



The Mouthpiece

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Nov\Dec 2008 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

BIG WINNERS OF THE ADA FREE RAFFLE AND BBQ.

The weather was perfect, with a gentle breeze and calm seas. Jerry K caught a bunch of lobsters which were added to the overflow of BBQ items of chops, chicken, dogs, burgers, salsa, slaw, salad, chips, scoops, melon, brownies, veggies, dips, snacks, bennies, etc.

EVERYONE WON PRIZES!!

The biggest winners were- Sharon Baron, air fill card

Daryl Johnson, air fill card

Rachael Hancock, dive towel

Lilli Ferguson, t shirt

Pat Widener, hat

Helen Colby, safety sausage

Allen Smith, air fill card

Evelyn Roisman, light beacon

Andrea Gunderson, camera

Paula Wall, air fill card

Roger Bach, gift certificate

Dee Olive, knife

Chris Hansen, gift certificate

Nansy Mackenzie, gift certificate

Robert Fox, dive alert

Frank Young, dive knife

Chris Higgins, t shirt

Steve Moore, dive light

Carol Cox, dive light

Clive Hew, wrist slate

Jerry King, camera

Camilo Romano, hat

Ricardo Weiss, gift certificate

Josafina Hansen, dive knife

Mike Ewanus, dive towel

and many others.



LAST NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR.

This the last scheduled newsletter for 2008. Our next will be Feb. of 2009.

Once again it has been my pleasure to present the newsletter to you this year. I hope you find it to be informative and helpful. I want to thank all those who make this effort possible. It "takes a village" to make things happen. Once again Thank You.

To All, I wish you calm waters and good vis.

Steve Herz

"WE ARE PLEASE TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR DEAR FRIEND NANSY MCKENZIE HAS BEEN CLEARED TO UNDERGO BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT. THE PROCEDURE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE END OF OCTOBER IN TAMPA WHERE NANSY WILL SPEND THE NEXT 100 DAYS. PLEASE JOIN US IN WISHING NANSY A SPEEDY RECOVERY AND PROMPT RETURN TO DIVING WITH US"

Tamy and Camilo

LAST DIVES OF THE SEASON.

Soon the water will turn cold, the wind will blow and most of us ADA members will pack it up for the winter. See below for the last ADA dives this year. But, some days are still doable during the off season..

Hope you can get a couple dives in this winter.

See ya next spring.

Lon

November

Nov. 2 am

BNP

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'

Nov. 8 pm

S. Key Largo

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.

Nov. 15 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 tropical's, morays, cudas.

Nov. 23 am

BNP

Sites may include: Rocky Reef, Elkhorn Forest, Ball Buoy, Far Out Reef, Cuda Ledge. Usually no currents, massive corals,

Happy Birthday From ADA

November

Maureen Curtin
Dafne Obermeier
Marcus Valenciano
Anna Lenoir
Ricardo Weisz
Dan Baeza
Samuel Melendez
Benjamin Siegel
Susana Roldan
Francois Rodrique
Julie Dubiel
Tamara Mendez Reina
Barbara Scavullo

December

Thomas Jones
Marcella Nemece
Jennifer Chenev
Jerry Kosakowski
Vicki Ribera
Charles Porter
Jay Abbazia
Roy Wasson
Ricardo Armelin

January

Aurelio Escobar
Daniel Summer
Jannette Laiom
Lothar Genge
Cynthia Boulais
John Abadia
Douglas Dyszer
Natasha Bravo
Stanton Bershad

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM ADA!

Enjoy the upcoming holidays, be healthy, happy, and wise.

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.

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HOW TO MAKE DIVE RESERVATIONS

1. Check this newsletter or the annual calendar for upcoming dives.
2. Call Lon (305) 251-4975 to make a reservation. Please do not leave a message on the 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 report. See important weather information in 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 46 Terrace Miami, FL. 33175
7. Itemize dates of dives in the left hand corner of your check.
8. REMEMBER! That family members must have completed individual documentation to register as ADA members.

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.



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