



The Mouthpiece



July 2005 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

July Dive Schedule

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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.**

10 Sun. pm 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.**

17 Sun. 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, morays, cudas.

23 Sat am Biscayne National Park BBQ \$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.**

30 Sat. Am Looe Key
See Article on Page 4 of this issue.

August Dive Schedule

6 Sat. Pm S. Key Largo (3 tanker)
See article on page 8 of this issue.

13 Sat. Pm Pompano
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.**

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27 Sat Pm Tavernier Clean Up Dive BBQ \$7.00
27 Sat Tavernier Night Dive
See article on page 2 of this issue.

All non-pac dives \$35.00 Barbecue \$7.00

MIAMI HERALD REPORTER DIVES WITH ADA

Susan Cocking, writer for the Herald, dived with ADA May 22 at Biscayne National Park. The purpose of the meeting was to offer her information and insight into ADA. Susan was in the process of writing an article about local dive clubs.

After a wonderful drift dive along the famous wall and a second reef dive, Susan interviewed several ADA members during the post-dive BBQ. Tall fish tales were exchanged as Susan and the group enjoyed the bounty skillfully prepared by our chef of the day, Daryl Johnson. You can read her report, which was published in the Travel section of the June 5 Miami Herald, by going to their web site, www.herald.com

Thanks to Sharon Baron and Connie Crowther for inviting Susan to join us this day.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY REPORT

High noon, June 4, 2005, Tavernier, Florida. The weather was stormy, the clouds were gloomy, and everyone wore frowns. A dozen or so ADA members and volunteers had assembled at the dock awaiting part 1, the dive. We all were expecting the worst, (rain, wind, cold) but hoping for the best.

Then, if by magic, the clouds

parted and the sun shined brightly on smiling faces. The afternoon weather conditions provided clear water and small waves for our two thoroughly enjoyable dives. Part 2 of this day was a BBQ. Lee and Rosey Wood had invited our volunteers to their charming water front estate, just a few blocks from the dock, site of the 2005 ADA Volunteers Appreciation Day and BBQ. On the second floor deck of this picturesque home awaited the BBQ grill. It was fired and quickly produced mounds of grilled salmon, catfish, chicken, hot dogs, and burgers which were complimented by shrimp, chips and dip, veggies, slaw, potato salad, BBQ beans, mac salad, hot garlic bread, beer, soda, water, followed by chocolate chip cookies, brownies and coffee. After reaching the point of stufation, we paused to soak in the tranquil view of Florida Bay and her playmates.

This day was just a small token of our appreciation. Thank you to Lee and Rosey, for their generous hospitality, and Maria, who drove all the way from Miami to help, and all our volunteers for their time and talents given so graciously.

ADA CLEANUP DIVE/BBQ/NIGHT DIVE AUGUST 27

"We are tied to the oceans. And when we go back to the sea, whether to sail or watch---we are going back from whence we came." John F. Kennedy Well, Mr. Kennedy was obviously not a scuba diver. Too bad, he didn't know what he missed. We actually do go back to the sea when whence we came. I enjoy every minute of it as you do. I invite you to do the same on Aug. 27 at the Florida Keys Dive center in a reef cleanup dive. We also have to be responsible from whence we came and cleanup our and other's messes. Prizes will be awarded in several categories. It is everyone's responsibility to preserve the environment. See ya there.

Jerry Kosakowski
Conservation Chair

note- the two tank afternoon dive will be followed by a BBQ and then a single tank night dive. No previous night diving experience required, we will teach you. Both dives may be part of a dive pac. Each is \$35, BBQ \$7.



Puffer in Sponge
By Nick Boyd



Jack & Sharon H.
By Frank Young



Louis & Carlos
By Frank Young



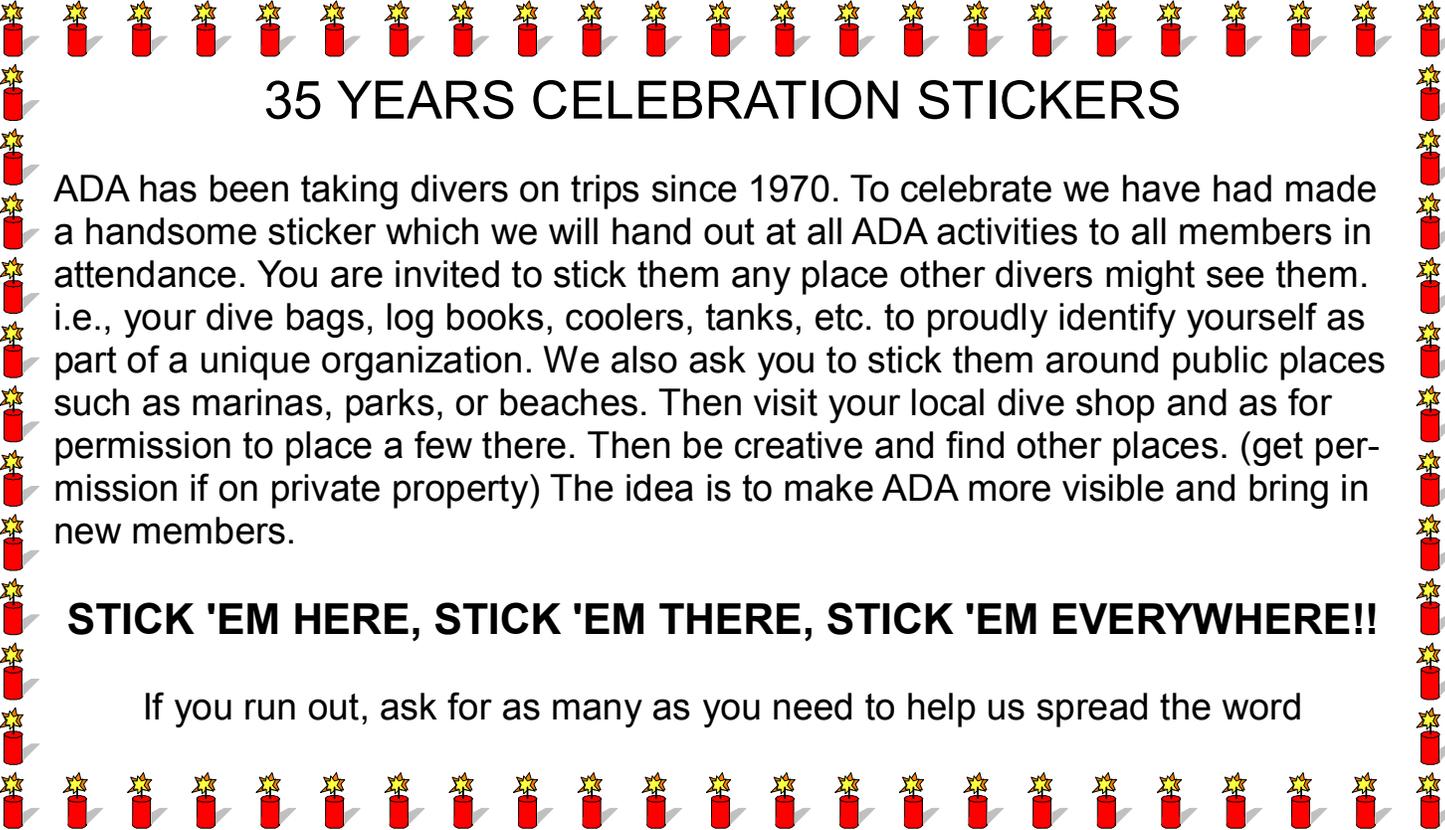
Sharon B. & Enrique
By Frank Young

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.



35 YEARS CELEBRATION STICKERS

ADA has been taking divers on trips since 1970. To celebrate we have had made a handsome sticker which we will hand out at all ADA activities to all members in attendance. You are invited to stick them any place other divers might see them. i.e., your dive bags, log books, coolers, tanks, etc. to proudly identify yourself as part of a unique organization. We also ask you to stick them around public places such as marinas, parks, or beaches. Then visit your local dive shop and as for permission to place a few there. Then be creative and find other places. (get permission if on private property) The idea is to make ADA more visible and bring in new members.

STICK 'EM HERE, STICK 'EM THERE, STICK 'EM EVERYWHERE!!

If you run out, ask for as many as you need to help us spread the word

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."

ADA LOOE KEY SPECIAL

JULY 30

Rated the #1 dive in the USA, Looe Key is a favorite with our members. This is a three tanker. The first is scheduled to be the famous Busch wreck and it's 600 lb. grouper, which sits upright at 100 feet. The next two will be on the shallow reefs.

Check in time is 8:45 am, return 3 pm, bring your lunch. We are diving with Looe Key Resort Dive Center, located at MM 27.5 in the Florida Keys.

Our special price to our members is only \$60, which INCLUDES three tank rentals and weights, a value of \$34. You may bring your own, but no discount. This dive is not available as part of a dive pac.

Requirements-

In addition to ADA requirements, see newsletter "For All Advanced Dives...." Advanced certification, and computer.

For reservations, car pooling, and overnight room sharing, call Lon. 305 251 4975



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 FREE 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!

NEW MEMBERS DIVES JULY 17 AND JULY 23

These dives will welcome our first time with ADA divers. Notice the 17th is on a Sunday and the 23rd is on a Saturday with a post-dive BBQ. We planned it so to make your scheduling more flexible.

We will introduce you to other new members, take good care of you, and do everything to make your first experience with ADA an exciting and memorable one. You might be shy, but everyone feels the same way the first time. Soon you will have new friends and dive buddies. These dives are some of our best, shallow and easy, causal and comfortable.

Call today!

BISCAYNE NATIONAL PARK REQUIRES SAFETY SAUSAGES

Effective June 1, all divers are required to carry safety sausages (SS) during the dive at BNP. For those not familiar with this device, it is an inflatable tube from 3' to 8' long, colored a bright red, yellow or green. Its purpose is to make divers more visible on the surface. In the case of drift dives, the diver waits on the surface to be picked up

by the boat. In heavy seas, a diver far from the boat needs to be visible and the best way is a SS. Without it a diver might not be able to attract the attention of the boat. Most dive shops carry several lengths and colors of SS. BNP has them for rent at \$6, or for sale at \$25. From our experience, the longer, the better. During a recent drift dive in West Palm, several ADA members deployed the 3' variety but we found they were not visible at a distance. They were spotted and picked up successfully, no thanks to their three footers. I recommend 5' or more and yellow seems to be the best color. Most have a valve on the end, which contains the air and is an advantage, but must be inflated by mouth, a possible disadvantage. Some are open on the end and can be inflated by purging the regulator in the opening, an advantage, but must be sealed by grasping with a hand, a disadvantage.

But the advantage of carrying either type is indisputable.



★ ADA DIVE PACS 2005

★ Many of our members took advantage of the convenience and big savings of purchasing dive pacs last year. ADA is again offering dive pacs for this year.

★ Prices-

★ 5 local dives for \$145 (that's \$29 per dive, a savings of \$30)

★ 15 local dives for \$375 (that's \$25 per dive, a savings of \$150)

★ Advantages-

★ 1. You write only one check

★ 2. You mail only one check

★ 3. You save \$\$\$

★ All dive pacs are non-refundable, non-transferable and must be used in 2005. Insurance may be purchased, see article this issue.

★ All single-purchase local dives are \$35, unless otherwise noted. All prices are for boat tickets only.



ADA FREE RAFFLE 2005

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.

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-raffles.

10 tickets for being the BBQ chef.

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

2005 ADA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Spread the word- we are the most active organization for fun and adventure!! We offer more dives, more types of dives, more variety, and more locations. Got a friend who wants to meet new dive buddies, know of a new diver hesitant to dive, got a co-worker getting certified?

Sign them up! **AND YOU WILL EARN 20 FREE RAFFLE TICKETS!!** That's right **TWENTY FREE RAFFLE TICKETS!!** (see raffle article this issue for details)

Make sure they put your name on the line of the application that asks "How did you discover ADA?" Then collect your **TWENTY FREE RAFFLE TICKETS** at any ADA function.

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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ADA THREE TANKER DIVE Saturday August 6

Check in time 3pm, return about 9:30 pm, Florida Keys Dive center, MM 90.5.

The first dive will be a standard pm dive, the second a twilight dive, and the third a night dive. Bring food and drink.

Cost- \$50, boat ticket only. This dive is not available as part of a dive pac.

Call Lon for reservations.

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