



# The Mouthpiece



November 2006 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION

## November

Nov 5 Sun pm Islamorada

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.

Nov 12 Sun am Elliott Key (*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**

Nov 19 Sun pm Spiegel Grove (*Advanced*)

The Biggest Wreck around here. You have to see it to believe it. It takes a lot more than one or two dives to really see it. Join us for a great adventure.

Nov 25 Sat pm Tenneco Towers (*Advanced*)

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.**

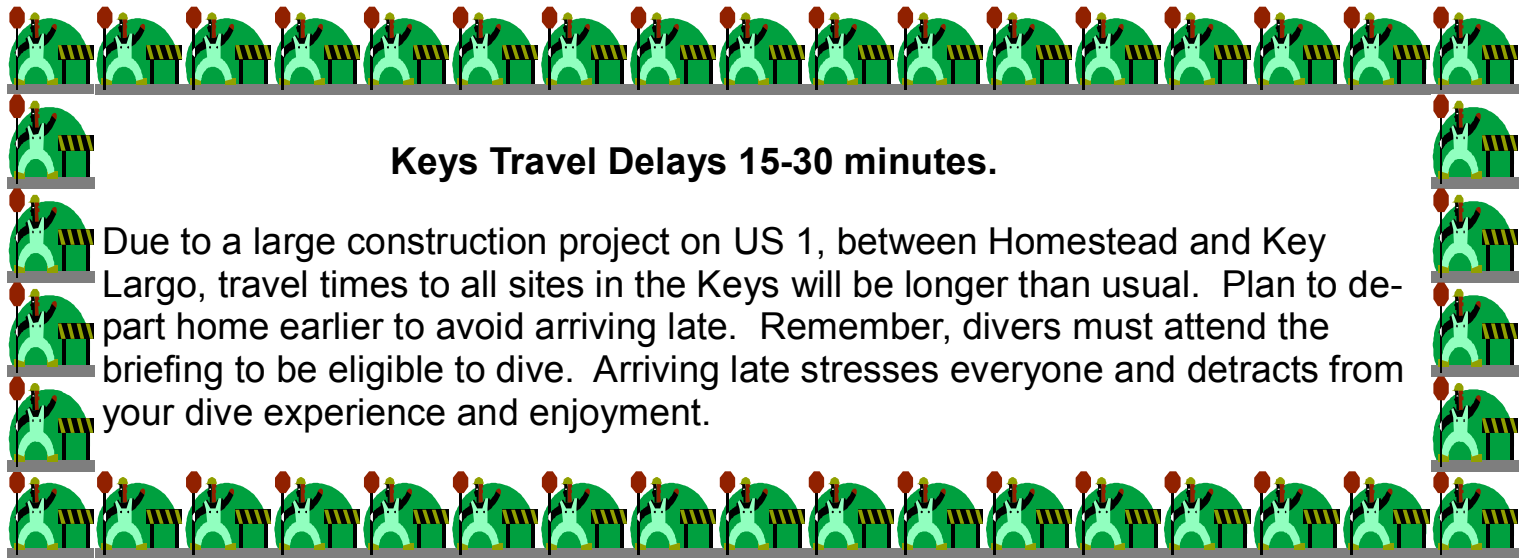
## THANK YOU ADA VOLUNTEERS 2006 !!

Yes, without you, ADA could not exist. As our members may know, we are a totally volunteer organization. Each of our volunteer contributes his/her time and talents for you, our members. We all owe these generous volunteers:

- \*Steve Herz\*- newsletter editor, Safety Officer.
- \*Jim Kiernan\*- membership chair, Board member
- \*Frank Young\*- membership chair.
- \*Dafne Martinez\*- Treasurer, Board member
- \*Sharon Baron\*- Secretary, Board member, kayak leader, chef.
- \*Dan Baeza\*- Safety Officer, Board member, internet adviser.
- \*Daryl Johnson\*- Safety Officer, Board member.
- \*Lee Wood\*- Safety Officer, Board member, chef.
- \*Robert Fox\*- Safety Officer, chef.
- \*Jerry Kosakowski\*- Board member, print PR chair, conservation chair.
- \*Chris Wood\*- Board member, internet adviser.
- \*Nancy Mac Kenzie\*- newsletter assistant.
- \* Enrique Gonzalez\*- newsletter assistant.
- \*Pat Hackett\*- social chair, kayak leader.
- \*Adelle Nicolson\*- chef
- \*Keeley Sanchez\*- chef
- \*Barbara Fox\*- chef
- \*Connie Crowther\*- Disabled Divers chair.
- \*Roy Wasson\*- raffle donor.

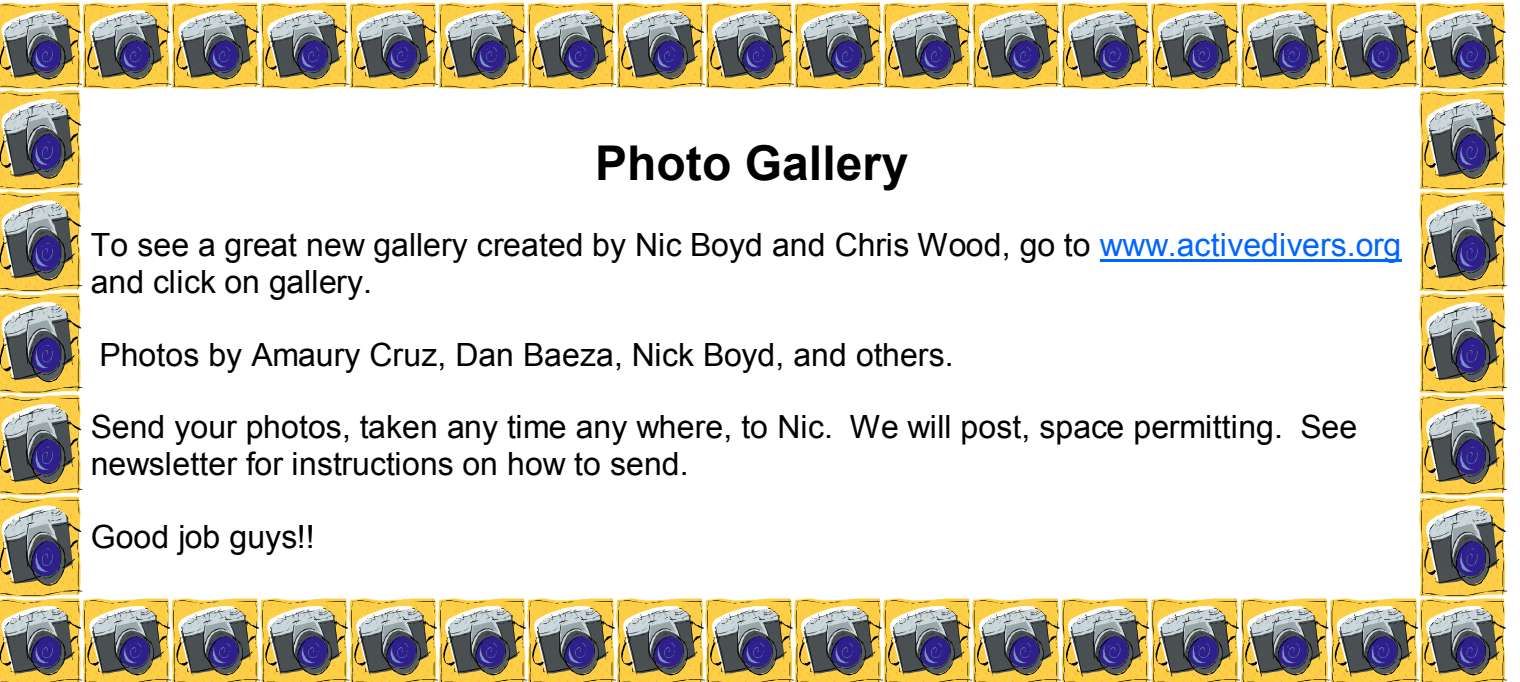
To all of you, and any I may have overlooked, THANK YOU!

Lon



## Keys Travel Delays 15-30 minutes.

Due to a large construction project on US 1, between Homestead and Key Largo, travel times to all sites in the Keys will be longer than usual. Plan to depart home earlier to avoid arriving late. Remember, divers must attend the briefing to be eligible to dive. Arriving late stresses everyone and detracts from your dive experience and enjoyment.



## Photo Gallery

To see a great new gallery created by Nic Boyd and Chris Wood, go to [www.actedivers.org](http://www.actedivers.org) and click on gallery.

Photos by Amaury Cruz, Dan Baeza, Nick Boyd, and others.

Send your photos, taken any time any where, to Nic. We will post, space permitting. See newsletter for instructions on how to send.

Good job guys!!

## 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  
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or email to: [nboyd@oceanlandinc.com](mailto:nboyd@oceanlandinc.com)

Include your name and names of other people, if you know them, and location."

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## **Last newsletter of the Season**

Alas, the warm weather, usually calm seas, or just plain Primo diving weather is passing. With it go the Active Divers Association active diving schedule. This will be the last Newsletter of the season. We will start again next year in March with our pre-season newsletter listing the 2007 dive site schedule and the coming events for the season.

As it has been for the last couple of years, I have been privileged to present the Newsletter to you and look forward to next year.

I want to wish you all a Great Holiday Season and may I be the first to wish you all a

## **Happy New Year**

## **PROUDLY WEARD YOUR ADA T-SHIRT!!!**

Retro to Aug. 1st., you will earn 5 raffle tickets by wearing your ADA t-shirt at all ADA dive briefings. We want to see a sea of RED ! This a great way to tell everyone you are a member of the Biggest, Baddest, Boldest, Bravest, Bestists, bunch of divers on the face of the earth!! Everyone will ask, "Who are these red wonders?" It is also a good way to recruit new members and earn 20, that's right TWENTY RAFFLE TICKETS.

## **THANK YOU JIM, WELCOME FRANK**

Jim Kiernan, past membership chair, is unable to continue the many duties of this big job. Frank Young has volunteered to take over effective Sept. 1, 2006.

As all past membership chairs know, this is ADA's biggest, most important, and most time consuming position. Welcome and good luck Frank!!

Members and prospective members can contact Frank at:

Frank L. Young  
ADA Membership Chair  
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Coral Gables, FL. 33134  
305 903 1113

[membership@activedivers.org](mailto:membership@activedivers.org)

## **ADA DISABLED DIVERS PROGRAM**

Earlier this year, ADA was contacted by the director of a local organization which trains and rehabilitates teenagers with physical handicaps. She is a certified diver and has promoted the fun and excitement of diving to her students. Many have expressed a desire to explore the underwater world, just as you and I do. Not having the skill and training needed to certify divers, she is asking for our help. Connie Crowther has volunteered to coordinate and plan efforts by ADA and its members to assist in the training and SCUBA certification of several of these young persons.

However, circumstances have not allowed the program to move forward this year. Connie and Sharon Baron are in the process of research, planning, and implementation of training programs for next year. Watch for news on this front, and consider how you may assist in our efforts. Many ADA members have already offered help in the form of money, time, and resources, for which we thank you. When the program is ready, we will notify ADA members with a wish list of needed resources.

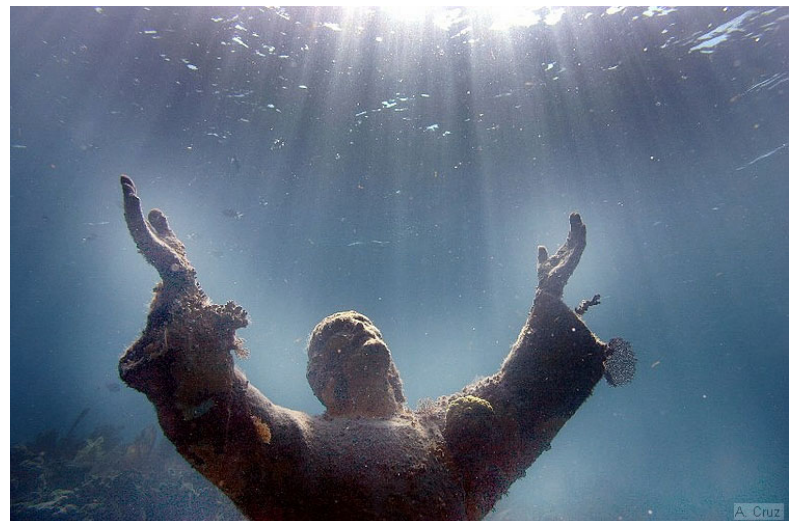
## Electrical Reefs?

Yep, you read that correctly. An electrical current (slight current, enough to power a light bulb) is being run thru metal rods in damaged reef areas with positive results. The current encourages the build up of calcium carbonate on the structural surface. This is the building block of natural reefs. This build up has reefs growing in years instead of decades. At least this is what the preliminary results indicate. Hopefully this a partial answer to the depletion of coral reefs. The other answer is for divers to be more careful regarding reef contact. Let's not depend on science for the total answer.

Jerry Kosakowski

## SOME PICS FROM THE PAST...

USE THE OFF SEASON TO PRACTICE YOUR SKILLS, DIVE IN EXOTIC PLACES, OR DUST OFF SOME PICS FROM THIS PAST YEAR. Send them to use so we can share them.



## 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.

### 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

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, 13374 SW 46th Terrace Miami, FL 33175**
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 CHECK-IN TIMES !!!

Ours are different than the dive operators.  
When making dive reservations or during the all important  
**WEATHER CHECK,**  
inquire about the **ADA CHECK-IN TIME.** Please arrive on  
time, or better yet, a bit earlier and chat with new friends and  
old buddies.