



The Mouthpiece



June 2008 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

ADA Camping Trip



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ARTIFICIAL REEFS COMING TO MIAMI

A Ft. Lauderdale artificial reef builder has plans to create a huge u/w environmental billboard on the ocean floor near Miami. The plan is to spell out "Save Our Reefs" in block letters up to 8 feet tall in 30 feet of water near Government Cut.

The letters will be formed by 13,000 pieces of concrete and limestone. Each will weigh about 700 lbs. and be anchored to the ocean floor to withstand major storms. The area is expected to be as big as 40 football fields. The thought is that passengers flying east out of Miami Int'l Airport will see the message. It is believed the structures will be a big draw for divers.

Unlike the Neptune Society project which contains cremated human remains, this project does not. This builder also plans other artificial reef projects.

For info to www.livingreef/project.com

NEW ADA DIVE PRICES

Effective immediately !!!

Due to the rising fuel costs, and other economic conditions experienced by dive shops and dive operators, they are raising their prices.

ADA has no choice but to raise our prices. Members who have paid for future trips at the old prices,

will not be asked to make up the difference.

Some operators are now charging walk-in divers \$80-\$90, so our prices are still a bargain.

New Prices-

all BNP dives \$59

most reef dives \$49

specialty dives \$59

Prices subject to change without notice.

First Aid for Coral Scrapes

Scrub the cut vigorously with soap and water, and then flush the wound with large amounts of water.

Flush the wound with a half-strength solution of hydrogen peroxide in water. Rinse again with water.

Apply a thin layer of bacitracin, mupirocin (Bactroban), or other similar antiseptic ointment, and cover the wound with a dry, sterile, and non-adherent dressing. If no ointment or dressing is available, the wound can be left open. Thereafter, it should be cleaned and re-dressed twice a day.

If the wound shows any sign of infection (extreme redness, pus, swollen lymph glands), the injured person (particularly one with impairment of his or her immune system) should be started by a qualified health professional on an antibiotic, taking into consideration the possibility of a Vibrio infection.

\$49

June

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June 1 am BNP Drift Dive Wall (*Advanced*)
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.**

June 7 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 14 pm Palm Beach (*Advanced*)
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 22 pm N. Key Largo (Post dive BBQ \$10, chef needed, call Lon)
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 tropical's, morays, cudas.

June 28 pm USS Duane (*Advanced*)
Our favorite Coast Guard Cutter, upright in over 100 feet of blue water. It DOES count even when you don't touch bottom! OUR LIMIT 100 feet! **See advanced criterion this issue.**

June 29 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.

July

July 6 pm, Miami Wrecks, (*Advanced*)
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.**

July 12 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.

July 19 am, Elliott Key post dive bbq, (\$10 chef wanted, call Lon)
26 Reefs, Reefs, and more reefs. Fish, Fish and ore fish. Great diving, Good visibility. Comfortable depths. And TERRIFIC PEOPLE to dive with. Did I mention Reefs and Fish?

July 26 pm West Palm (*Advanced*)
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 from. **See advanced criterion this issue.**

July 27 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 tropical's, morays, cudas.

More Camping Pics



Jan., Feb. Mar. Birthdays

Aurelio	Escobar
Daniel	Sumner
Jannette	Lajom
Lothar	Genge
Cynthia	Boulais
John	Abadia
Douglas	Dyszer
Natasha	Bravo
Stanton	Bershad
Steven	Moore
Evelyn	Roisman
Romain	Breton
Dennis	Metrock
Charles	Carson
Andrew	Lenoir
Daniel	Cabellero
James	Kiernan
Helen	Colby
Eric	Gravel
William	Vargas
Sally	McDonald
Barry	Dorf
Peter	Taylor
William	Curtin
Carol	Schurtz

April Birthdays

Lee	Wood
Clive	Hew
Richard	Auger
Thomas	Obermeier
Gustavo	Albor
Javier	Aparisi
Allen	Smith
Margaret	McAlister
Jerry	King
Rachel	Hancock

June Birthdays

Connie	Crowther
Robert	Jones
Mauricio	Smith
Lisa	Squiers
Brandan	Pratt
Sheila	Solen
Jim	Elliott
Chris	Hind

May Birthdays

Mi- chael	Ewanus
Stefa n	Trestyn
Daryl	Johnson
Bar- bara	Howie
Cyn- thia	Fuentes
Lillia n	Ferguson
Shar on	Baron
Cami lle	Romano
Rafa- el	de Mada- lengoitia
Mi- chell e	Garcia
Adell e	Nicolson
Dana	Lenoir

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.

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 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.

For Sale

80 cf Sherwood Genesis HP tank with DIN valve—\$100.00

Canon EOS Elan- 7 35mm camera with grip and Ikelite underwater housing, no port- \$200.00

Canon EOS 10D body—\$250

Canon EOS 3 35mm film body with battery grip- \$290.00.

55mm AIS Micro-Nikkor manual focus lens- \$50.00.

Contact Mike Ewanus at 954-322-6629

mikeewanus@aol.com



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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