



The Mouthpiece



September 2003 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION

FREE BEACH/LOBSTER DIVE BIG BBQ

FREE BIG STUFF RAFFLE SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27

WHO- All ADA members and family
WHAT- 10 am Free beach/lobster dive
noon BBQ \$10

1 pm Free big stuff raffle-

**\$200 gift certificate Two free dive trips \$200 gift certificate Scuba Pro console
\$100 gift certificate**



WHERE- Dania Beach Park, on the ocean at the end of Dania Beach Blvd., south end of parking area, look for dive flags.

BRING- If you plan to dive, all dive gear including tanks, and a dive flag float if you have one. Also bring the usual beach wear and cash for parking.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED- call Lon at 305 251 4975 Deadline Sept 20.

CANCELLATIONS- If wind prevents diving, the BBQ will still go on, weather permitting. If weather prevents the BBQ, all food stuffs will be given to those attending. No refunds of fees payed.

BBQ MENU- \$10 per person

Grilled fish and lobster*

Hot dogs, burgers, chicken Potato salad, slaw, chips Soda, bottle water, fruit drinks, ice tea Brownies, fresh fruit

*you must catch your own lobster or beg your buddy. We will cook them for you.

Notes- all the free raffle tickets (fish) you have earned at ADA activities throughout the year have been placed in the "big fish tank" from which the raffle winners will be drawn. ADA officers and Board members who are present will oversee and conduct the raffle. They are not eligible to win. If their names are drawn, that fish will be discarded and another drawn.

Don't forget to wear your ADA shirt which will earn you another fish. Those lobster catching must have the required license and stamp. For more dive details call Jerry, who has dived this area many times, 954 680 1642. If you have never tried a beach dive, no worries. ADA Safety Officers will be on hand to give tips on beach diving and offer an escort service if desired. (this escort service is not the kind advertised on late night TV, but only a guided tour, sorry.)

Possible dive sites- Erojack Reef, Sea Tech Ledge, Green Street Ledges, The Boulders

COME JOIN US FOR FUN, FOOD, AND FREE PRIZES !!!

Bring Lawn Chairs!!!

THE BIG STUFF IS Here!!!

If you noticed the free raffle info in this issue (pg. 8) , you may have been curious about the "big stuff". Well here is the start-

1. \$200.00 gift certificate from **Biscayne National Park**, thanks **Tom**
2. Two free dive trips, tanks and weights (value of \$120.00) from **Atlantis Dive Center**, thanks **Capt. Slate <awarded 3-30-03>**
3. Two free dive trips, tanks, and weights (\$128.00 value) from **Florida Keys Dive Center**, thanks **Tom**
4. \$200.00 gift certificate from **Southeast Oceanic Services**, thanks **Mike**
5. Scuba Pro depth/pressure console, a \$200 value from **Austins Dive Center**, thanks **Tom**
6. \$100.00 Gift Certificate for **Divers Den**, Thanks **Ray**
7. Brunch for 4, a \$100.00 value, Thanks **Anna. <awarded 3/30/03>**

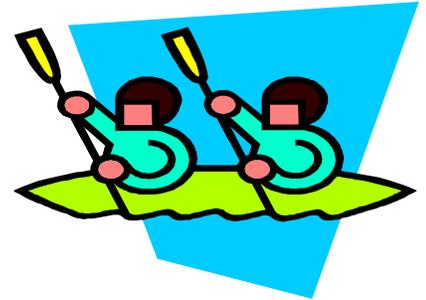
MUCH MORE TO COME!!!!!!!!!!!!

Remember this is all FREE and the only way to get tickets is to EARN them.

(see free raffle article Page 8)



KAYAKING IN THE KEYS Saturday OCTOBER 18, 2003



Join us for another beautiful day in paradise. Come paddling with us in the Florida Keys. Since last year was so successful we will repeat our kayak adventure to Indian Key, where Florida History abounds. This was the seat of Dade County, named after Major Francis Dade. Later the seat was moved to Juno and even later to Miami. In 1840 Dr. Perrine, a botanist and six others were killed by the Indians. The city of Perrine took his name several years later.

This is a BYOL (bring you own lunch). Dining will be enjoyed at the docks then followed by swimming, snorkeling, sun bathing, etc. Your host will bring some wine, club soda for spritzers and beer.

Kayak rentals at very reasonable rates will be available at a discount for full or half day in Lower Maticumbe. You'll have the option of a single or double sit on top boat.

Watch for the October Mouthpiece newsletter for more information.

Start thinking about it now so you don't miss out!!

Call Sharon Baron @ 305-386-8961 or 305-775-7092 for further information.

SCUBA PRO RECALL IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE

All owners of the All Smart Pro and the Smart Com dive computers should stop using them immediately! A software programming error may cause inaccurate information to be displayed. For a Free replacement call 800-808-3948 or contact your local dealer.

September/October

Sun. Sept 7 PM Tavernier Barbeque \$7.00
Sites may include: Conch Reef, Davis Ledge, Hens & Chickens, Little Conch, Capt. Tom's Ledge, 40' Ledge, Fish Trap, Horse-shoe. Average depth 30', average visibility 40-60', many morays, schooling tropicals, unusual pillar corals. **BBQ after dive, see article this issue.**

Sun. Sept 14 PM Dania Beach (ADVANCED)
Sites include Tracy, Jay Scutty, The Caves, Sunrise Ledges, The Peter, Oakland Ledges, Hog Heaven, Average depth 40-60', visibility 30-50', usually mild currents.

Sat. Sept. 20 AM Biscayne National Park
Sites may include: Rocky Reef, Elkhorn Forest, Ball Buoy, Far Out Reef, Cuda Ledge. Usually no currents, massive coral small caves. The Keys "Best Kept Secret", only one commercial boat allowed in area. Depth 20-30', vis 30-60'.

Sun. Sept. 28 PM Hollywood (Advanced)
Sites may include: The Caves, Josey Reef, Cuda Reef, Lorraine's Delight, Coral Canyons, Shark Reef. Average depth 30', average visibility 40'. Usually no currents, very different from the Keys. Sometimes drift/swim dive.

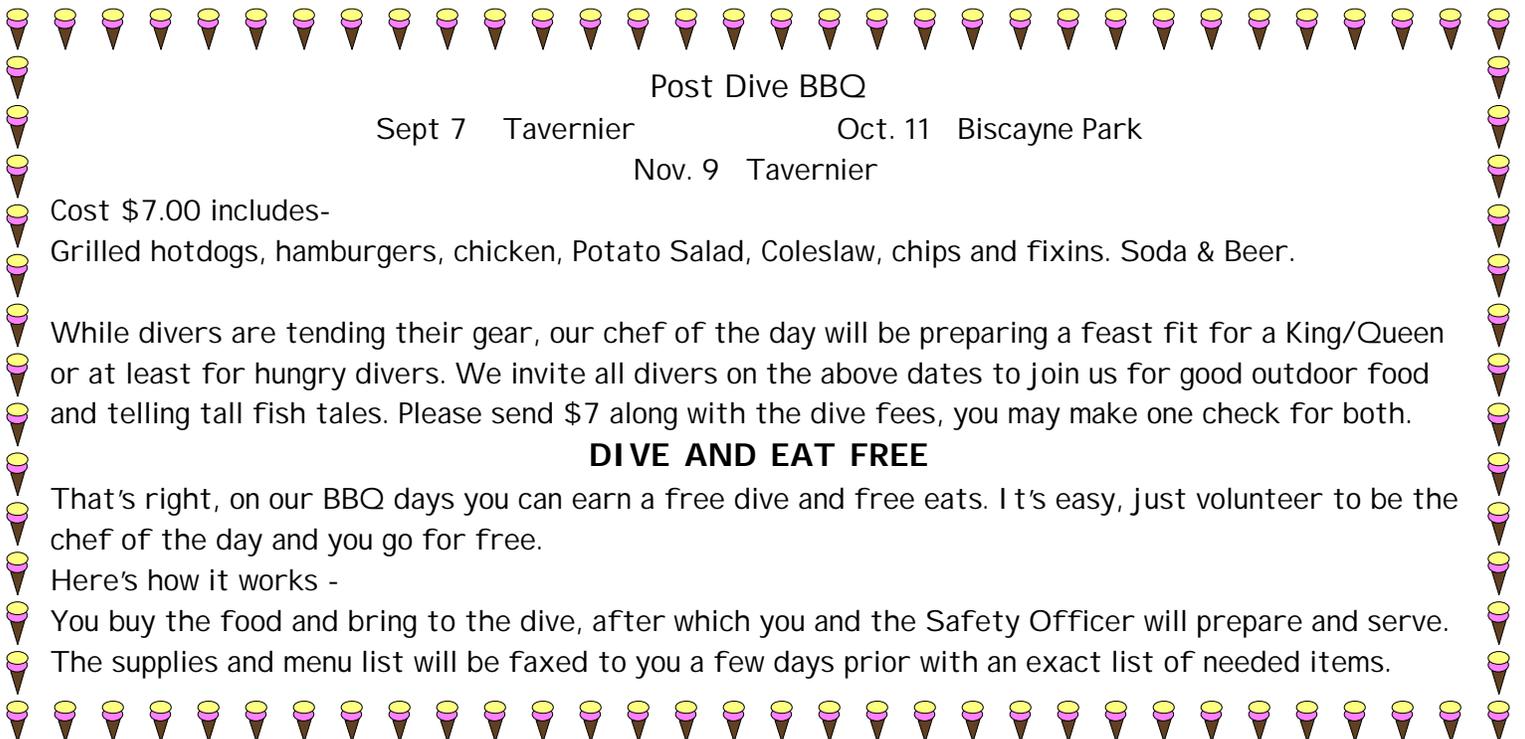
Sat. Oct. 4 PM N. Key Largo
Sites may include: The Christ of the Abyss, the Elbow, N. Dry Rocks, N. N. Dry Rocks, Grecian Rocks, Carysfort, Shark Reef. Average depth 30', usually no current. Average visibility is 30-50' with many tropicals, morays, cudas.

Sat. Oct. 11 AM Biscayne National Park Barbeque \$7.00
Sites may include: Rocky Reef, Elkhorn Forest, Ball Buoy, Far Out Reef, Cuda Ledge. Usually no currents, massive coral small caves. The Keys "Best Kept Secret", only one commercial boat allowed in area. Depth 20-30', vis 30-60'.

Sun. Oct. 12 PM Miami
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.

Sun. Oct. 19 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.**

Sun. Oct. 26 PM Ft. Lauderdale
Double your pleasure with the best of both worlds! A reef followed by a wreck. A plethora of flora and fauna, just waiting to be explored.



Post Dive BBQ

Sept 7 Tavernier Oct. 11 Biscayne Park
Nov. 9 Tavernier

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. 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.



1st Place Film Point & Shoot
Enrique Gonzalez



1st Place Digital Point & Shoot
Frank Young Canon Powershot S300 Fantasy Reef



2nd Prize Anything Goes
Rupert Page



1st Place Film Manual
Carol Cox



1st Prize Anything Goes
J. Nicholas Boyd



2nd Prize
Roy Wasson Film Manual



This Month's Winners

Anything Goes	J. Nicholas Boyd
Film Manual	Carol Cox
Digital Point and Shoot	Frank Young
Film Point and Shoot	Enrique Gonzalez



ADA Photography Contest (Rules have changed!)

Please bear with us as we evolve our new ongoing photography contest for 2003. Winners are announced in each MOUTHPIECE and a link provided so the images can be viewed online (in living color). 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 monthly 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" - 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 2003 dive season (not prior year's) pictures),
- ? Pictures will be limited to South Florida Waters or ADA sponsored dives,
- ? Pictures 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.
- ? Send your prints, slides, or digital images on CD to:

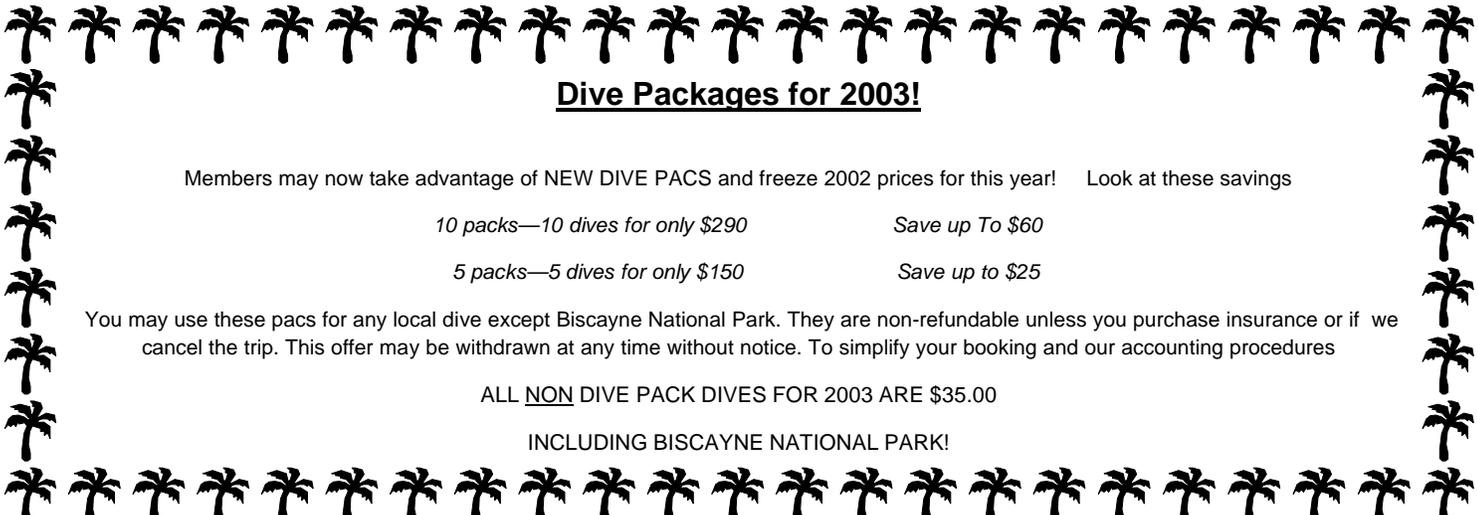
J. Nicholas Boyd

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- ? 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 (above) or call (561-416-2099) Nick Boyd with questions.



Dive Packages for 2003!

Members may now take advantage of NEW DIVE PACS and freeze 2002 prices for this year! Look at these savings

<i>10 packs—10 dives for only \$290</i>	<i>Save up To \$60</i>
<i>5 packs—5 dives for only \$150</i>	<i>Save up to \$25</i>

You may use these pacs for any local dive except Biscayne National Park. They are non-refundable unless you purchase insurance or if we cancel the trip. This offer may be withdrawn at any time without notice. To simplify your booking and our accounting procedures

ALL NON DIVE PACK DIVES FOR 2003 ARE \$35.00

INCLUDING BISCAYNE NATIONAL PARK!

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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 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.



LUXFER OFFERS \$50 FOR OLD TANKS

For scuba tanks made between 1972 and 1987 they will give a credit towards a new tank.
Call 1 800 764 0366 or your local dive shop for more info.

Zeagle Recall

If you own a **Zeagle** Regulator sold between Jan. 20, 2003 and May 19, 2003, it is important to take it to your dealer for immediate repair.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DIVE WITH IT UNTIL REPAIRS ARE MADE.

The following models are affected:

Flathead six S/N F001391—1476

50D S/N B003315— 3652

DS-iv S/N A001352—1571

Envoy S/N C001117—1403

For more information call 1-800-771-5568

Earn raffle tickets by:

1. Wearing an ADA t-shirt during the dive briefing. (1 ticket)
2. Attend any ADA function. (1 ticket)
3. Bring in a new member. (5 tickets)
4. Win the monthly photo contest. (5 tickets)

A small prize will be awarded at each dive, the big stuff later this year. Soooo get out there and earn those tickets. (Tickets cannot be purchased). See "THE BIG STUFF" on page 3..

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