



The Mouthpiece



March 2013 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

It may be **MARCH**, but we have diving and other outdoor activities on our mind. This New Year we **resolve to bring the members of Active Divers Association an oceanful of exciting events. Sign up early for these 2013 events to ensure you get a place – several activities have limited space available.**

And if you haven't yet paid your 2013 dues, please [see instructions/specials below](#). You must be an ADA member to participate in most of the activities listed below.

IMPORTANT: 2013 ADA Membership Dues and Credit Refunds Notice

All ADA memberships expired December 31, 2012, unless you have the extended plan. **IF YOU RENEW BEFORE MARCH 31, 2013, PAY ONLY \$35. After March 31, late renewals are \$42.**

Extended Membership Option - Renew your membership by March 31, 2013, and pay only \$65 to extend your membership to December 31, 2014. After March 31, 2013, pay \$75 to extend your membership to December 31, 2014.

Credits and Refunds - If you have a 2012 credit of \$35 or more, your membership will automatically renew and you will receive a check for any balance. Call Lon at 305-251-4975 for more information.

Extended Membership Option - Renew your membership by March 31, 2013, and pay only \$65 to extend your membership to December 31, 2014. After March 31, 2013, pay \$75 to extend your membership to December 31, 2014.

Coral Restoration Foundation Volunteer Weekend, Key Largo



Saturday and Sunday, April 6&7, 2013: Join an ADA volunteer weekend, working in the Coral Restoration Foundation Labs and diving on their nurseries off Key Largo, replanting coral to help preserve this precious natural resource. The [CRF Dive Program](#) encourages divers of all ages and skill levels to get involved and take an active role in coral restoration. CRF blends classroom instruction and field diving to provide a hands-on learning experience. The weekend fee of \$200 includes CRF fees, two days of two-tank afternoon dives with [Florida Keys Dive Center](#), and accommodation (on a first-come, first-served basis) at the Tavernier home of ADA past president and board member Lee Wood. ADA will provide a complimentary breakfast both days and a free barbecue dinner party at the Wood home on Saturday night. E-mail [Connie Crowther](#) or call her at 305-710-3773 to learn more about this very special and exciting Coral Restoration Foundation weekend of diving, learning, coral replanting, and FUN. Space is very limited, so make reservations today.

19th Annual Season Kickoff Event and Volunteer Appreciation Day

Saturday, March 23, 2013: All ADA members, their families and prospective members are welcome to the ADA annual season kickoff party, featuring a BBQ dinner and the presentation of Diver of Year for 2012 and other awards. The kickoff party will be in the beautiful garden home of June Wood, 6080 Alton Road, Miami Beach, on Saturday, March 23. The event starts at 4 p.m. with a social and happy hour, followed by dinner at 5 p.m. -- Shorty's famous barbecued chicken and ribs with all the favorite side dishes, and a variety of drinks. Guest Speaker Lad Akins from the [Reef Environmental Education Foundation](#) (REEF) will make a presentation on the lionfish invasion. Free parking is available on the street in front of the Wood home. Please join us for a wonderful evening of good food and good friends. RSVP NO LATER THAN MARCH 18th. Call Lon Von Lintel at 305-251-4975, then mail a check for \$10, payable to ADA, to Lon Von Lintel / ADA, 13374 Southwest 46th Terrace, Miami FL 33175.

April-May dive schedule

4-27 Sat. pm N. Key Largo \$49, BBQ \$10
 5-5 Sun. pm Miami reef, \$49
 5-11 Sat. pm Ft. Lauderdale \$49
 5-19 Sun. pm Molasses reef \$49 BBQ \$10
 5-25 Sat. pm Hollywood \$49

Dive descriptions will begin in April's Edition.

Third Annual Scuba Skills Tune-Up Event and Membership Drive

Saturday, May 18, 2013: Help us generate awareness of ADA and encourage new members to join as we reach out to the community and provide an opportunity for scuba divers who haven't been in the water for a while to brush up on their skills in a relaxed, friendly environment. The session will be at the heated [AD Barnes Pool](#) 3401 SW 72 Ave. Miami, FL, with poolside sign-in and classroom instruction provided by ADA Safety Officers from 10 to 11 a.m., in-water skills training and instruction from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free to current paid-up ADA members; \$25 one-day-only ADA membership promotion for certified divers wishing to join ADA at the event. This offer is available to new members only. Note: This is not the official PADI scuba refresher course and participants do not receive any sort of certification for this event. Spread the word! E-mail [Rachel Davis](#) or call her at 786-316-9852 to register or for more details.



July 6-10, 2013: Be one of the 10 ADA divers on an extraordinary dive trip to U̇la, Honduras, home of large pelagic fish, myriad tropical, turtles, and the elusive whale shark. You will be escorted by ADA Safety Officers Dan and Daryl for an amazing five days and four nights at the beautiful [Deep Blue Resort](#), located on the southwestern side of U̇la Island off the coast of Honduras. You will enjoy three days of three-tank boat diving and unlimited beach diving in the pristine waters off the coast. U̇la has an extensive reef system with more than 130 buoyed sites around the island, including sheer walls and drop-offs, with amazing coral growth on top of the walls. Dolphins, manta rays and many other large pelagic creatures that inhabit the Caribbean, including of course, the largest of them all, the whale shark, make their home in U̇la.

All of these dive shops on this page and page 4 were generous contributors to our free raffle held last October. We THANK YOU!

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ADA RULES & REGULATIONS

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

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 budded 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

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.

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 insur-

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:



Jerry Kosakowski, 298 NW 83 Lane Coral Springs FL 33071-7439 You may also pay online via PayPal on the "Dive Schedule" page.



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:

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