



The Mouthpiece

May 2005 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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 Islamorada

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 \$7.00**

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.

June Dive Schedule

4 Sat. pm S. Key Largo

Sites include: Molasses, Spanish Anchor, Hole-in-wall, French, Pickles. Average depth 35-40', average visibility 50- 70', expect currents and high voltage action. High profile corals.

12 Sun. pm Speigal Grove (*ADVANCED*)

If you dove it before, it's time to see it again. If you haven't seen it, prepare to be amazed. A real treat for the senses.

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25 Sat. am Biscayne National Park **BBQ \$7.00**

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'. **BBQ after dive, see article this issue.**

All non-pac dives \$35.00 Barbecue \$7.00



MIAMI BEACH KAYAK DAY MAY 7, 2005

Take a tour to 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



BISCAYNE NATIONAL PARK is looking for volunteers to help monitor and tend an experimental coral nursery in park waters on weekends. Call Christi Carmichael at 305 230 1144 ext. 3004

ADVANCED NOTICE OF SPECIAL ADA DIVES

Space is limited, thus this notice.

July 10 The Duane Wreck Adv.

July 30 Looe Key three tanker

Aug 6 S. Key Largo three tanker/night



★ 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.

★ All single-purchase local dives are \$35, unless otherwise noted. All prices are for boat tickets only.



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.

Awards Luncheon and Cruise

ADA conducted its 20th Annual Awards presentation April 2 aboard the Sea Escape. The weather was less than perfect, but all enjoyed the many indoor activities the ship offered. From Vegas-style shows, to wine and cheese tasting, to napkin folding, there was something for everyone.

Several members walked away with winnings from the one-armed-bandits. We discovered the electronic version has replaced the old style pull and pray standard. Some still have the arm, but it is just for show.

ADA thanked its many volunteers for their hard work the past year, presented each with a certificate of appreciation, and presented two special awards.

DIVER OF THE YEAR went to Al Escobar. Al made more dives with ADA than any other member.

FRIENDS OF ADA went to Copy Experts for their generosity and professionalism in printing the Mouthpiece each month.

A special thanks goes to Pat Hackett, Chris Wood, Maria Zarceno, and Jim Kiernan, all of whom helped orchestrate our day on the sea, but not in the sea.

As it does at nearly all its activities, ADA held a free raffle. Members won free ADA t-shirts, a dive trip, and Stuart Cox and Jerry Kosakowski each won two tickets to a Miami Hurricanes home football game. We thank Roy Wasson for his generous donation of his tickets.

Congratulations winners!



Jim



Camilo, Sharon, Connie



Chris Pat



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 FREE 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.

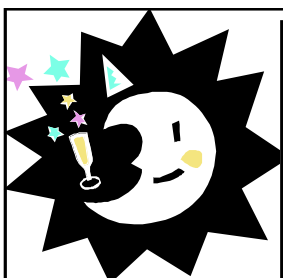
Call Lon for more info and reservations.

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 considering several plans for more socials this year. We would like your ideas of what and where. Do you know of a nice 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 greeter and host? CALL PAT WITH 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

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."



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.

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.

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 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

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

1. Check this newsletter or the annual calendar for upcoming dives.
2. (Call Lon at (305) 251-4975 to make a reservation. Please do not leave requests on his 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 check. (See "Important Weather Information" this and every issue)
5. * 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
6. Itemize dates of dives on bottom-left corner of check.
7. Do not pay for persons other than spouses or other family members. Include their names on check.
8. REMEMBER: That family members must have completed individual documentation to register as ADA members.



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- Oceanic Reliant BC Inflator Mechanisms
- Halcyon Stainless Steel Power Inflator Recall
- Powerline Airway Ribbed Hose Replacement
- ABS Octopus Exhaust Grid Replacement
- Sherwood, Genesis BCDs Being Recalled
 - Voluntary Recall: Smart PRO & Smart COM Dive Computers
- Zeagle Regulator High Pressure Seat Recall
- UWATEC AG 1995 Dive Computers Recalled
- Oceanic USA Recalls CDX First Stage Regulators
- Abysmal Diving Safety Notice on Cylinder Valves

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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