



The Mouthpiece



November 2010 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

FREE BBQ, FREE DIVE, FREE RAFFLE OCT. 17

A little wind, a little rain, but Jerry still caught a ton of lobsters. Many of the members attending this annual event dived and saw a variety of tropicals, eels, and other critters. Some logged almost three hours of bottom time in two dives. All were spent but happy.

The BBQ started promptly at noon and we all ate more than proper. The raffle followed the BBQ and the winners of lots of stuff including FREE DIVES FROM ATLANTIS DIVE CENTER, INCLUDING TANKS

AND WEIGHTS were:

Roger Bach

Mike Ewanus

Adelle Nicholson

Josifina Hansen

Mara Suarez

Don Legualt

Pat Widener

Chris Hansen

Another day in paradise!!!

November

Nov. 7 Sun. Pm

N. Key Largo

\$49

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. 13 Sat Am

BNP

\$59 includes two 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'.

Nov. 21 Sun. Pm

Miami wreck (*advanced*)

\$49

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.**

HOW TO SAVE OUR PLANET, BIT BY BIT.

THE THREE R's OF BEING GREEN

Reduce- consumption of electricity, gas, water, non-renewable resources, waste.

Reuse- plastic bags, boxes, paper, bottles, cans, containers and donate items.

Recycle- plastics of all types, paper, cardboard, glass, metals, if you can't reuse them.

You can do these each day, every day.

Are you on Facebook? Join the ADA page here:
<http://www.facebook.com/ActiveDivers>
We can post your photos and share dive stories!
 Send your pics and info to Helen at adahcmiami@aol.com

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Send checks and money orders for activity payments, payable to ADA, to:
 Jerry Kosakowski
 8221 N. W. 8 Place.
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Last Newsletter of the Season

Once again, it has been my pleasure to be the editor of the ADA Newsletter. Thanks to all of you who made my job a lot easier by sending me articles to include. I hope I did your stories justice. Don't stop your creative juices from flowing, the newsletter will be starting up again next year, before you know it.

Just remember, stay in good diving shape and keep your gear in good working order throughout the coming months so when the ADA starts up again in the Spring, You'll be ready to jump right in.

Look for the next issue in your mailbox next March! Until then....Happy and Safe Diving.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ADA

November

Maureen Curtin
 Anna Lenoir
 Samuel Melendez
 Francois Rodrique

Dafne Obermeier
 Ricardo Weisz
 Benjamin Siegel
 Julie Dubiel
 Barbara Scavullo

Marcus Valenciano
 Dan Baeza
 Susana Roldan
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December

Thomas Jones
 Jerry Kosakowski
 Jay Abbazia

Marcella Nemece
 Vicki Ribera
 Roy Wasson

Jennifer Cheney
 Charles Porter
 Ricardo Armrlin

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 :
Jerry Kosakowski ,8221 NW 8 Place Plantation, Fl 33324
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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