



The Mouthpiece



August 2004 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION

September Dive Schedule

Sept. 5 Sun am Biscayne National Park (*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.**

Sept. 11 Sat PM/Night Tavernier 3 Tanker!!

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. (*See Below*)

Sept. 19 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, moreys, cudas.

Sept. 26 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.*)

SEPTEMBER 11 THREE TANKER IN TAVERNIER

Three dives for the price of two! ADA has arranged a special program which will include a late afternoon dive, followed by a twilight dive followed by a night dive. Bring food and drink. All three will be shallow reef dives so this is good for all levels of experience. For first time night divers, a mini course on night diving will be offered. Such a deal!!! Call Lon at 305–251–4975 for reservations.

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.

August Dive Schedule

Aug 1 Sun. am Biscayne National Park (*Advanced*) (**Barbeque \$7.00**)
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Aug 7 Sat. pm Tennaco Towers (*Advanced*)
 Scheduled site – Tennaco 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.**

Aug 15 Sun. pm Tavernier **New Member Dive Special!** (**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

Aug 21 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.

Aug 28 Sat. pm Islamorada

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.

Hurricane's Are Comin'!

The 2004 edition of the Miami Hurricanes football team is getting ready to storm on the scene. Those who won two tickets to one of the games at our annual awards program on March 28 now have the opportunity to claim their prizes and get ready to see the 'Canes thunder.

While the prizes were advertised as two tickets to a given home game during the season, our contributor (ADA member Roy Wasson) has decided to open up the entire Miami football schedule—with the exception, of course, of the Florida State opener—and allow the winners to pick whatever game they want to attend. If you won two tickets to one of the games, please let Roy know by calling (305) 666–5053 or by emailing him at roywasson@bellsouth.net to tell him what game you want to attend. The schedule looks like this: Sept. 18–Louisiana Tech; Oct. 14–Louisville; Nov. 6–Clemson; Nov. 20–Wake Forest; Dec. 4–Virginia Tech.

Congratulations on winning this prize at the awards luncheon. Now make your Hurricane preparations by contacting Roy to get your tickets.

!!! ADA FREE RAFFLE !!!

Prizes to be awarded:

1st Prize	Unlimited Dive pac for 2005	Value over \$1000
2nd Prize	10 Dive Pac for 2005	Value of \$350
3rd Prize	5 Dive Pac for 2005	Value of \$150

Raffle tickets can be earned as follows:

1 Ticket	attend any ADA activity
1 Ticket	Proudly wear ADA t-shirt at the dive briefing
5 Tickets	Win the weekly Mini-affle
5 Tickets	Win the Monthly Photo Contest
10 Tickets	Sign up a New Member
15 Tickets	Be the B-B-Q Chief for a dive

Details...

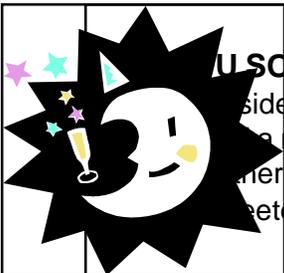
- 1. Drawings will be held later this year at an event to be determined.**
- 2. Tickets will be given retroactively for events already held this year. Advise Lon on what you have earned.**
- 3. All ADA members are eligible.**

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.



WAS SOCIAL?

Considering several plans for more socials this year. We would like your ideas of what and where. Do you have a nice place that would be a good venue for a happy hour, snacks, and fun? Do you like the idea of a social for members and future members? Are you a party animal? Would you like to help organize and be the center and host?

Top 25 Reasons Why Scuba Diving is better than SEX

25. Totally encasing your body in rubber is not considered weird or kinky.
24. Wearing boots during a dive is considered "normal"
23. Asking a total stranger if they want to go diving with you won't earn you a slap across the face.
22. There is little or no danger of catching STD's from unprotected diving with strangers (catching a cold maybe).
21. If you get caught diving with your best friend's wife/husband, you won't lose a friend (or a dive partner.)
20. Having a room full of weird "toys" or "equipment" won't earn you any strange looks from your friends. In fact, your friends are likely to be jealous!
19. One "Rubber" can last for hundreds of uses.
18. Using the same "Rubber" with all your dive buddies is OK, (Rinsing between uses is a matter of personal choice, but strongly recommended)
17. Having more than one partner during a dive is common, and no one thinks any less of you afterwards.
16. The photographs can be developed anywhere without fear, embarrassment or extra (wink wink) cost.
15. Going diving with a partner, then not calling the next day doesn't carry any social stigma.
14. Talking about "how good your old partner was" with your new partner won't stop them diving with you.
13. You can change dive partners as often as you like (even several times a day) and no-one will think you are "sluttish"
12. You can have dozens of diving partners at the one time and you don't have to keep any of them secret from the other ones. You don't even have to hide your "little black book"
11. You can talk about your "dive life" in front of your parents/parents-in-law without embarrassing yourself or your partner.
10. Diving with your mother/mother-in-law is not considered sick or perverted (a little strange maybe, but not perverted)
9. It is fairly easy to convince someone to go diving with you on a casual basis, (and you don't have to stop diving with other people)
8. It's OK to ask someone to go diving with you the first time you meet them.
7. You don't have to take a potential new dive partner out to dinner or the movies before asking them to go diving with you.
6. The resulting wet spot/s won't cause an argument, (unless you cause a wet spot in your partner's dry suit or car).
5. You don't have to ask your dive partner if you can change positions, you can just do it, and more than once per dive if you want to.
4. You don't have to send gifts or flowers to a dive partner the next day.
3. You know before starting how long a dive is likely to last.
2. You can go diving 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 times a day with no performance problems (taking care to observe safe diving practices)
1. You can go down for an hour or more at a time without having to come up for air, and besides, it doesn't matter how long you or your partner last, both of you will have a great time.

THE TOP 10 LIST

(By the readers of www.scubadiving.com)

Bad New Year's Resolutions for Divers

- 10) I will get call waiting for my Scubaphone.
- 9) I'll stop making prank calls to the DAN hotline.
- 8) I will give my mother-in-law a gift certificate for a shark feeder program.
- 7) No more reef-streaking.
- 6) I will delete "Solitaire" from my dive computer.
- 5) I will pee in my wetsuit only when my buddy is swimming in front of me or beside me.
- 4) I'll stop referring to the beginners on the boats as "chum."
- 3) I'll stop tugging on sharks' fins with my one good hand.
- 2) I will not laugh every time somebody on a dive boat uses the words "safety sausage" or "offgas".
- 1) I will come back in the same dive boat I left in.

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.

OUR CONDOLENCES

The Board of Directors wishes to extend our condolences to Jerry Kosakowski, long time member and board director, for the passing of his Mother recently.

ADA T-Shirts

We have plenty of those GREAT ADA T-Shirts available. Show your Association colors and win raffle tickets just by wearing one to any ADA activity. Only \$10.00

Loxahatchee River Canoe–Kayak Trip

“It’s a place where you will return again”

August 14,2004

Join us for a paddle through a cypress canopy hundreds of years old. Watch the otters, alligators and ospreys in the wild. The last time I was there I saw no less than 5 ospreys claiming their territory. Have a lunch break at Trapper Nelson’s and shoot the “bull”. Hang out at the river’s edge ,like the old days. Leaving your stress behind. It’s a great paddle of about 8 miles in mostly shade except for the last quarter of the trip. You will be fascinated in how the flora and fauna changes from fresh water river to a salt water canal.

This trip requires you to bring your own lunch and drink. You will make your own reservations by calling **Canal Outfitters**. It is recommended that you rent rather than bring your own boat.

FIRST COME FIRST SERVE!! Arrive early!!!

www.canoes–kayaks–florida.com 1–888–2272–1257

9060 West Indiantown Road Jupiter, Fl

Canoe/kayak double \$40

Canoe 3 people \$50

Single kayak \$30

Deposit \$50

Directions: Leave about 2 hours for travel to Jupiter from Miami. I95 North to Exit 87B. Indiantown Road and proceed West (Left). Watch carefully on the left for a small sign about a 1/2 mile or so reading Canoe Outfitters. Enter that road and proceed down to the trailer and park in the lot.

Time: 9:00 am We will meet at the trailer for our transactions.

You may want to join us for dinner up there after the paddle.

Bring sun screen, bug spray (may not be needed), **Change of clothes**, bathing suit, water shoes, ADA red t–shirt, hat lunch, drinks, master charge/visa, \$\$\$. Snorkeling.. Viz is about 5” if your lucky.. Forget it!

Call Sharon Baron (305–386–8961) for additional information. Car pooling is a good thing! Please let Sharon know who is going, but you are responsible for your own reservations. Use the toll free number above and tell

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. I t’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 RULES & REGULATIONS

All Members Must be familiar with the following

FOR ALL ADVANCED DIVES (DEPTHS OVER 60') ADA DIVERS MUST:

- Be current (dive activity within the previous 3 months).
- Have the approval of an ADA Safety Officer.
- Have a minimum of 25 logged dives.
- Carry an alternate air source (octopus), time keeping device and depth gauge.
- Have previous ADA diving experience.
- All members must dive with at least a 72 cubic foot tank.

ADA GUIDELINES FOR COMPUTER ASSISTED DIVING

- Members using dive computers may extend their time underwater ten-(10) minutes beyond the time allowed by the tables.
- Computer assisted dives must be well within the NO DECOMPRESSION LIMITS.
- Members should understand and follow the manufacturer's recommendations.
- If a computer diver is buddyed with a diver using the tables, both must follow the tables.
- If a buddy-team is using unlike computers, both must follow the more conservative computer.
- 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.

HOW TO MAKE DIVE RESERVATIONS

Check this newsletter or the annual calendar for upcoming dives.

(Call Lon at (305) 251-4975 to make a reservation. Please do not leave requests on his answering machine, the trip may be full.

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.

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)

* 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

Itemize dates of dives on bottom-left corner of check.

Do not pay for persons other than spouses or other family members. Include their names on check.

REMEMBER: That family members must have completed individual documentation to register as ADA members.



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