

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER DIVE SCHEDULE

SEP 1, SAT MORNING ⇒ MIAMI BEACH (ADVANCED)

\$29.00

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.**

SEP 8, SAT MORNING ⇒ INDIAN KEY KAYAKING TRIP

FREE (Kayak Rental extra)

Come and spend the day kayaking and snorkeling with us at the historic Indian Key site. Just a short paddle from shore. And a possible snorkeling excursion (weather permitting) on the San Pedro underwater archeological preserve. Rent or B.Y.O.K (bring your own kayak). Call Julio Raimundez for trip information. See article this issue for more details.

SEP 9, SUN AFTERNOON ⇒ N. KEY LARGO

\$29.00

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.

SEP 16, SUN AFTERNOON ⇒ S. ISLAMORADA

\$29.00

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.

SEP 23, SUN MORNING ⇒ BISCAYNE NATL. PARK (ADVANCED)

\$45.00 (Tanks Incl.) (BBQ \$7)

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. BBQ after dive, see article this issue.**

SEP 29, SAT AFTERNOON ⇒ TAVERNIER

\$29.00

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.

OCT 7, SUN AFTERNOON ⇒ W. PALM (ADVANCED)

\$35.00

Drift diving at it's best. Usual to see turtles, sharks, eels, jewfish and other big animals. Depths 80-100', visibility usually 60-80'. Sometimes cold thermalclines, bring your wetsuit. **See advanced criterion this issue.**

OCT 14, SUN AFTERNOON ⇒ S. KEY LARGO

\$29.00

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.

OCT 20, SAT MORNING ⇒ BISCAYNE NATL PARK

\$45.00 (Tanks Incl.) (BBQ \$7)

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.**

OCT 28, SUN AFTERNOON ⇒ BOYNTON BEACH (ADVANCED)

\$35.00

Drift dive with currents, reef or wreck, big animals. Average depth 80', visibility 40-60'. **See advanced criterion this issue.**

CHANNEL 6 ECO-FRIENDLY

by Lon Von Lintel

NBC affiliate channel 6, WTVJ from Miami, has made a year long commitment to highlight environmental concerns that all of us in South Florida should appreciate. In a 30 minute special they addressed the problem of the mortality of coral reefs, (aired the week of Aug. 6) and how it will effect you and I. This program was powerful and informative, it documented the concerns we have had for the past few years. In their 6 pm newscast on Aug. 17 they reported the latest news of a shark attack in the Bahamas, as did all other stations here and abroad. But to their credit, they also followed it by an editorial chastising the news media in general for hyping these recent shark attack stories, and then told the untold story of how the shark fin soup frenzy in the Far East has caused the shark populations to plummet toward extinction. We as divers should applaud their courageous response to this media frenzy and their attempt to put nature in perspective. I have visited their site on the web and suggest you do as well. Take the time to tell them if you approve of their efforts to protect and preserve our dying ecosystem. I do. You may visit their site at: www.nbc6.net - click on the Eco-Watch section.

2001 FLORIDA KEYS ADOPT-A-REEF CLEAN UP PROGRAM

E X P E R I E N C E D D I V E R S N E E D E D

As a diver, how can you help preserve the beauty of the Florida Keys reefs. One way you can do this is by participating in the 2001 Florida Keys Adopt-A-Reef program. The purpose of this program is to encourage and support the preservation of coral reefs by organizing a series of reef clean-ups throughout the year. In return for your help, you receive discounted diving rates for the following dives:

September 8, Saturday - Arrive at shop 8:00 AM

Florida Keys Reef-Divers, Cudjoe Key (MM 21)

\$45 per diver (includes tanks, wetsuit and weights), 20% off rental equipment

Number of participants: 6

Reservations: 305-515-2750 or 1-877-886-6621

www.reef-divers.com

September 15, Saturday - Arrive at shop 1:00 PM

Dive Key West, Inc., Key West

\$50 per diver, includes tanks, weights, and belt, 20% off rental equipment

Number of participants: 16

Reservations: 305-296-3823 or 1-800-426-0707

www.divekeywest.com

September 15, Saturday - Arrive at shop 8:00 AM

Quiescence, Key Largo (MM 103.5)

\$35 per diver (includes tanks and weights), \$30 per snorkeler (includes gear)

Number of participants: 2 boats x 6 passengers = 12

Reservations: 305-451-2440

www.keylargodiving.com or www.quiescence.com

October 8, Sunday - Arrive at shop 12:00 PM (Noon)

Captain Slate's Atlantis Dive Center, Key Largo (MM 106)

\$25 per diver

Number of participants: 25

Reservations: 305-451-3020 or 1-800-331-DIVE

www.pennekamp.com/atlantis

October 13, Saturday - Arrive at shop 12:00 PM (Noon)

Aqua-Nuts, Key Largo (MM 104.2)

\$30 per diver, includes tanks and weights, 50% off rental equipment

Number of participants: 32 divers

Reservations: 305-451-1622 or 1-800-226-0415

www.aqua-nuts.com

September B-Days	
Veetta Chase	1
Ann Drobner	1
Nancy Frank	2
Inge Sengelmann	4
Carol Cox	11
Josh Kaufman	11
Dana Lundquist	12
Senta Sayers	12
Claudia Patterson	13
John Dalkowski	14
Carlos Dovo	14
Jerry Summers	14
J. Nicholas Boyd	19
Mirek Czernek	20
Stan Pierz	22
Mara Suarez Requena	22
Matthew Kiernan	25
Josefina Hansen	29
David Herron	30
Gabriel Kaufman	30

Earn Free dives & BBQ

Throughout the year, ADA will offer BBQ's after selected dives. You can enjoy both for free! All you do is volunteer to be the chef of the day - we provide a list of foods, you buy & bring to the dive. After the dive, you & the ADA Safety Officer cook & serve to the hungry divers. It's not too hard, and a great way to go for free! Call Lon & sign up. (ADA will reimburse monies spent for food).

Post-Dive BBQ's \$7

Sep 23 - BNP & Oct 20 - BNP

Last year our BBQ's were a great success. A hot delicious meal after an exciting dive is a wonderful way to punctuate the day. Cooking will begin just after we hit (not too hard I hope) the dock, and before you have stowed your gear, your choice of grilled meats will be ready for your enjoyment. Including:
Grilled chicken, hamburgers, hotdogs
Soda or beer
Potato Salad, slaw, chips & condiments

When you make your dive reservation, indicate if you plan to join us (check the dive schedule first to make sure it's a BBQ dive) & include an additional \$7 with your dive schedule reservation payment.

New! ADA T-Shirts & Tank Tops

Show Your team spirit and pride to belong to one of the largest and oldest dive clubs in the USA!
On sale at most ADA activities
\$10 each.

!!! NEW !!! ADA KAYAK TRIPS

www.kayakfloridakeys.com

To be held at Florida Bay Outfitters
in Key Largo, MM 103.
(305) 451-3018.

Full day - Kayak & Snorkel

Saturday September 8th. 9:00 a.m.

Indian Key State Historic Site.

(Possible snorkeling at the San Pedro underwater archaeological preserve - depending on seas and weather).

Rent or BYK and join us for a short paddle to Indian Key. Snorkel and explore the shallow reefs around the key. Indian Key history dates from the time of prehistoric Indians to the 1830's, when the key was the seat of the newly created Dade County. Jacob Housman bought the strategic key in 1831 and turned it into a busy port of wrecking. In 1838 Dr. Henry Perrine moved to India Key to pursue his interest in tropical botany where he was killed in an Indian attack in the early morning of August 7, 1840. Indian Key has remained uninhabited and Dr. Perrine's plants have grown over the ruins. For more information call Julio 305-551-7545.

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ADA will be offering more Kayaking trips later this year.



ADVICE TO OLDER DIVERS

Through Project Dive Exploration DAN is trying to answer questions about aging and diving. Using Doppler to detect venous gas emboli over the heart of divers, they found that 30% more bubbles was found in divers at age 57 than those at age 33, and 20 % more in males than females. They concluded that "If we are cardiovascularly fit, exercise regularly, not more than 20% overweight, and have no serious potentially incapacitating disease, we shouldn't stop diving. BUT as we age beyond 60 we might consider limiting our diving to shallower depths...." For complete info on this subject see "Alert Diver" July 2001.

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 buddied 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 \$29.00 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 2001.

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.

DRY TORTUGAS PROTECTED

The National Park Service recently signed off on the final section of a complex plan that puts nearly 200 square miles of the area off-limits to fishing or the taking of any sea life. The thinking is that this area is a mother load of reproduction for the entire Florida Keys and north as far as Georgia. Biologists say this area is essential for the health of surrounding waters. While conditions are better here than in the Keys main chain, fish show a similar downward spiral, thus prompting the action. We all hope the plan works and once again the Keys will boast of vast numbers of many species of fish and coral.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE THE 7TH

ADA Members who wish to submit articles, pictures, ads, stories, etc., must mail such items to me (your editor) by the 7th day of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter. We welcome all bits and pieces of interest. Submitted items cannot be returned, so send copies if you want to keep the originals.

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS - FEDERAL GOV DELAYS PROTECTION OF MANATEE

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has issued a draft plan that prematurely calls for the downlisting of the critically endangered manatee!

Your comments are urgently needed to save the manatee!

BACKGROUND

In another move by the Bush administration to unravel environmental protections, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released a revised draft of the Federal Manatee Recovery Plan that outlined a process for the downlisting of the species from endangered to threatened. This latest attack by the Bush administration is sure to accelerate the path to manatee extinction. (<http://www.defenders.org>)



Inside this month's issue you'll find:

- Check out the September-October Dive Schedule
- Trips: Kayak / Snorkel Trip Details - (Sep 8)
- New Family Fun Activities - Including Kayaking, Picnics, Camping, BBQ's, and more!
- Environmental & Local Issues

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Call Jim at Membership (954-752-6234) *It could save your newsletter.*