



The Mouthpiece



June 2010 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Important Change From April

Send all payments (checks or money orders, payable to ADA) to:
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June

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 13 Free Beach Dive
See article 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.

June 27—Sun pm N. Key Largo \$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 tropical's, morays, cudas.

July

July 3- Sat. am Biscayne National Park reef \$59
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'.

July 11- Sun pm W. Palm Beach (Advanced drift) \$49
Drift Dive in swift currents. See giant turtles, groupers, schooling fish and outstanding color. Depth 80' - 100" Visibility 40—100' Many wreck, reef sites to chose from. *See Advanced diving criteria this issue.*

July 17 - Sat. pm Eagle wreck (Advanced) \$49 B-B-Q \$10
The EAGLE, named for its donor, The Eagle Tire Company, is a huge freighter, lying on it's side in about 115' of water. Two green morays call it home, as do tarpon and barracudas. We call it a great dive! **See advanced criterion this issue.**

July 17- Sat night dive Reef \$49
See article this issue.

July 25 Sun am Biscayne National Park reef \$59
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JULY 17 WRECK AND NIGHT DIVE

One of the best wreck dives in all S. Florida, the Eagle, will be followed by a BBQ, and then a NIGHT dive. What a way to spend a Sat.! For those who have never done a night dive, this is a great way to experience a unique new adventure. The night dive will be only 20 to 30 ft on a popular reef with lots of night critters. You may sign up for any or all of these three events.

Wreck \$49, night dive \$49, b-b-q \$10

Call Lon.

TABATA USA (TUSA) RECALLS SCUBA REGULATORS

Model RS-670, sold from May 2009 to Sept. 2009, has a first stage defect. A high pressure leak is possible, creating unstable pressure, and poses a drowning hazard. Owners should return reg to TUSA or an authorized dealer.

For more info go to tusa.com.

MARES RECALLS AIR DIVE COMPUTERS

Sold between July 2008 and July 2009, computers have defective O- rings which can leak breathing gas. Owners should return computers to authorized dealer for a free replacement O- ring assembly.

For more info go to mares.com

60 SEA TURTLES SAVED

On January 12, members of the Broward County Sea Turtle Conservation Program released nearly 60 cold-stunned sea turtles back into the ocean off Dania Beach. These loggerhead and green turtles got too cold when temperatures dropped down into the 30s and ended up stranded on beaches in Florida. There have been more than 3,000

LIONFISH FOUND ON BEACH IN BROWARD.

On Feb. 21, a red lionfish was found on the beach at John U. Lloyd State Park near a jetty by a park ranger. Lionfish have been spotted off the coast of Dania Beach. Apparently and 8 year old by was running around holding the fish by the tail before the ranger ar-

**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!

REVIVE YOUR DIVE- FREE!
July 25

Long time dive instructor, Tec Clark, director of Ft. Lauderdale's Reef Ministries, is offering a day long program of **free** health screenings, dive skill refreshers and gear maintenance, designed to address the common causes of dive accidents. The event will take place on Sunday, July 25, at the City of Ft. Lauderdale Aquatic Complex, 9 am to 5 pm.

Confirmed participants include DAN, hyperbaric physicians and nurses, EMTs, dive instructors, The Florida

ADA Dive Key Largo 5-8-10



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:

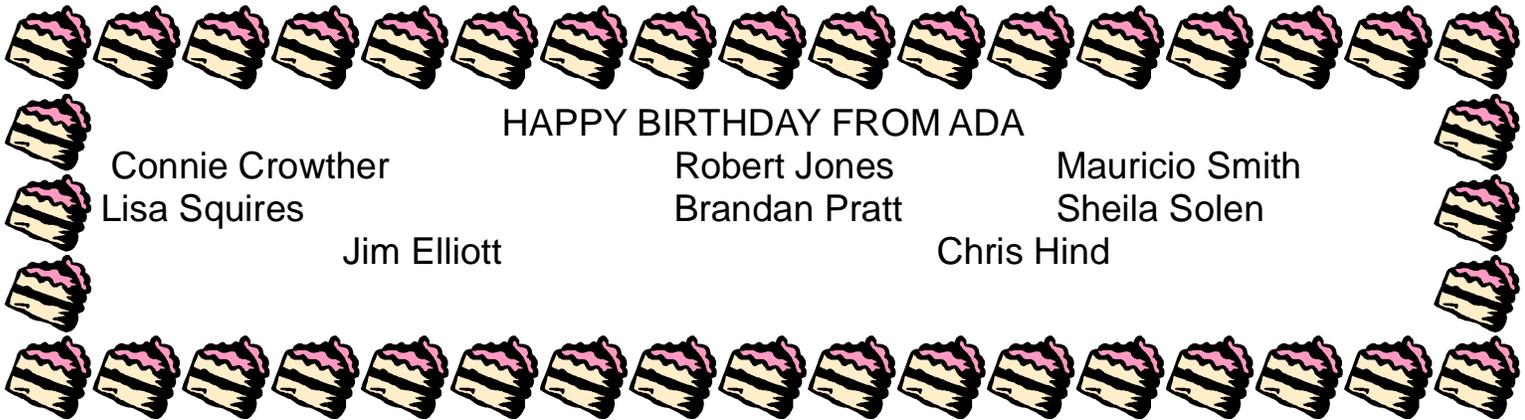
Dive shop A- walk in divers \$99

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.



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 :
Jerry Kosakowski ,8221 NW 8 Place 8221 NW 8 Place
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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