



# The Mouthpiece

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Jan / Feb '2009 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## ADA PRE-DIVE SEASON EDITION!

ADA 09 dive season begins in April. The March newsletter will have the 09 yearly schedule. We will visit many of the most popular sites and there will be a few surprises. We have been able to hold prices the same as last year, but that could change at any time without notice.

**Happy diving and looking forward to 09!**

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICES COMING!

Please note the following, your notice will be marked

1. You have a credit from last year and it will be applied to the 09 membership, an automatic renewal. If so, no action on your part is needed. If you want a full refund of credit, call Lon.

or 2. Your credit exceeds the membership fee, \$35, your check for the difference is enclosed and your membership is renewed.

or 3. Our records do not show you have a credit from last year, your membership fee is due. Please remit \$35.

If your records indicate I have made a mistake, call me.

Lon

**Make your check payable to ADA and send to:**

**Frank Young**

**1115 Country Club Prado**

**Coral Gables, FL 33134**

## ADA ANNUAL DIVE SEASON KICKOFF EVENT APRIL 4

Time and place to be announced.

Program includes:

VOLUNTEERS AWARDS PRESENTATION

DIVER OF THE YEAR AWARD

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 09 DIVE SEASON

FOOD, FOOD AND MORE FOOD!

Mark you calendars and watch for details in the March issue.



## THANK YOU ADA VOLUNTEERS!!

Every dive, every BBQ, every event, every party, every program, every thing ADA does for you, our members, is accomplished by the hard work of our volunteers.

Those who do it for you:

**Frank Young-** membership chair, Safety Officer, Disabled Divers Buddy instructor.

**Steve Herz-** newsletter editor, Safety Officer

**Dan Baeza-** Board member, Safety Officer, internet consultant

**Lee Wood-** Board member, Safety Officer, Disabled Divers Buddy instructor

**Robert Fox-** Safety Officer, BBQ chef

**Barbara Fox-** BBQ chef

**Sharon Baron-** Board member, Secretary, trip coordinator

**Dafne Martinez-Obermeier-** Board member, Treasurer

**Jerry Kosakowski-** Board member, Print PR chair , conservation chair

**Chris Wood-** Board member, internet consultant

**Daryl Johnson-** Board Member, Safety Officer

**Pat Hackett-** social committee chair

**Mo Smith-** Safety Officer

**Mara Suarez-** newsletter assistant

**Don Legualt-** newsletter assistant

**Peter Taylor-** BBQ chef

**Jim Kiernan-** Board member

**Connie Crowther-** Disabled Divers coordinator

My thanks, and to anyone I have overlooked, my apologies.

Lon

### ADA NEWSLETTER ASSISTANT NEEDED

When you read the long list of volunteers (see above) who donate their time, talent and hard work for you, do you ever want to join this generous group and give back something for all you have received??? Have I got a deal for you. We need a responsible person to pick up the newsletter each month from the printer, process it, and drop it in the mail.

The printer is located just off the Palmetto and NW 79 St.

If you can help, please call me.

Lon



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ADA

#### January

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

#### February

Steven Moore  
Evelyn Roisman  
Romain Breton  
Dennis Metrock  
Charles Carson  
Andrew Lenoir  
Daniel Cabelloro  
James Kiernan  
Helen Colby

## 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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