



The Mouthpiece



April 2007 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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 2007 DIVE SCHEDULE

April	21 N. Key Largo
	29 Ft. Lauderdale
May	5 Biscayne Nat'l Park
	12 Miami Wreck
	20 Tavernier
	26 Elliott Key
June	1-8 Dominica
June	3 Islamorada
	10 Pennekamp
	16 Tavernier
	16 Tavernier night
	24 Palm Beach
30 Biscayne Nat'l Park	
July	7 Conch Wall
	7 Conch Wall night
	14 Pompano
	22 N. Key Largo
	28 Elliott Key
August	4 Miami Wreck
	12 S. Key Largo
	18 Ft. Lauderdale
	18 Ft Lauderdale night
	25 Spiegel Grove
September	2 Biscayne Nat'l Park
	9 Tavernier
	16 Duanne/Eagle
	22 Pennekamp
	22 Pennekamp night
30 Biscayne Nat'l Park	
October	7 Islamorada
	14 Tenneco Towers
	21 Elliott Key
	27 N. Key Largo
November	4 Islamorada
	11 Biscayne Nat'l Park
	18 Conch Wall
	25 Boca Raton

ADA Bike Trip

I recently joined ADA members along with their spouses and friends at Shark Valley, Everglades to bike the 15 mile trek. The alligators were plentiful and showing off their babies. The ride included many bird watching moments and the breeze always seemed to be at our backs. It is always nice to stop halfway and walk the tower's steps which give a birds eye view of the grass to the horizon and looks down on a large pond which always shows dramatic wildlife activity. I rate this trek a must participate! J. Nicholas Boyd



APRIL-MAY DIVE SCHEDULE

April 21 PM

N. Key Largo

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.

April 29 PM

Ft Lauderdale

Double your pleasure with the best of both worlds! A reef followed by a wreck. A plethora of flora and fauna, just waiting to be explored.

May 5 AM

Biscayne Nat'l Park and BBQ

BBQ \$10

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', vies 30-60'. **BBQ after dive, see article this issue.**

May 12 PM

Miami Wreck (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.**

May 20 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 morays, schooling tropicals, unusual pillar corals

May 26 PM

Elliot Key

Reefs, Reefs, and more reefs. Fish, Fish and ore fish. Great diving, Good visibility. Comfortable depths. And TERRIFIC PEOPLE to dive with. Did I mention Reefs and Fish?

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
305 903 1113



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.



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!!



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!



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

Oceans For Youth Foundation

Volunteer Opportunities

by Roy D. Wasson

For the third consecutive year I recently participated in Career Day at my son Michael's Middle School (Michael is an ADA member too). Instead of boring these 12 to 15 year olds with talk about being a lawyer or working a desk job, I hooked-up a scuba tank (rental donated by Austin's Dive Center) to a BC and regulator, passed out underwater photos, and showed some professional videos about the undersea world. You can really get a kid's attention with a question like: "How many jobs can you think of where you get paid for wearing a swimsuit to work?" This Career Day presentation—"Careers in the Undersea Environment"—introduced 6th, 7th and 8th graders to career ideas ranging from marine biology to salvage diving, from underwater photography to seafood harvesting, and beyond. The students' visit to my presentation (they rotated in groups from one classroom to another in half-hour segments) was much more fun than going to hear spiels about selling insurance or careers in bookkeeping (no offense meant to the green eyeshade-wearing readers out there). The video part of my Career Day presentation was provided at no cost by Oceans For Youth Foundation ("OFY"), a non-profit foundation designed to encourage underwater education for youth. Many ADA members know (of know of) Wayne Hasson, founder of the Aggressor Fleet of dive liveaboards. Wayne also is the President of OFY. Using a variety of educational tools, OFY uses specific programs to help young people become more aware and interested in the underwater environment. The DVD produced by OFY includes chapters called "Rainforests of the Sea," "Marine Mammal Rescue," "Sharks and Rays," "Gallapagos Adventure," "Destroyer at Peace," and ten more interesting titles. It always is hard picking only a few chapters to show the students in each group. Wayne and I would like to encourage other ADA members to become OFY volunteers. In addition to speaking at schools, volunteers can work with Boy and Girl Scout troops, civic clubs, and otherwise work to interest and prepare youth for the joy and excitement of exploring and protecting the underwater world. It is OFY's belief that a young person introduced early to the wonders of the oceans, will naturally become much more environmentally aware and practice a lifelong attitude of ocean conservation and protection

Interested ADA members and friends should pay a visit to the OFY website www.oceansforyouth.com to volunteer, or just enjoy the materials and information available. You will be impressed with what you see there. If you would like a free copy of the OFY DVD and related materials in a hurry, copies are available by calling Roy Wasson at (305) 284-0032 or 519-8897, or by email to roywasson@bellsouth.net . Let's work together to plant seeds of interest in the next generation of divers.

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.