



The Mouthpiece



June 2004 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

June Dive Schedule

June 6 Sun pm Speigal Grove (**Advanced Divers**)
Down about two years now and still spectacular. Never dove it? Now is your chance. Dove it before? You still have a lot of ship to explore!

June 12 Sat pm Taveriner (**Barbeque \$7.00**)
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. **BBQ after dive, see article this issue.**

June 13 Sun am Biscayne National Park (**Advanced Divers**)
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.

June 19 Sat pm Hollywood
Sites may include: The Caves, Josey Reef, Cuda Reef, Lorraine's Delight, Coral Canyons, Shark Reef. Average depth 30', average visibility 40'. Usually no currents, very different from the Keys. Sometimes drift/swim dive.

June 26 Sat am Looe Key
Approximately 5 square miles of spectacular reef to explore, this area is one of the top snorkel and dive spots in the world, and the finest reef in Florida. A photographers delight. Divers must have Advanced Cert. or higher and carry computer, light, knife, with one deep dive in log in past year. Open water divers restricted to wheelhouse at 60 feet."

June 27 Sun pm Isamorada
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.

DIVE PACS FOR 2004

ALL NON PAC DIVES \$35

Five Pac	\$150	Save \$ 25
Ten Pac	\$290	Save \$ 60
Fifteen Pac	\$405	Save \$120
Unlimited season pass	\$550	

Pacs must be used in 2004.

No refunds or credits to 2005

July Dive Schedule

July 3 Sat am Biscayne National Park (Barbeque \$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.**

July 11 Sun pm Speigal Grove (*Advanced Divers*)
Down about two years now and still spectacular. Never dove it? Now is your chance. Dove it before? You still have a lot of ship to explore! (See Speigal Grove Requirements this issue.)

July 17 Sat pm Tavierner
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.

July 18 Sun pm Tavierner (*Advanced Divers*)
Sites include Capt. Tom's Ledge, Conch Wall, Little Conch, Davis Deep. Average depth 60-90 feet, some current, vis. 40-80 feet. Large areas of spur and groove with ledges and caves.

July 24 Sat. pm N.Key Largo
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.

July 24 Sat. Night N. Key Largo
May be at the City of Washington. Nurse Sharks, Moreys, and lots of other great critters come out at night.
Never did a night dive? We'll teach you how.



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.

ADA dive at Islamorada
5/22/04



Hope you remember this spot come
Lobster Season

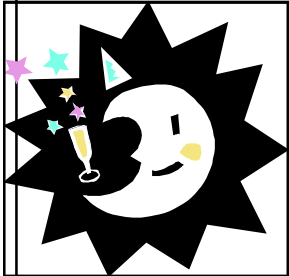


Rosemary, Juan, Al, and David

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



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 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!

ADA Photography Contest

Winners are announced in each MOUTHPIECE and a link provided so the images can be viewed online. Winners will win raffle tickets (see related article).

In addition, a Yearly Grand Prize Winner will be announced and recognized. Board Members can enter the contests but are not eligible to receive any contest prizes (other than the recognition).

There will be 1st and 2nd place winners for each category - if a board member has won, then there will be further winners to the extent non board members have won 1st and 2nd prizes.

Judging will be done ultimately by someone with professional experience yet does not participate in the contest.

Five Categories:

- 1) "Film Cameras External Strobe(s) Manual Settings",
- 2) "Film Point and Shoot" - Those without external strobe(s) and manual settings,
- 3) "Digital Cameras - External Strobe(s) Manual Settings",
- 4) "Digital Camera Point & Shoot" - no external strobe(s), and
- 5) "Anything Goes" can be any picture from the time the boat leaves the dock. Be as creative as you can, edit at will.

We contemplate expanding to a Master category for four time winners.

The Rules:

- Pictures will be from the 2004 dive season,
- Pictures will be limited to South Florida Waters or ADA sponsored dives,
- Picture submission will be limited to two per month per diver per category,
- The only editing allowed is overall color balance and sharpening. Please do not otherwise edit, such as, but not limited to - crop, clone, mend, paint, saturate, cut, paste, move, etc. Of course, this last rule does not apply to the "Anything Goes" category .
- Photographers will provide either 1) prints, and/or slides from film cameras, or 2) jpeg files from digital cameras or the "Anything Goes" category,
- Prints or slides will only be returned if a Stamped, Self-addressed envelope is provided ,
- Prints or slides will be scanned for judging and posting to the website ,
- Be sure to Include/provide your full name, camera model, category, lighting (name of external strobes, indicate if internal strobe, natural light, etc), special lens, dive site, description of entry, etc - if you do not include this information the pictures will not be judged.

Send your prints, slides, or digital images on CD to:

J. Nicholas Boyd One South Ocean Blvd. Ste. 204 Boca Raton. FL 33432

Or e-mail the digital images to: nboyd@oceanlandinc.com (re-size them to 800x600 and as uncompressed as your camera will allow). If you email your pics, follow up with a confirmation e-mail to ensure they got there. Large e-mails sometimes get "lost in the mail". Include/provide your full name, camera model, category, lighting (name of external strobes, indicate if internal strobe, natural light, etc), special lens, dive site, description of entry, etc - the more information the better.

Email Nick or call (561-416-2099) with questions.



Got Ideas?

This is your newsletter, help make it yours. I am always looking for contributions for the newsletter, either interesting articles from other resources, articles relating to your dive adventures, or anything else that the group would find interesting. In other words...help me do the newsletter, your input is greatly appreciated. Steve

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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