



The Mouthpiece



May 2011 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

ROGER BACH DIVER OF THE YEAR 2010

ADA's Kickoff Event and Annual Volunteer Appreciate Day was hosted at the beautiful home of June Wood, Miami Beach, March 26, 2011. Our volunteers were honored and presented a small token of our appreciation and thanks. Then Roger accepted his award for most dives with ADA

Special thanks to Lee Wood, who spent hours setting up the tropical splendor which wowed all attendees. June Wood was presented an ADA volunteer thank you as well for hosting this event. Also thanks to Connie Crowther and Sharon Baron for supplying drinks and Roger Bach for supplying a great shade canopy.

Pamela Sweeney, from the FDEP, presented a power point overview of events and efforts to improve and prevent damage to our eco system.

Thanks Pam.



ADA SCUBA SKILLS TUNE-UP EVENT

Calling all ADA Members! Save the date for Saturday, May 14th for the ADA Scuba Skills Tune-up Event.

This exciting event will generate awareness of ADA and encourage new members to join. ADA will reach out to the community and provide an opportunity for lapsed scuba divers to brush up on their skills in a relaxed, friendly environment. It will also provide an opportunity for prospective ADA members to meet and get acquainted with the membership, learn about our dive trips and join ADA!

Date: Saturday, May 14th, 10am to 2pm

**To RSVP: Call 305-445-5545
or register & pay online, actedivers.org**

Location: Tamiami Park Pool, 11201 Southwest 24th Street, Miami, FL 33165-2229

Price: Free to current paid-up ADA members; \$25.00 one-day only membership promotion for certified divers wishing to join ADA at the event – offer available to new members only.

Events and Activities: Ongoing Scuba Tune-Up Clinics taught by Safety Officers and PADI-certified scuba instructors. Clinic topics include re-familiarization and assembly of scuba equipment, proper use of equipment, and refresh on the typical pool skills with scuba equipment taught in the Open Water course. Also covered will be safety topics, equipment, dive planning, underwater environment, computer use, etc. Note: This is not the official PADI scuba refresher course and participants do not receive any sort of certification for this event.

Potluck Lunch: Poolside – bring a dish to share.

Volunteers Needed: If you would like to volunteer for the registration table, lunch setup, clean-up, or clinic instruction, please contact Rachel at rachelhancock7@gmail.com or call 786-316-9852.

Shark's Lionfish Lunch

Photograph courtesy Antonio Busiello

Seemingly striking a blow for ecological balance, a Caribbean reef shark chomps on an invasive the clear waters of [Roatan Marine Park](#) off the coast of [Honduras](#).



Working with park officials, local divers are attempting to alien reef species, which are native to the Pacific and Indian Oceans. With no natural predators, lionfish populations have exploded throughout the waters of the Caribbean and U.S. Southeast since their accidental introduction by aquarium hobbyists a decade ago.

In Honduras "local dive masters familiar with the sharks decided to try to turn them on to eating invasive lionfish," said photographer [Antonio Busiello](#), who recently snapped images of the efforts during three months of diving on the site. "If these predators start to see lionfish as prey, eventually, in time the lionfish may be kept under control as a part of the ecosystem. That was the idea."

—*Brian Handwerk*

ADA KAYAK ADVENTURE!

Sunday, June 12

Join us for a change of pace and enjoy the Florida waters from topside.

Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Robbie's of Islamorada,, Mile Marker 77.5

Single kayak - \$40/Double kayak - \$55 for 4 hours.

Send your check to: Jerry Kosakowski ,8221 NW 8 Place Plantation, FI 33324

Cancellations accepted until June 5.

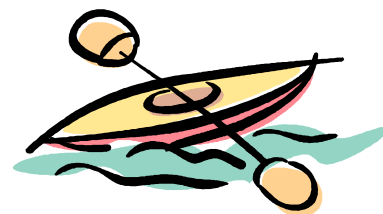
We will kayak from Robbie's to Indian Key (ocean side) or Lignumvitae Key (bay side), depending on conditions.

Indian Key -In 1836, Indian Key became the first county seat for Dade County. At that time, this tiny island was the site of a lucrative business-salvaging cargo from shipwrecks in the Florida Keys. Accessible only by boat, visitors come here to swim, sunbathe, and hike.

Lignumvitae Key - The virgin tropical hardwood hammock that thrives on this island was once common on most of Florida's Upper Keys; most of these forests have been lost to development on other islands. In 1919, William J. Matheson, a wealthy Miami chemist, bought this tiny island and built a caretaker's home with a windmill for electricity and a cistern for rainwater. Today, his hideaway is the visitor center for this island forest.

Bring snorkel gear.

ADA will provide a picnic lunch.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Send checks and money orders for activity payments, payable to ADA, to:

Jerry Kosakowski
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- 5-7 Sat. pm N. Key largo \$49
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
- 5-15 Sun. pm Ft. Lauderdale reef \$49
Many sites to choose from, we'll pick some great ones for you.
- 5-21 Sat. pm S. Key Largo \$49, BBQ \$10, chef wanted
Sites include: Molasses, Spanish Anchor, Hole-in-wall, French, Pickles. Average depth 35-40', average visibility 50-70', expect currents and high voltage action. High profile corals.
- 5-28 Sat. am BNP \$59 Sites may
include: Rocky Reef, Elkhorn Forest, Ball Buoy, Far Out Reef, Cuda Ledge. Usually no currents, massive corals, small caves. The Keys "Best Kept Secret", only one commercial boat allowed in area. Depth 20-30', vis. 30-60'.

June

- 6-5 Sun. pm West Palm (*Advanced*) \$49
Drift Dive in swift currents, giant turtles, grouper, schooling fish and outstanding color. Depth 80-100', visibility 40-100'. Many wreck/reef sites to choose. See advanced criterion this issue.
- 6-11 Sat. am N. Key Largo \$49
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, and cudas.
- 6-18 Sat. pm Miami Wreck (*Advanced*) \$49
Choice of more than 40 wrecks. Some unlike anywhere else: Jet airliner, M-60 Tanks, Tankers, Freighters, Tugs, Barges. Most are intact with penetration possible. Average depth 90', visibility 40-50'. Expect currents and dramatic profiles, many fish. See advanced criterion this issue.
- 6-25 Sat. pm Tavernier BBQ \$10 (Chef Wanted) \$49 Sites may
include: Conch Reef, Davis Ledge, Hens & Chickens, Little Conch, Capt. Tom's Ledge, 40' Ledge, Fish Trap, Horseshoe. Average depth 30', average visibility 40-60', many morays, schooling tropicals, unusual pillar corals
- 6-25 Sat. pm Tavernier Night Dive \$49
For those who have never done a night dive, this is a great way to experience a unique new adventure. The night dive will be only 20 to 30 ft on a popular reef with lots of night critters. We'll even teach you how.

ADA International trip in the Planning!!!

Final details are still coming in, but the ADA trip to Tobago, WI is planned for August 11-15th, 2011 at the Blue Waters Inn (<http://www.bluewatersinn.com/>). The trip will include five days, four nights, three days of diving, two dives per day, airport transfers, continental breakfast included and a welcome drink. Afternoon dives can be added for approximately \$40 each. Approximate price is \$550 plus airfare, which is currently around \$350 on American/Caribbean airlines. 12 lucky divers will get to go and an ADA Safety officer will coordinate the trip for the club. Send in your \$100 deposit now to ADA and reserve your spot with final payment due to Carradonna travel on June 12, 2011.

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.

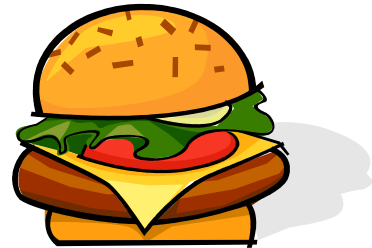
Reuse- plastic bags, boxes, paper, bottles, cans, containers and donate items.

Recycle- plastics of all types, paper, cardboard, glass, metals, if you can't reuse them.

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 2011 will remain \$49. **Boat Ticket only!** Except the BNP dives which are \$59.

These prices may be changed without notice.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ADA



Lee Wood

Thomas Obermeier

Allen Smith

Clive Hew

Gustavo Albor

Margaret McAlister

Rachel Hancock

Richard Auger

Javier Aparisi

Jerry King

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 , 8221 N.W. 8th Pl. Plantation, FL 33324



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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