



The Mouthpiece



April 2008 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

News from the Ocean Conservancy, Spring 08

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has released final rules for 2008 for the Red Snapper in the Gulf of Mexico. It has reduced the total allowable catch to 5 million pounds, down from 9.2 million for commercial fishing, and maintained the current two fish bag limit for recreational fishing. According to Ocean Conservancy, these short term measures were necessary to aid the recovery of the red snapper. Chris Dorsett of Ocean Conservancy believes this will be effective to rebuild the stock.

NOAA Fisheries Service has proposed designating 4,981 square miles of water off Florida, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Island as critical habitat for the threatened Elkhorn and Staghorn corals. The areas include much of the important habitat within the US for these species, listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act in 2006.

These proposed areas are essential to the conservation of the species and could provide increased protection in the future. "This is a very significant development that should help reduce the risk of extinction for these valuable species." commented Jack Sobel, director of conservation and science for Ocean Conservancy. Scientist estimate the 90 percent have been lost due to multiple stresses For more info visit oceanconservancy.org.



Pictures By J Nicholas Boyd



NOAA ANNOUNCES FISH WATCH

Over fishing of our oceans has endangered many species of fish commonly found at the local supermarket. We are encouraged to learn which should not be purchased for the dinner plate.

Examples-

Red Snapper- over fished

Dolphin- abundant

Lobster- abundant

Shrimp- abundant

Wild Atlantic salmon- over fished

Pacific Pink salmon- abundant

For a complete list go to fishwatch.NOAA.gov

ADA FREE RAFFLE 2008

At all ADA functions we will distribute raffle tickets. Tickets will not be sold, they must be earned.

How to earn raffle tickets:

1 ticket for attending a function.

5 tickets for wearing your ADA T-shirt

10 tickets for volunteering as BBQ chef

20 tickets for signing up a new member.

All tickets will go into the pot for the big raffle which will take place near year's end for major prizes.



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April

All dives \$39 (boat ticket only) unless indicated otherwise. (WHAT A GREAT DEAL!)

April 20 pm

N. Key Largo

Reef 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.

April 26 pm

Miami Reef

Sites include Flamingo, Emerald. Sugar Bear, The Point, Stingray. Average depth 30-35 feet. vis. 30-50. Swiss cheese reefs. Some current. Departs from beautiful Key Biscayne.

May

May 4 pm,

Broward Reef

Possible sites include the Caves, Oakland Ridges, Barracuda, Minecar, and Paradise. Average depth 25-35 feet. vis. 30-50 feet, little current, many caves.

May10 am

BNP Reef

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', vis 30-60'

May18 pm

Tavernier Reef

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 tropical's, unusual pillar corals

May 24 pm

Broward Reef

Possible sites include the Caves, Oakland Ridges, Barracuda, Minecar, and Paradise. Average depth 25-35 feet. vis. 30-50 feet, little current, many caves.

May 25 pm

Tenneco Towers (*Advanced*)

Scheduled site - Tenneco Towers. 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.**

TURN OLD CELL PHONES INTO CASH!

ADA is collecting old unused phones and shipping to Pace Butler who will send us a check. If you want to donate the cash to ADA, we will use it for special projects such as our disabled divers program. **So bring them to any and all ADA activities.** If you want the cash forwarded to you, attach your name and mailing address. Pace Butler will pay as much as **\$50 each.** (amount depends on model) Bring phone and batteries only.

ADA 2008 DIVE SCHEDULE

New Dives ADDED!! They're in ITALICS

April

20 North Key Largo
26 Miami reefs

May

4 Ft. Lauderdale reefs
10 BNP reefs
18 Tavernier
24 N. Lauderdale
25 Tenneco Towers

June

1 BNP drift wall dive
7 Islamorada
14 West Palm
22 Pennekamp
28 Duane
29 S. Key Largo

July

6 Miami wrecks
12 Islamorada
19 Elliott Key
26 West Palm
27 N. Key Largo

August

3 Broward county
9 Tavernier
16 Miami wrecks
23 S. Key Largo
24 Eagle
30 BNP

September

7 Spiegel Grove wreck
13 Islamorada
21 Ft Lauderdale
28 N. Key Largo

October

5 Tavernier
12 Elliott Key
19 Pennekamp
26 Tavernier

November

2 BNP
8 S. Key Largo
15 N. Key Largo
23 Elliott Key

Camping at Fisheating Creek

April 19 and 20th

Come join us in a genuine camp out at Fisheating Creek located in Palmdale off Route 27 just north of Lake Okeechobee. It has been a camping paradise for both young and old for many years. The Fisheating Creek runs through this 19,000 acres forest with canoes and kayaks available for rent dependent on the water level.

There are trees galore and many primitive campsites along the river including full RV hookups. Most of us will arrive on Friday the 18th to set up camp and spend 2 full nights under the stars. On Saturday night we are planning a gourmet buffet feast that all of us will participate in bringing our favorite dish.

You must have a reservation so call the ladies in the store to reserve your spot. Don't miss this fun event. Also don't worry about the bugs. They are minimal in this area.

7555 US Hwy 27

Palmdale, Florida 33944

863-675-5999

Google Fisheating Creek -do your research and also go on Fisheatingcreek.com to get more of the scoop.

Call the camp gals for more info...yes some of us have tents to borrow.

Sharon Baron 305-775-7092

Pat Hackett 305-387-0015

Call us so we may coordinate the feast!

Sites sell fast so act now!!!!

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'

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.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS SENT!!

Notices were sent to all members recently. If you did not receive yours, please call Frank, 305-903-1113. If your notice was marked as expired and your renewal is due, please remit. Make check payable (\$35) to ADA and mail to:

Frank Young

1115 Country club Prado

Coral Gables, Fl. 33134



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/

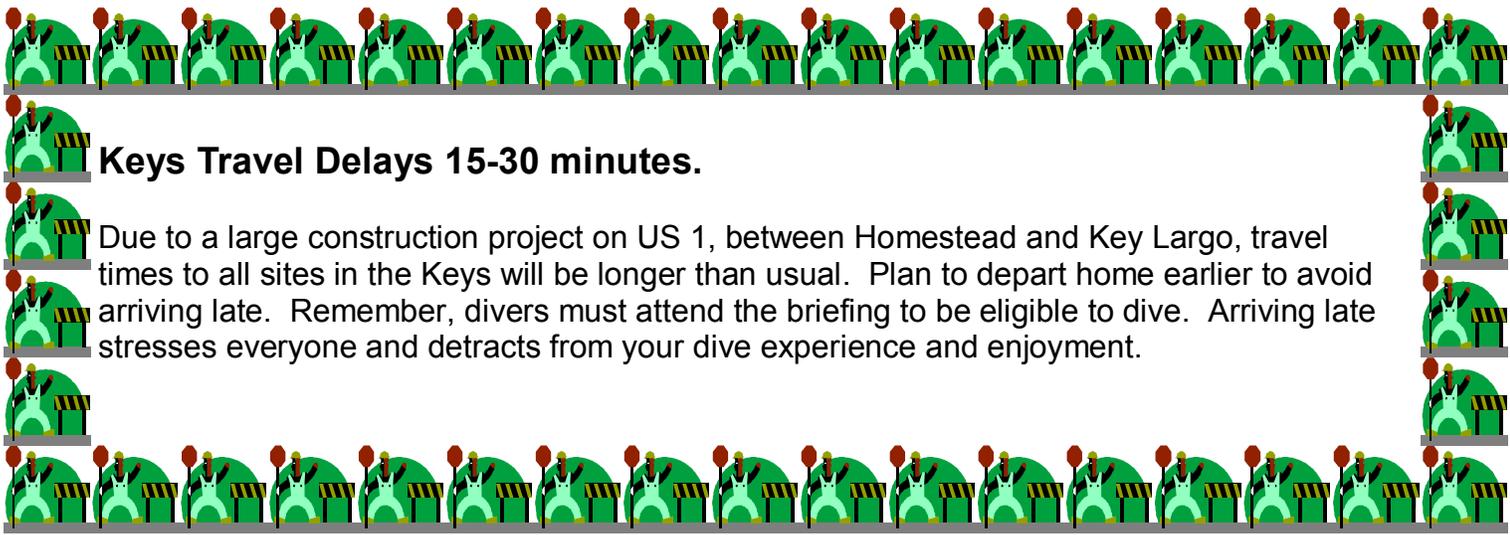
Queen or at least for hungry divers. We invite all divers on the above dates to join us for good outdoor food and telling tall fish tales. Please send \$10 along with the dive fees, you may make one check for both.

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

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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