



The Mouthpiece



May 2006 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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May 13 Sat 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.

May 21 Sun pm Pennekamp

Divers from around the world visit John Pennykamp State Park to explore the spectacular living reefs of the Florida Keys and experience diving amidst the area's extraordinary wildlife. Average depth 20—40 ft. Vis. 40—100 ft.

May 27 Sat pm Lost City (*advanced*)

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June 11 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.

June 17 Sat. pm Pompano (*Advanced*)

Drift dive with the currents, perhaps a deep reef or a wreck. Average depth 80', visibility 40-60', good chance of huge turtles. **See advanced criterion this issue.**

June 25 Sun pm Molasses Reef

Called the most popular site in the Keys, many fish, high profile corals, sometimes current. Average depth 20—40 ft. Vis 50—100

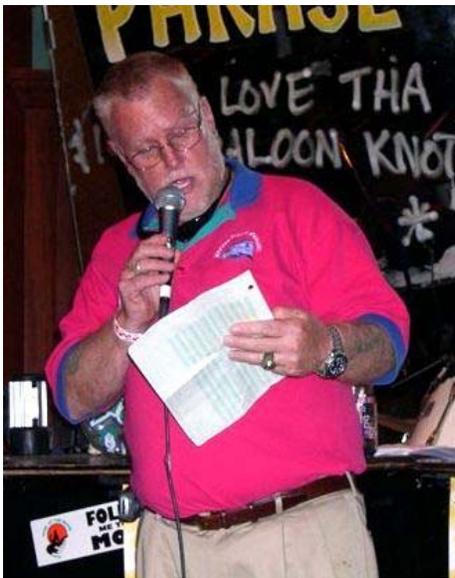
Howl at the Moon... a few of the Howlers baying at the moon



Steve Brooks and Sharon Miles



Pat Hackett, Steve Herz, Suzan Blacher



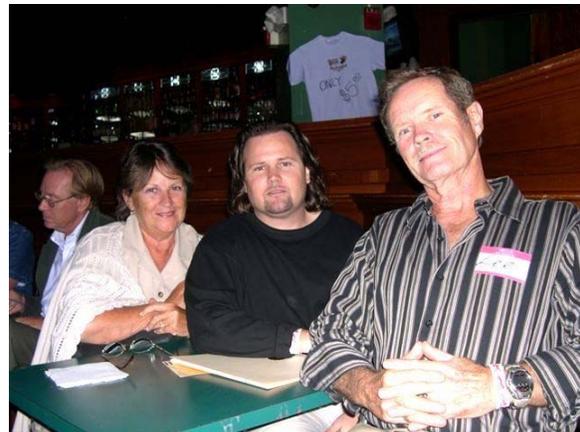
Mr. Emcee..... Jim Kiernan



Dafnee Martinez, Tom Obermeire, Carol Kelly



Pat Hackett, Jerry Kosakowski



Rosemary, Chris And Lee Wood

Thanks to Barbara Fox for the Photo's

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.

SCANDALOUS BEHAVIOR UNCOVERED

This just came across the AP wire service-

Date: April 1, 2006

Time: 5:15 pm

Location: an undisclosed bar, Ft. Lauderdale Fl. USA

Suspects: members, family and co-conspirators of a group known as ADA

Reliable sources report that a large crowd gathered in a secluded hide-away for purposes that would soon become apparent. The throng was whipped into a frenzy by the obvious ringleader, known only as "Jim", a code name, according to at least one agent who's identity must be protected.

All the while, huge quantities of waist-altering consumables were unashamedly presented for the perpetrator's approval. As the obviously nutritionally deprived, gorged to stupefaction, propaganda (designed to promote certain activities, underwater, no less) boomed forth from the microphone. Next, although it may be unlawful in some jurisdictions, free gifts were awarded to those secretly selected by "Pat", who is believed to be a high-ranking official. Then, certain members were rewarded for their conspicuous activities during the past year. The most notorious was a man we will call Enrique Gonzalez. Others received secret documents praising them for their dedication to "unspeakable" acts. (as in unable to speak underwater)

Finally, the professionals took over. Using their instruments of mass disarrangement, the two musical magicians assaulted their followers with loony lyrics. There were numerous references to the mystical moon, and encouragement to pay tribute with long vocal wailing.

Translation:

The Active Divers Association conducted it's 13th Annual Awards Presentation at Howl at the Moon. Tons of food, followed by certificates of appreciation to our volunteers, and Diver of 2005 to Enrique Gonzalez. Thanks to Pat Hackett and Jim Kiernan for a great program. And yes, there were witnesses to some howling at the moon.

Our newest members were introduced, they are:

Ann and Rich Morgan

Tom Obermeier

Steve Shaer

Dee Olive

Garrick Solberg

Welcome aboard!!

Lon

LOST CITY COMES TO MIAMI

Soon to be built in the off-shore waters near Key Biscayne, a re-creation of the Lost City of Atlantis will be of much interest for divers and serve as an artificial reef for marine creatures. Being 900 feet in diameter, it will be visible from the air and will take 2-3 years to complete.

ADA plans to monitor it's progress with our first dive scheduled for May 27. Watch the Mouthpiece for details.



MOTHER'S DAY PADDLE AT WEST LAKE May 14th



9:30am
1200 Sheridan Street
Hollywood, Florida
954-926-2140

Come paddle with us on beautiful West Lake right here in East Broward. This is a treasure in the midst of chaos and congestion, a place where it will take you away from the constant rumbling of traffic noise, stress from deadlines, or the frustration using your phone to contact someone when you get a menu and you did not want to go to a restaurant! Sounds familiar?

Ah..... piece and quiet with only the natural sounds from songs birds, wind and water. Enjoy a day of paddling and watch the ospreys, blue herons and egrets during your cruise along this beautiful preserve. No power boats are in this park! Thank you!

A bonus is the Ann Kolb Nature Center right next door where you can walk boardwalks, nature trails, and climb an observation tower overlooking a mangrove estuary.

Price? **CHEAP.....\$13.00/kayak for 4 hours!!** Holy Cow, 'such a deal' ! Call Rich Newman for reservations **954-926-2415**

Bring your snacks, fluids, hats, sun screen, dry clothes, water shoes, and a good attitude!
FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!

We may all want to get together for lunch at a local watering hole before you take Mom out for a special Mother's Day dinner!

Sharon Baron (305-775-7092) - Pat Hackett (305-387-0015), the kayak buddies from ADA Call one of them for more info.

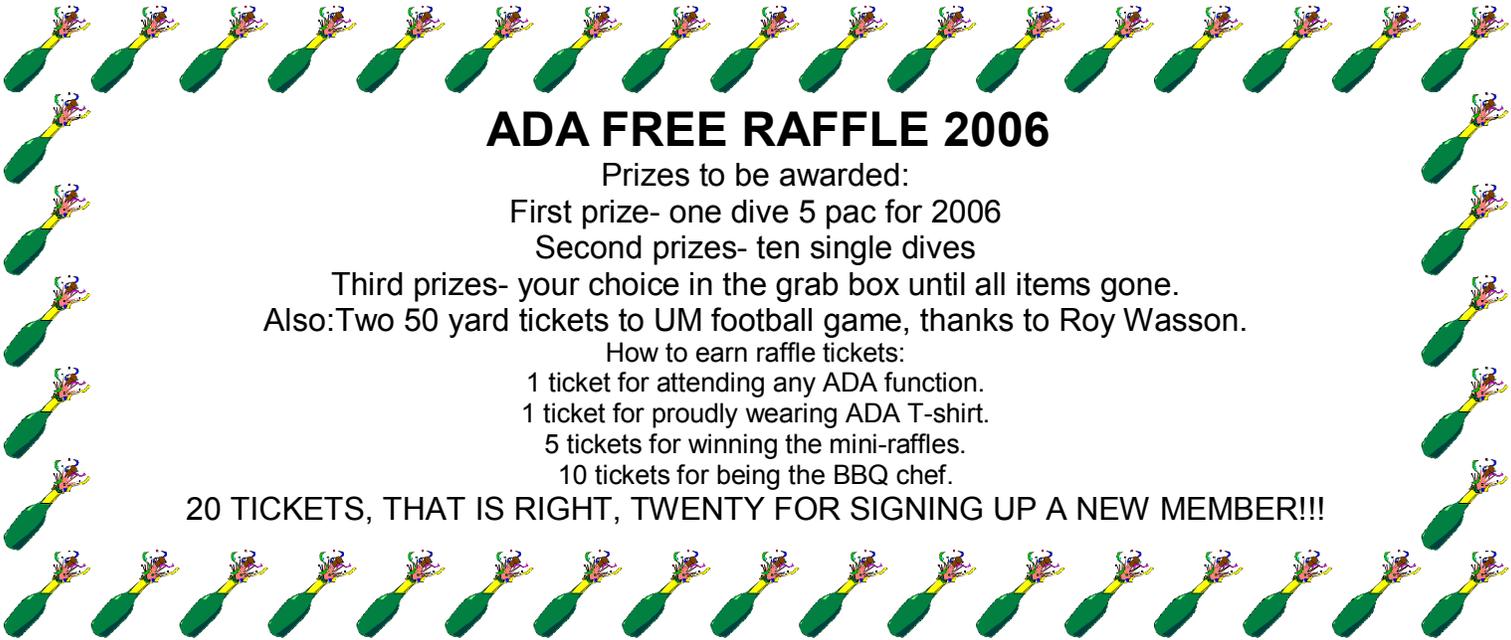
THANKS Sharon for the article.

Biscayne National Park Kayaking Trip- Saturday March 11,2006

By Pat Hackett

This Year's First ADA Paddle was a GREAT SUCCESS !!!!

Paddlers: Lee Wood and his sister Micky, visiting from Vermont, Barbara Howie, Sharon Baron, Dee Olive, Pat Hackett, and friend of Sharon and Pat, Cecelia Barrett, a Park Service guide at Shark Valley. (con't. on page 6)



ADA FREE RAFFLE 2006

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.

Also: Two 50 yard tickets to UM football game, thanks to Roy Wasson.

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-raftles.

10 tickets for being the BBQ chef.

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

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."

(con't. from page 5)

We were in the water at 9:30, leaving from BNP canoe/kayak launch area. We headed north along the mainland shoreline of Biscayne Bay, with no worries about tides, winds, etc.

This day coincided with the bi-monthly National Park Service guided tour, so we enjoyed the lecture and paddle under the guidance of Park Ranger Jose. As we paddled along, Jose talked about the many species of mangroves, critically important to the park's food chain and so important to migrating birds to south Florida.

After Jose left our group to begin his next tour, Micky and Lee decided to head back early. The rest of us continued north wending our way along the mangroves.

Sharon and Pat helped the Park with some clean-up, recovering some lobster pot buoys. Dee Olive, in her new Ocean Kayak, acquitted herself admirably, assisting Sharon and Pat in their recovery. These souvenirs now decorate Sharon and Pat's fences.

On our turn around, we found a small shallow area and disembarked for our lunch and enjoying the beautiful day and each others company.

As we paddled back to the put in, the wind picked up and gave us a workout. We all agreed it was a great paddle.

By the way, the Dante Fascell Welcome Center (for those who haven't dived from BNP) provides great cleanup and changing facilities.

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, 13374 SW 46 Terrace Miami, FL 33175
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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the dive operators.
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