Bay Outfitters** in **Key Largo** on **US1** next to the **Caribbean Club @ Mile Marker 104** Bayside.

**Call Florida Bay Outfitters for reservation of your boat prior to the event.*

Rental cost:

Sea Kayak \$35.00/ $\frac{1}{2}$ day

Discounts given if more than 4 rentals -10%

6 rentals - 15%

7 rentals - 20%

Sit on Top \$25.00/ $\frac{1}{2}$ day

Tandems \$45.00/ $\frac{1}{2}$ day

Bring your usual weather protective clothing, sun screen, water shoes, hat, sun glasses, gloves, dry clothes, drinks, lunch, and anything else you may need.

Call Sharon Baron @ 305-386-8961 or Pat Hackett @ 305-387-0015 for more information.



ADA DIVE PACS 2005

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 2005. Insurance may be purchased, see article this issue.

ADA FREE RAFFLE 2005

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.
20 TICKETS, THAT IS RIGHT, TWENTY FOR SIGNING UP A NEW MEMBER!!!

2005 ADA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Spread the word— we are the most active organization for fun and adventure!! We offer more dives, more types of dives, more variety, and more locations. Got a friend who wants to meet new dive buddies, know of a new diver hesitant to dive, got a co-worker getting certified?

Sign them up! **AND YOU WILL EARN 20 FREE RAFFLE TICKETS!!** That's right **TWENTY FREE RAFFLE TICKETS!!** (see raffle article this issue for details)

Make sure they put your name on the line of the application that asks "How did you discover ADA?" Then collect your **TWENTY FREE RAFFLE TICKETS** at any ADA function.

VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATION DAY

Saturday, June 4

As a thank you for all our volunteers, we have planned a day of sun and fun in the Florida Keys. You are invited to join us for a BBQ at the home of Lee and Rosey Wood located at 182 Plantation Ave, Plantation Key, just down the street from the Florida Keys Dive Center. Many of us will want to make a dive first, either in the morning with time to enjoy kayaking, fishing, swimming and relaxing before the BBQ, or in the afternoon and then to the BBQ. All the food and drink is on us. Come and enjoy. Call Lon for reservations.

HURRICANE DIVE PAC RELIEF

As we all know, 2004 was a disaster for our neighbors to the north, who suffered damage from several hurricanes. We here in South Florida escaped property damage but were effected in other ways. Some members who purchased dive pacs were unable to use all of their pacs in 2004. This consideration is for 2004 only and will not be offered in the future. Although the pacs were non-refundable and had to be used in 2004, (announced in each issue of the Mouthpiece) the ADA Board of Directors has voted to consider offering some form of compensation for members who experienced extreme circumstances, hurricane related or otherwise, which rendered them unable to use their entire pac in 2004. If you feel you are among these members, you may write a letter to the Board outlining your plight. The Board will review and decide on a case by case basis. You may send your petition to Lon, (dead line June 1, 2005) who will present it to the Board at their next meeting and notify you of their decision. Call Lon for more info.

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

Stay tuned for information on the Camping/Diving trip to Florida Springs !!

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!

Nitrox Certification

Are you interested? Those who are certified know the benefits of using Nitrox on deep dives. Those who do not know should check it out. Do a search on Nitrox benefits.

Call Lon for more info and reservations.

The one day Course includes a.m. class work and afternoon dives. Approx cost is \$150.

New Speigal Grove Requirements !!!

Effective for 2004, all ADA divers must have advanced certification or higher. Other divers may dive, but will be required to pay for a guide, cost to be divided among those who need the guide.

ARE YOU SOCIAL?

ADA is offering several plans for more socials this year. We would like your ideas of what and where. Do you have a place that would be a good venue for a happy hour, snacks, and fun? Do you like the idea of a get-together for members and future members? Are you a party animal? Would you like to help organize and serve as

CALL FOR YOUR INPUT!! 305-387-0015 TODAY

35 YEARS CELEBRATION STICKERS

ADA has been taking divers on trips since 1970. To celebrate we have had made a handsome sticker which we will hand out at all ADA activities to all members in attendance. You are invited to stick them any place other divers might see them. ie, your dive bags, log books, coolers, tanks, etc. to proudly identify yourself as part of a unique organization. We also ask you to stick them around public places such as marinas, parks, or beaches. Then visit your local dive shop and as for permission to place a few there. Then be creative and find other places. (get permission if on private property) The idea is to make ADA more visible and bring in new members.

STICK 'EM HERE, STICK 'EM THERE, STICK 'EM EVERYWHERE!!

If you run out, ask for as many as you need to help us spread the word

DIVE CREDIT REFUNDS MAILED

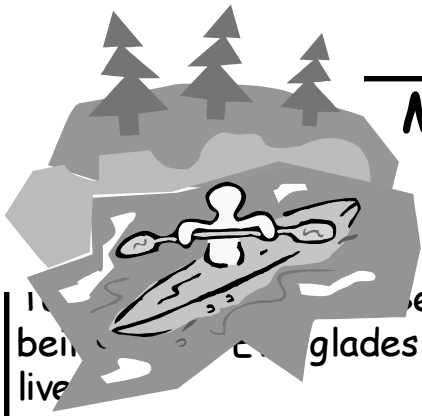
Members who had a dive credit from 2004 should have received their refund check by March 1. If you believe you are due a refund and have not received it, call Lon.

Credits are given when ADA cancels a dive, for insured dives cancelled by the member, and for member cancelled dives with one week notice.

ADA WELCOMES NEW SAFETY OFFICERS

At a recent Safety Officers Committee meeting, three nominees for positions as new Safety Officers (SO) were approved by the Committee after a lengthy orientation presentation. They are Daryl Johnson, Rosemary Boyd, and Steve Herz. The next step to becoming an ADA SO is an apprenticeship (they will not hear "You're Fired") under the tutelage of a Supervising Safety Officer. (SSO)

When the SSO determines that the nominee is ready to carry on the proud tradition of an ADA SO, he will give his final approval. So say hello when you see any or all three nominees on a dive and thank them for their efforts, dedication to safe diving, and



MIAMI BEACH KAYAK DAY MAY 7, 2005

in Miami Beach. This is a different type of kayaking day from that of being in the Everglades or Florida Keys. Take a break and see where the other folks live.

We will paddle around Star Island to Hibiscus Island and then round Palm Island to Monument Island for lunch. If you are interested in seeing the celebrity homes you will see them all. These islands have changed dramatically from just a few years ago being affordable re-do's to multi million dollar mansions. Our lunch on Monument Island will be on the white sand beach so bring your gourmet lunch and blanket.

Rentals are available at \$45.00/ $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Call for your reservations.

TIME: 9:30am

WHERE: South Beach Kayak *hours Wednesday thru Sunday 9:30 to 4:00*

1771 Purdy Ave

Miami, Beach

305-673-2845

I95

EAST 395 to Miami Beach

NORTH Alton Road

LEFT Purdy Ave

Look for the kayaks

Bring your usual necessities &..

Such as Lunch, Liquids, Shoes, Sun Screen, Hat, Dry Clothes, etc.

Contact:

Sharon Baron

305-386-8961 or

Pat Hackett 305-387-0015



ADA RULES & REGULATIONS

All Members Must be familiar with the following

FOR ALL ADVANCED DIVES (DEPTHS OVER 60') ADA DIVERS MUST:

- Be current (dive activity within the previous 3 months).
- Have the approval of an ADA Safety Officer.
- Have a minimum of 25 logged dives.
- Carry an alternate air source (octopus), time keeping device and depth gauge.
- Have previous ADA diving experience.
- All members must dive with at least a 72 cubic foot tank.

ADA GUIDELINES FOR COMPUTER ASSISTED DIVING

- Members using dive computers may extend their time underwater ten-(10) minutes beyond the time allowed by the tables.
- Computer assisted dives must be well within the NO DECOMPRESSION LIMITS.
- Members should understand and follow the manufacturer's recommendations.
- If a computer diver is buddyed with a diver using the tables, both must follow the tables.
- If a buddy-team is using unlike computers, both must follow the more conservative computer.
- 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.

HOW TO MAKE DIVE RESERVATIONS

Check this newsletter or the annual calendar for upcoming dives.

(Call Lon at (305) 251-4975 to make a reservation. Please do not leave requests on his answering machine, the trip may be full.

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.

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)

* 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

Itemize dates of dives on bottom-left corner of check.

Do not pay for persons other than spouses or other family members. Include their names on check.

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

Mouse Calls

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Miami, Fl. 33186

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2005 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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