



The Mouthpiece



May 2010 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

DIVE SCHEDULE

May 2- Sun. pm, Miami reef. \$49
What a great place to dive. Reefs galore. Get out the cameras and send the newsletter editor some pics.

May 8- Sat. pm. N. Key Largo reef \$49
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

May 16- Sun. AM BNP reef \$59 and 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', vis 30-60'.
BBQ after dive, see article this issue.

May 22- Sat. pm Tavernier reef \$49
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 29- Sat. pm Tenneco Towers Adv. \$49
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.**

June 6- Sun. pm Islamorada reef \$49
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 12- Sat. pm West Palm Adv. \$49
Drift Dive in swift currents, giant turtles, grouper, schooling fish and outstanding color. Depth 80-100', visibility 40-100'
Many wreck/reef sites to choose. **See advanced criterion this issue.**

June 19 Sat. pm South Key Largo reef \$49 and BBQ \$10
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.

WE ARE SORRY,

Membership renewal notices were sent last March. For those who have not sent in your dues of \$35, **THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER**

We cannot continue to mail newsletters to unpaid members.

Please renew. Send \$35, which will pay you up for 2010 OR, extend your membership to the end of 2011 for only \$53

Send check or money order, payable to ADA, to

Frank Young

ADA Membership Chairman

1115 Country Club Prado

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ADA KICKOFF EVENT APRIL 17

Shake a Leg Pavilion, overlooking beautiful Biscayne Bay, was the venue for the 16th annual ADA Volunteer Appreciation Day and Season Kickoff. Event. After everyone finished another feast from Shorty's BBQ, Jerry Kosakowski, Master of Ceremony, opened with a joke about blonds, which prompted good-natured heckling from the many blonds in attendance. Then Peter Taylor, ADA conservation chair, introduced Katie Grablow, Marine Science Director of the CRF, who drew oohs and aahs from the crowd as she showed graphic evidence of work ADA members completed in 2008. The staghorn coral in the ADA restoration site is now the 2nd fastest growing of the many sites, which are located from Miami to Key West. Good work gang! ! She showed dramatic slides of this coral, which is growing at an astounding rate of 5 mm per day. Previously, it was thought coral could only grow about 1 mm per day. Peter has plans in the works for ADA to again offer our help this year.

Watch for updates in the Mouthpiece.

Next, Connie Crowther presented our many volunteers with a small token of our appreciation, and The ADA Diver of Year-2009, which was earned by **Roger Bach**. Congrats Roger. He made more dives with us than anyone. Rachel Hancock followed with a free raffle. Winners were Mara Suarez, Loretta Marshal, Helen Colby, Linda Kaplan, Tim Crowther, Robert Fox, Severine Gimenez, Roger Bach, Andrea Gundersen, and the Grand prize winner was Carol Cox.

This is not the first Grand Prize for Carol, she also has won a scuba regulator. Today it was free diving in Aruba. The day was finished off with a free boat ride in the bay. Not a bad way to spend the day, sailing on the bay.

Thanks Jerry, Connie, Peter, Rachel and those who came early to help set up. Well done..



Diver of the Year, Roger Bach & Friends

Severine, Maria, Chris

Thanks Connie for the Great Pics !!!



Sharon & Buddy



Director of CRF Katie Grablow



Jerry K. MC

**Are you on Facebook? Join the ADA page here:
<http://www.facebook.com/ActiveDivers>
We can post your photos and share dive stories!**

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!



Pics by Frank Young

ADA KEEPING DIVE COSTS DOWN

1. We do not plan to raise our local dive prices this year.
2. We are offering free beach dives this year in the metro area. No need to drive long distances to dives.
3. Our prices are still the lowest in town.

Examples:

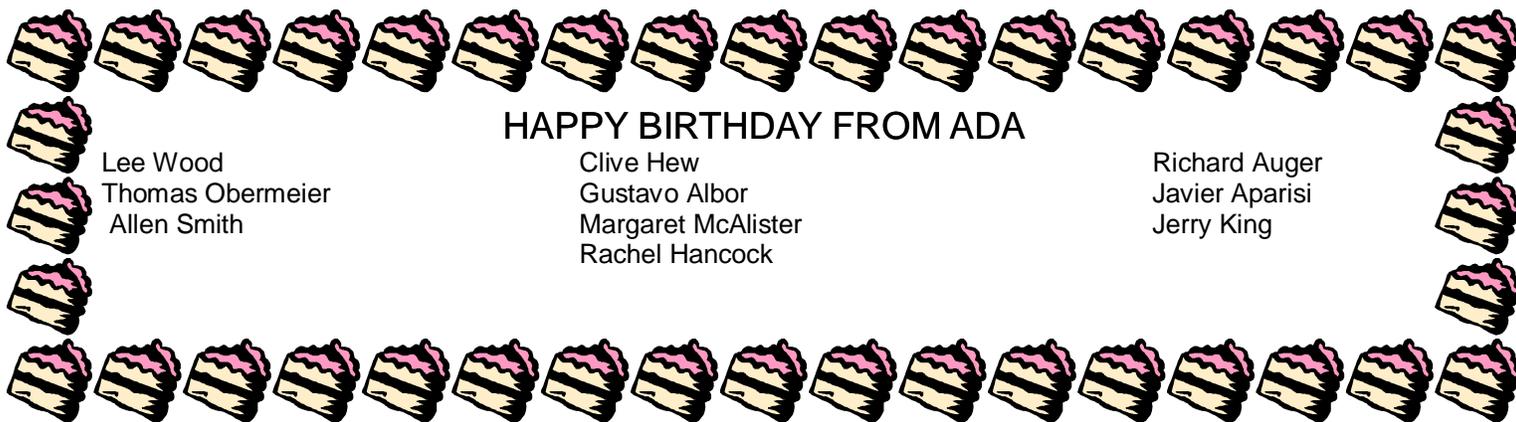
Dive shop A- walk in divers \$99

Our price same shop \$59

Dive shop B- walk in divers \$80

Our price same shop \$49

4. Free dives and free food. See article this issue for details.
5. We are offering a frequent-diver discount. Pay for any 5 local dives and get the 6th FREE.
You can't beat that with a stick.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ADA

Lee Wood

Thomas Obermeier

Allen Smith

Clive Hew

Gustavo Albor

Margaret McAlister

Rachel Hancock

Richard Auger

Javier Aparisi

Jerry King

HOW TO SAVE OUR PLANET, BIT BY BIT.

THE THREE R's OF BEING GREEN

Reduce- consumption of electricity, gas, water, non-renewable resources, waste.

Reuse- plastic bags, boxes, paper, bottles, cans, containers and donate items.

Recycle- plastics of all types, paper, cardboard, glass, metals, if you can't reuse them.

You can do these each day, every day.

ADA Now Offers Free Dives

June 13 July 11 Aug. 14

This year ADA will be having some free dives. Sounds great? It is for those of us who like beach diving. Count me in because it is my favorite. It offers convenience, long dive times, multiple dives and a lot of exercise. They were usually held in the morning but this year the late afternoon/early evening will be offered. The times and places will be determined at the beginning of the dive scheduled week.

Some of the locations will be John Lloyd Park, Ero Jacks (dive boats drop you at this one), Glenn's Reef, The Boulders, The Golden Brick Road, 8th St. (we can also make the Copenhagen from here, again dive boats go here) Delray Wreck and Embassy Suites. See the adventurous. For more information or suggestions please call me at 954-990-9534.

Jerry Kosakowski

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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