



# The Mouthpiece

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March 2008 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## ADA 2008 KICK OFF EVENT MARCH 30, 10 AM BISCAYNE NATION PARK

### For all ADA members, family and guests

Program schedule-

**10 am- 11:30**, downstairs meeting room, visitors center.

Special announcements

ADA Diver of the Year Award  
ADA Volunteer Appreciation presentation  
Free raffle, door prizes

Glenn Patton for the Florida Marine Sanctuary coral transplantation overview and progress report. BNP Ranger reports on current programs, plans for future programs, and conservation efforts.

**11:30-12:30** outdoors on the picnic grounds, surrounding the flagpole.

**Robert Fox**, an accomplish chef of local fame, will present a huge spread of his much requested dishes.

BBQ includes-

soda, water, fruit drinks, and unspecified beverages.

'Home made' hamburgers/buns Nathans hotdogs/buns Vodka citrus cold cured salmon with toast points & cream cheese & chives

Dry rubbed BBQ ribs chicken fajita Caesar salad home made' potato salad Thai cucumber salad

'Home made' Cole slaw asparagus with wasabi mayo dressing vegetable salad with creamy Vidalia onion dressing assorted sliced veggies - tomatoes, onions, lettuce **and** a variety of creamy chocolate and fresh fruit.

**Don't forget to call Pat, 305 387 0015 for event reservations.**

Space limited to 35 seats. Make \$15 checks payable to ADA and Mail to

Lon Von Lintel

13374 SW 46 Terr.

Miami, Fl. 33175

**DEADLINE MARCH 15**

## TURN OLD CELL PHONES INTO CASH!

ADA is collecting old unused phones and shipping to Pace Butler who will send us a check. If you want to donate the cash to ADA, we will use it for special projects such as our disabled divers program. **So bring them to any and all ADA activities.** If you want the cash forwarded to you, attach your name and mailing address. Pace Butler will pay as much as **\$50 each.** (amount depends on model) Bring phone and batteries only.

### WANTED : NEWSLETTER ASSISTANT!

We need your help. If you would like to give back to a club that does much for you, and you are able to pick up the newsletter from the printer near Miami International Airport, please call Lon.

## ADA Kayak Trip

We set out at 1025 from the beach of Florida Bay Outfitters in Key Largo. A few of our paddlers rented from Florida Bay Outfitters. Among our participants: Rosemary, Lee and Chris Wood, Sharon Baron, Juan Carvajan, Leo Ruiz, Barbara Howie, Jeff Roth, Kokie and Paul Michel, Pat Widner, Daryl Johnson, Theresa Rodriguez, Ceal Barrett and Pat Hackett. A few paddlers were in tandem kayaks, some in ocean and some in sit on top kayaks, a nice mix.

From the Gulf side we paddled for 2 1/2 hours. The winds picked up and rather than go back to our put in location we headed to Garden Cove. Sharon called over to Florida Bay Outfitters, who obligingly came over to Garden Cove with their large van and brought the rental kayaks, and several paddlers back to their location, leaving a few to look after the remaining kayaks.

The afternoon was topped off with a friendly lunch at a nearby restaurant. A good time was had by all.





## ADA 2008 DIVE SCHEDULE

### April

20 North Key Largo  
26 Miami reefs

### May

4 Ft. Lauderdale reefs  
10 BNP reefs  
18 Tavernier  
24 N. Lauderdale

### June

1 BNP drift wall dive  
7 Islamorada  
14 West Palm  
22 Pennekamp  
29 S. Key Largo

### July

6 Miami wrecks  
12 Islamorada  
19 Elliott Key  
27 N. Key Largo

### August

3 Broward county  
9 Tavernier  
16 Miami wrecks  
23 S. Key Largo  
30 BNP

### September

7 Spiegel Grove wreck  
13 Islamorada  
21 Ft Lauderdale  
28 N. Key Largo

### October

5 Tavernier  
12 Elliott Key  
19 Pennekamp  
26 Tavernier

### November

2 BNP  
8 S. Key Largo  
15 N. Key Largo  
23 Elliott Key

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS SENT!!

Notices were sent to all members recently.

If you did not receive yours, please call Frank, 305 903 1113

If your notice was marked as expired and your renewal is due, please remit. Make check payable (\$35) to ADA and mail to:

Frank Young  
1115 Country club Prado  
Coral Gables, Fl. 33134

# Paddling in Lower Matacumbe

March 22, 2008

Kayak Shop MM 78.5 9:30am

Join Pat Hackett and Sharon Baron on a paddle in Lower Matacumbe and explore Lignum Vitae Key.

You don't have to be an expert kayaker to have fun on this trip. We will explore this unusual island full of some of the hardest wood in the world. It unique with lots of history and mystery.

Kayaks are available at the **Kayak Shop MM 78.5** bayside next to Robbie's Marina. Reservations call: 305-664-4878 if no one answers call 305-664-9814

Let us know if you are coming.

Pat Hackett 305-387-0015

Sharon Baron 305-775-7092

# Camping at Fisheating Creek

April 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>

Come join us in a genuine camp out at Fisheating Creek located in Palmdale off Route 27 just north of Lake Okeechobee. It has been a camping paradise for both young and old for many years. The Fisheating Creek runs through this 19,000 acres forest with canoes and kayaks available for rent dependent on the water level.

There are trees galore and many primitive campsites along the river including full RV hookups.

Most of us will arrive on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> to set up camp and spend 2 full nights under the stars. On Saturday night we are planning a gourmet buffet feast that all of us will participate in bringing our favorite dish.

You must have a reservation so call the ladies in the store to reserve your spot. Don't miss this fun event. Also don't worry about the bugs. They are minimal in this area.

7555 US Hwy 27

Palmdale, Florida 33944

863-675-5999

*Google Fisheating Creek -do your research and also go on [Fisheatingcreek.com](http://Fisheatingcreek.com) to get more of the scoop.*

*Call the camp gals for more info...yes some of us have tents to borrow.*

Sharon Baron 305-775-7092

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*Call us so we may coordinate the feast!*

*Sites sell fast so act now!!!!*

## ADA ANNOUNCES CHANGES

The Board of Directors has voted to discontinue the dive pacs for 2008 and replace those with a frequent diver program. This year, members who make five local dives will earn the sixth dive free. Fewer than five made this year can be rolled over to next year. So if you make three or four this year, when you hit the fifth next year, your sixth will be free. However, this program will expire at the end of 2009.

This is another program to reward our most active members and to say thank you.

ADA LOCAL DIVES FOR 2008 ARE \$39, boat ticket only.

Specialty dives higher, to be announced.

## 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

Boca Raton, Fl. 33432

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

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

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

## Transplant Help Needed!

In what may be the world's first successful effort to propagate and transplant native corals in the wild ADA will be assisting Ken Nedimeyer. Ken has recently completed another stage in restoring damaged parts of the coral reef and needs additional assistance.

Our task will be to transplant the promising beginnings of Staghorn forests to a section of the reef in the Keys.

Originally Nedimeyer had negotiated with the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS) to keep coral colonies that sprang up when polyps settled on his "liverock" operation. Daughter Kelly suggested using some of the corals to repopulate areas of the reef that had died due to hurricanes or other damage. Wow Ken actually admits to this.

Staghorn coral grows relatively quickly and this project looks very promising. But Ken needs help. Some of us ADA members have already volunteered. If you want to be included contact Jerry Kosakowski at 954-990-9534 or E-Mail: [GCK4061@aol.com](mailto:GCK4061@aol.com).

Check out this web site for more info: [www.sanctuaryfriends.org](http://www.sanctuaryfriends.org).



## Post Dive BBQS

Cost \$10.00 includes-

Grilled hotdogs, hamburgers, chicken, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, chips and fixins. Soda & Beer.

While divers are tending their gear, our chef of the day will be preparing a feast fit for a King/ Queen or at least for hungry divers. We invite all divers on the above dates to join us for good outdoor food and telling tall fish tales. Please send \$10 along with the dive fees, you may make one check for both.

## DIVE AND EAT FREE

That's right, on our BBQ days you can earn a free dive and free eats. It's easy, just volunteer to be the chef of the day and you go for free.

Here's how it works -

You buy the food and bring to the dive, after which you and the Safety Officer will prepare and serve. The supplies and menu list will be faxed to you a few days prior with an exact list of needed items. Then you submit a receipt and your expenses will be reimbursed. Call Lon for more info and sign up!



## 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.

## PROUDLY WEAR YOUR ADA T-SHIRT!!!

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 FOR THE BIG Free Drawing in October

## 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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