



The Mouthpiece



April 2013 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

19th ANNUAL KICKOFF REPORT

This is our annual kickoff and volunteer appreciation day. The preceding rains vanished and the sky was blue. We honored those who offer their time and talents to make it all happen for you, our members. After meeting and greeting, Shorty's BBQ was enjoyed by all. Lad Akins from REEF wowed us with pics and info about our local u/w reefs.

Then we announced the honorees-

CAROL COX

DARYL JOHNSON

CHRIS WOOD

BARBARA FOX

ROGER BACH

RACHEL DAVIS

LON VON LINTEL

MO SMITH

LEE WOOD

JERRY KOSAKOWSKI

HELEN COLBY

JUNE WOOD

DR. DAN BAEZA

STEVE HERZ

ROBERT FOX

AND THE DIVER OF THE YEAR WENT TO CAROL COX!!!

A wonderful day enjoyed by all.



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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](mailto:Rachel.Davis@ada.org) 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 Utila, 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 Utila 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. Utila 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 Utila.



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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April/May dive schedule

4-27 Sat. pm N. Key Largo \$49 BBQ \$10
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 tropicals, morays, cudas.

5- 5 Sun pm Miami reef \$49
What a great place to dive. Reefs galore. Get out the cameras and send the newsletter editor some pics.

5-11 Sat. pm Ft. Lauderdale \$49
Nice and easy does it. Many reefs to choose from. Great reefs and terrific picture taking opportunities.

5-19 Sun. pm Molasses reef \$49 BBQ \$10
A favorite among the easy does it set. Beautiful reef, plenty of fish, and a great place to stretch the scuba legs. Come for the dive and stay for the great BBQ food.

5-25 Sat. pm Hollywood reef \$49
Bring along your camera, I heard the fish like to smile and pose for you. So do some of our ADA divers. It's fun and a great way to spend that warm May day, underwater without a care in the world.

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.

S-A-F-E D-I-V-E

If you've been diving for a while, or if you've just learned how to dive, there's a lot to learn — and remember — about diving. You can start by remembering that each dive should be a SAFE DIVE, directly related to:

- Self-reliance
- Attitude
- Fitness
- Experience
- Diving skills
- Involvement
- Variety
- Equipment



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.

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.

For Now, all ADA dives in 2012 will remain \$49. **Boat Ticket only!** Except the BNP dives which are \$59.

These prices may be changed without notice.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ADA



April

Lee Wood

Clive Hew

Richard Auger

Thomas Obermeier

Gustavo Albor

Javier Aparisi

Allen Smith

Margaret McAlister

Jerry King

Rachael Hancock

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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