



The Mouthpiece



April 2010 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

ADA SEASON KICKOFF and VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 17 NOON

WHO- ALL ADA MEMBERS, FAMILY AND GUESTS
WHAT- BBQ, AWARDS, SPEAKERS, FUN WATER CRAFTS
WHERE- SHAKE-A-LEG, 2620 S. BAYSHORE DR. COCONUT GROVE, FL.
(visit shakealegmiami.org)

In addition to all the fun, food, and frolic,
**ADA will honor all the hard working volunteers who have given their
time and talents to make it go in 2009. Our thanks to-**

Frank Young- Membership chair, Safety Officer
Steve Herz- Newsletter editor, Safety Officer
Dafne Martinez-Obermeier- Board, Treasurer
Dan Baeza- Board, Safety Officer, internet
Lee Wood- Board, Safety Officer
Chris Wood- Board, internet
Jerry Kosakowski- Board, PR, Conservation
Sharon Baron- Board, Secretary
Daryl Johnson- Board, Safety Officer
Robert Fox- Safety Officer
Mo Smith- Safety Officer

Peter Taylor- BBQ Chef
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Paula Wall- Newsletter Articles
Rachel Hancock- BBQ Chef
Clive Hew- Social Assistant
Helen Colby- Social Assistant
Mara Suarez- Social Assistant
Pat Hudson- Internet Facebook

BBQ \$10, provided by Shorty's BBQ, some of the best anywhere. Menu includes ribs, chicken, all the fixin's, and drinks. Will be served **promptly** at noon., if you snooze, you lose!

RSVP REQUIRED! DEADLINE APRIL 10!

Call Lon 305 251 4975, mail check or money order, payable to ADA, to
13374 SW 46 Terr.
Miami, Fl. 33175

KAYAK AND CANOE RENTALS AVAILABLE BEFORE OR AFTER PROGRAM

Coral Reef Foundation Presentation

The Coral Restoration Foundation (CRF) located in Tavernier was created under the leadership of Ken Nedimyer to develop coral nurseries and restoration programs for critically endangered Acroporid corals at the local, national and international levels. In 2008, a large group of ADA members worked with CRF on one of their coral nurseries and our distinctive red t-shirts feature in one of the photos on the CRF website.

Katie Grablow, Marine Science Director of the CRF will speak at the ADA season kick-off meeting on Saturday, April 17. She will provide an update on the work of the CRF in Florida and elsewhere, including a report on the project on which ADA members worked two years ago. Katie is a native Floridian and is passionate about conserving and protecting our coral reef ecosystems. She graduated with a Bachelor of Biological Science in 2006 and Master of Biological Science in 2008 from the University of Central Florida. (See our coral on page 4)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICES SENT

Notices were sent in March for 2010 membership renewals. All memberships expire Dec. 31 of each year. If you did not receive your notice, there may be an address problem, please call Frank, 305 903 1113, or Lon, 305 251 4975.

**Are you on Facebook? Join the ADA page here:
<http://www.facebook.com/ActiveDivers>
We can post your photos and share dive stories!**

ADA Now Offers Free Dives

June 13 July 11 Aug. 14

This year ADA will be having some free dives. Sounds great? It is for those of us who like beach diving. Count me in because it is my favorite. It offers convenience, long dive times, multiple dives and a lot of exercise. They were usually held in the morning but this year the late afternoon/early evening will be offered. The times and places will be determined at the beginning of the dive scheduled week.

Some of the locations will be John Lloyd Park, Ero Jacks (dive boats drop you at this one), Glenn's Reef, The Boulders, The Golden Brick Road, 8th St. (we can also make the Copenhagen from here, again dive boats go here) Delray Wreck and Embassy Suites. See the adventures. For more information or suggestions please call me at 954-990-9534.

Jerry Kosakowski

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!



IMPORTANT CHANGE !!

Effective May 1

Send payments (checks or money orders payable to ADA) for dives and other events to:

**Jerry Kosakowski
8221 N.W. 8 Pl.
Plantation Fl. 33324**

ADA KEEPING DIVE COSTS DOWN

1. We do not plan to raise our local dive prices this year.
2. We are offering free beach dives this year in the metro area. No need to drive long distances to dives.
3. Our prices are still the lowest in town.

Examples:

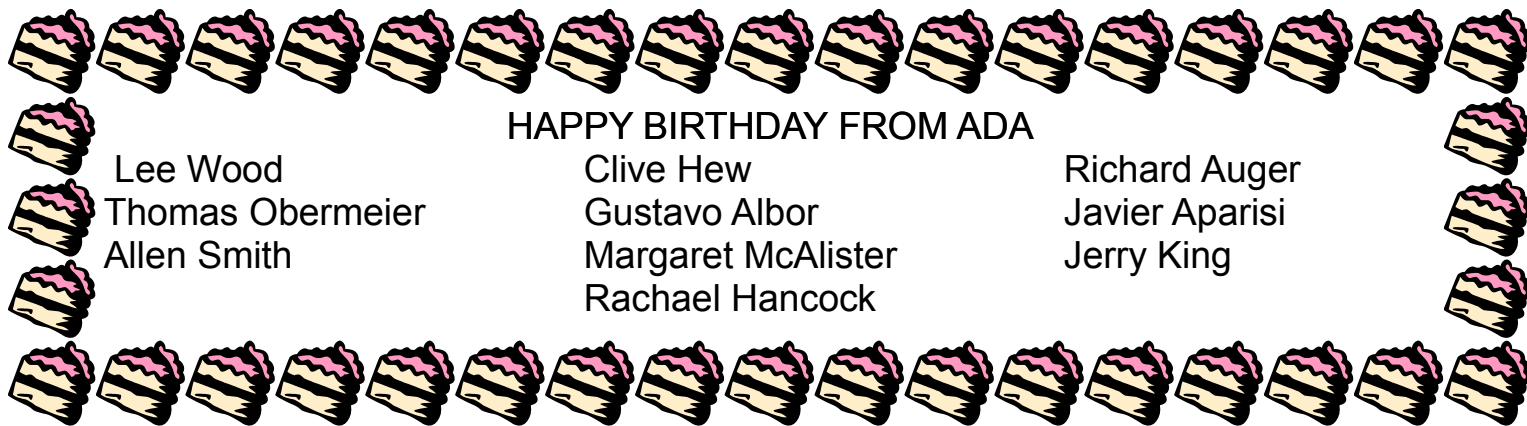
Dive shop A- walk in divers \$99

Our price same shop \$59

Dive shop B- walk in divers \$80

Our price same shop \$49

4. Free dives and free food. See article this issue for details.
5. We are offering a frequent-diver discount. Pay for any 5 local dives and get the 6th FREE.
You can't beat that with a stick.



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.



Before and after. Coral replanted by an ADA member, July 2008 and March 2010

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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