



2000 FLORIDA KEYS ADOPT-A-REEF 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 and receive a free T-shirt? One way you can do this is by participating in the 2000 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.

We welcome all experienced divers to participate and have fun! The clean-up program is supported by local dive operators who are offering discounted rates on boat transport and equipment rental fees, on the specific clean-up dates. If you are interested in signing up for any of the reef clean-ups, please contact the dive operator directly.

The 2000 Florida Keys Adopt-A-Reef program is jointly sponsored by the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, The Nature Conservancy, and dive operators. We thank you in advance for your participation!

CLEAN UP DATES

Saturday, September 9

8:00 AM

- Holiday Inn Beachside Watersports, Key West
- \$30 per diver includes equipment
- Number of participants: 6 divers
- Reservations: 305-294-5934

Sunday, September 17

12:30 PM

- Caribbean Water Sports at Cheeca Lodge, Islamorada (MM 82)
- \$30 per diver includes tanks and weights, 10% discount on rental equipment
- Number of participants: 24
- Reservations: 305-664-9547

Saturday, September 23

1:00 PM

- Reef Adventures, Pennekamp State Park, Key Largo (MM 103)
- \$32 per diver includes tanks and weights
- Number of participants: 15

- Reservations: 305-451-6323 or 1-877-538-7348

- <http://www.pennekampark.com/>

Saturday, October 14

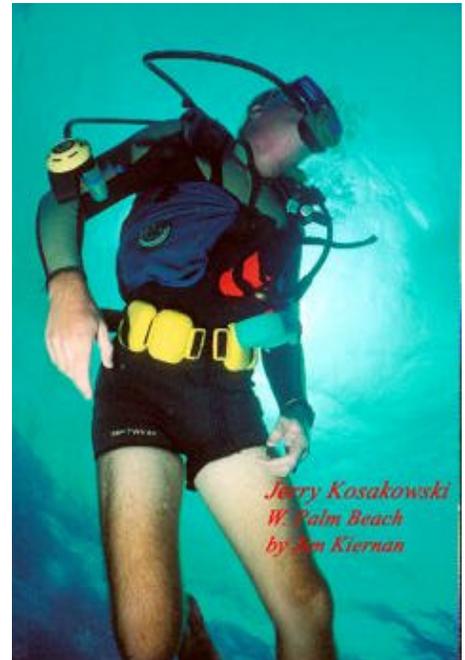
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- Aqua-Nut Divers, Key Largo (MM 104.2)
- \$30 per diver includes tanks and weights, 50% off rental equipment
- Number of participants: 32 divers
- Reservations: 305-451-1622 or 1-800-226-0415
- <http://www.aqua-nuts.com/>

Saturday, October 21

8:00 AM

- Holiday Isle Dive Shop, Islamorada (MM 84)
- \$30 per diver, 50% off rental equipment
- Number of participants: 12 divers and 6 snorkelers
- Reservations: 305-664-4145 or 1-800-327-7070 Ext.644
- <http://www.divetheisle.com/>



TOP: 9/16 Biscayne Natl Park
(Left) Jim & Katelyn Kiernan.
(Right) Queen Angel.

MIDDLE:
(Left) 9/10 Gearing up, Tavernier.
(Right) 9/16 Master chef at work,
Biscayne Natl Park.

BOTTOM:
(Left) 9/16 BBQ at BNP.
(Right) 8/13 West Palm - Jerry
Kosakowski.

Local Diver Profile

October Photos Submitted by: **Jim Kiernan, Lon Von Lintel & Enrique Gonzalez**



OCTOBER-NOVEMBER DIVE SCHEDULE



▶ ▶ ▶ **New Rates for Tank Rentals at Biscayne National Park!** ◀ ◀ ◀

OCT 1, SUN AFTERNOON FT. LAUDERDALE (ADVANCED) \$29.00

Sites include: Tenneco Towers, Mercedes, Jim Atria, Hog Heaven, Jay Scutti, Baracuda, Hammerhead. Depths 60-100', strong currents, average visibility 30-60'. **See advanced criterion this issue.**

OCT 8, SUN AFTERNOON DUANNE WRECK (ADVANCED) \$29.00

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.**

OCT 15, SUN 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.

OCT 22, SUN AFTERNOON BOYNTON (ADVANCED) \$29.00

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

OCT 29, 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.

NOV 4, SAT AFTERNOON POMPANO (ADVANCED) \$29.00

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.**

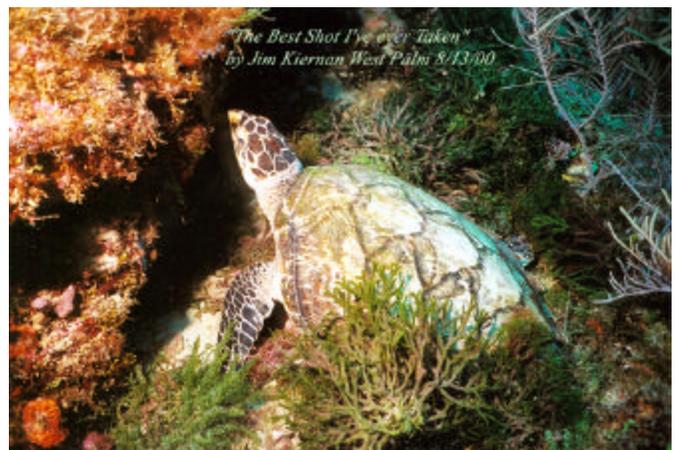
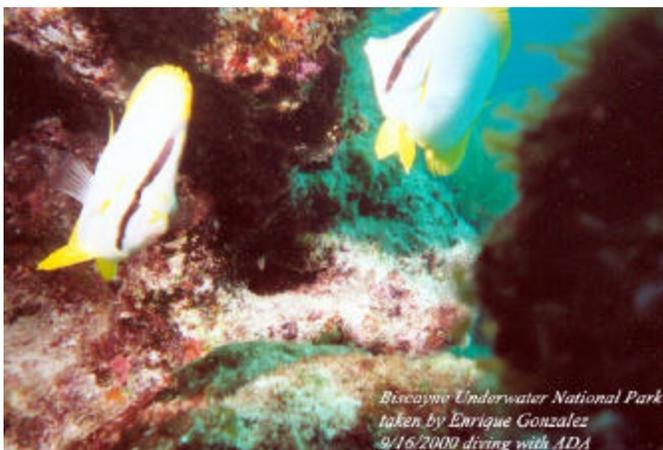
NOV 12, SUN MORNING BISCAYNE NATL PARK (ADVANCED) \$40.00 (INCLUDES 2 TANKS)

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'. **See advanced criterion this issue.**

NOV 19, SUN AFTERNOON MIAMI BEACH (ADVANCED) \$29.00

Scheduled site - Tenneco 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.**

Pictures taken by (LEFT) Enrique Gonzalez, 9/16/2000 Biscayne Natl Park (RIGHT) Jim Kiernan, 8/13/2000 West Palm Beach



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, Robert, Dan, Lee and Lon

ADA WEB SITE

(betcha didn't know)

On the back of every ADA newsletter, hidden among the other addresses, is the address for the ADA web site: www.serve.com/ADA. Note the "ADA" must be capitalized to gain entry. Our site is very useful to our members in a variety of ways:

1. retrieve lost paper copies of dive schedules, forms, membership applications for friends, policies, etc.
2. links to all sorts of dive related information and fun stuff.
3. view the newsletter IN FULL COLOR!!
4. contact information to fax, write, call, or e mail us.
5. refer friends to our site to learn anything and everything about ADA.

Check it out - remember the "ADA" must be capitalized.

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 2000.

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.

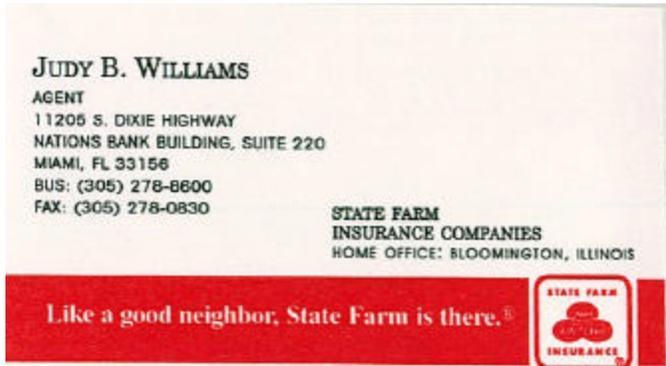
OCTOBER B-Days

Alicia Soule	2
Henry Befeler	3
Vivian Carvajal	8
Robert Fox	9
Mark Kosakowski	10
Ben Lyons	10
Antonio Govela	11
Zachary Hall	11
Enrique Gonzalez	13
Carl Blencowe	15
Heidi Befeler	16
Sharon Miles	16
Maria Schellhase	19
Ignatio Medir	21
Rosemary Wood	21
Maria Zarceno	22
Abby Siegel	25
Thomas Davis	26
Michael Oertel	27

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.

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



YOUR AD COULD BE HERE!

BUSINESS CARD ADS

	Space Available
5 Issues	\$50
10 Issues	\$75

To Place Your AD Please Contact:
Chris Wood (305) 754-6882

Ads from \$7.50/mth



Biscayne Natl. Park 09/16/2000

NEW VOLUNTEER COMES ABOARD

Nicholas Boyd joins us on the Newsletter Staff. Nick will helping to scan pictures and prepare them for the newsletter. I think I speak for everyone when I say welcome aboard Nick, & thanks for pitching in (especially since it will be making my job easier)!

Your Editor, Chris

Inside this month's issue you'll find:

- **Adopt-A-Reef Dives in October**
- **The October-November Dive Schedule**
- **Birthdays this month**
- **Local Diver Pics**
- **And much more...**

THE Mouthpiece ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOC NEWSLETTER

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THINKING ABOUT MOVING? ☎ DON'T KEEP IT A SECRET!
Call Jim at Membership (954-752-6234) *It could save your newsletter.*