



The Mouthpiece



June 20 13 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

ADA SCUBA REFRESHER EVENT 2013

May 18, Rockway Pool, Miami, Fl.

Students and staff began arriving 8:30 am, by 9 all registration, paper work, outlines, and materials were distributed and completed. Demonstrations by 5 different staff members, followed by in-water skills reviews completed our day of prep for open water fun later this year. After a thorough workout, everyone enjoyed pool-side lunch, compliments of ADA.

ADA welcomes our newest members-

David Ardelean
Jorge Yohay
Alena Ciccones
Mikel Amedo
Tara Greenberg
Dr. Kruger Grey
Leon Canton

And hello again to our members who attended-

David Goldberg
Mauricio Neret
Gladys Romero
Eric Gravel
Joy Dequine
John Davis

A big thanks to our staff -

Rachel Davis, Curriculum Coordinator, Safety Officer
Connie Crowther, Special Events Director
Daryl Johnson, Safety Officer
Dr. Dan Baeza, Safety Officer
Lee Wood, Safety Officer
Mo Smith, Safety Officer
Lon Von Lintel, Safety Officer



ROY WASSON

NEW ADA DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Roy is passionate about saving our corals. He has attended both our coral restoration programs this past few years. His background is a good fit for this position.

He is founder of the Renewable Energy Fund, a lawyer specializing in Appellate Practice,

founding president of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America, has a BA in broadcasting and is an Advanced Open Water diver since 1978.

With all these activities on his plate, he still wants to make a difference for our u/w world.



BUT HE NEEDS YOUR HELP !

If you want to join Roy and make a difference, give back something to promote conservation, and want to be part of something bigger, call Roy [305 372 5220](tel:3053725220)



You are invited to join

OUR FLORIDA REEFS

A community planning process for our reefs For either of two identical meetings
2-4 pm and 6-8 pm Refreshments served.

FREE

Wed. June 19

Nova, 8000 N. Ocean Drive, Dania Beach

Tue. June 25

N. Dade Regional Library

2455 NW 183 st. Miami

Wed. June 26

S. Dade Library

10750 SW 211 st. Miami

for more info go to www.OurFloridaReefs.org

ADA T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

Just call Lon, and order size, (s-xx large) he will bring your shirt to the next event/dive you attend.

All sizes \$10

[305 251 4975](tel:3052514975)

Sunny and Warm....and Flat Seas

ADA dive May 5

ADA had the best weather so far for the 2nd week of the 2013 dive schedule. We met at Divers Paradise on Key Biscayne for what started out as a cool overcast morning but by the time we boarded the boat, the weather was sunny and warm! We headed out to Emerald Reef for our first dive (since there were snorkelers on the boat). Unfortunately, the viz wasn't all that great but there was very little current which made for a nice, easy dive. We didn't locate the resident green moray The lionfish that had been there the last two times we'd been at Emerald was also a no show, which is just as well. We then had a nice easy move to what the dive master called 'No Name Reef'. The seas were flat calm three miles off Key Biscayne. We did a north-south dive on this reef, lots of schools of fish, saw three Tigertails, Queen conch and a variety of other sea life as the viz. was much better on this reef...I'd say about 50 feet. We all agreed that the flat seas and warm sunshine made the day for a great ride back in, where we checked out the wreck of the Half Moon, a sunken schooner just off the Bear Cut bridge. We might have snorkeled it since we had time but the water was pretty green so we passed it up for another time. Everyone agreed that the weather couldn't have been better.

Carol Cox



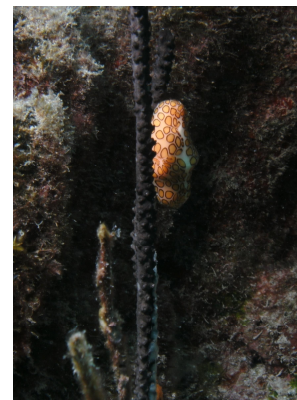
ADA's 2013 Dive Season: The Pool Is Open!

ADA kicked off the 2013 dive season with 8 eager divers at Atlantis Dive Center in Key Largo.

Although the weather was predicted to be windy and the seas choppy, it was a beautiful day with minimal wind and fairly smooth seas at Key Largo Dry Rocks and North Dry Rocks. The water was a refreshing 81 degrees and the viz....what a treat!

We dove the Christ of the Abyss statue in clear water with lots of sunshine above After a short move to North Dry Rocks, we dove the Minnow Caves – no minnows yet but lots of jacks and a scrawled filefish guarding the entrance. There was some surge at Minnow Caves but nothing that took a lot of extra effort. The 2013 dive season has officially begun!

Carol Cox



Diver's Delight – May 19, Florida Keys Dive Center

ADA had another warm, sunny day of diving at Florida Keys Dive Center in Tavernier on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. We headed out on the Big Dipper dive boat to Molasses Reef where the current was strong but not ripping but it wasn't slack either. Still, we had a great dive going through the sand channels to each coral formation. Several lucky divers spotted a Caribbean reef shark cruising the area, others saw a southern sting ray and, just as I handed my camera up to the divemaster at the end of the dive, a spotted eagle ray swam just past the stern of the boat. By unanimous consent, we then moved to Snapper Ledge, a favorite ADA dive location. As usual, the schoolsof yellow tails, grunts and snappers were abundant as well as many trumpettfish hanging vertical, trying to blend in with the plant life. There wasn't a lick of current and the sun was shining brightly above....another perfect day in dive paradise. We ended the day with one of the famous ADA Bar B Que's where everyone ate their fill and then some. I was the chef and got to dive free but I love cooking for my fellow divers. A great ending to a great day of diving!

Carol Cox



The Scuba Center

Lee Pickens
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June Dive Schedule

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| 6-2 Sun pm | W. Palm (<i>Advanced</i>) | \$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. <i>See advanced criterion this issue.</i> | | |
| 6-8 Sat pm | Islamorada | \$49 |
| Just 4 miles past Tavernier, sites may include: Hammerhead, The Canyon, El Infante, Crocker, No Name, The Valley Aquarium, Alligator. Average depth 30-40', visibility 40-50'. Some current, many fish, shallow wrecks. | | |
| 6-15 Sat pm | N. BNP | \$49 |
| Shallow reefs, depth 20-30 feet, little current, some wrecks Sites include Ledbury, Fowey, Star, No name reef. | | |
| 6-23 Sun pm | USS Eagle (<i>Advanced</i>) | \$49 BBQ \$10 |
| The EAGLE, named for its donor, The Eagle Tire Company, is a huge freighter, lying on it's side in about 115' of water. Two green morays call it home, as do tarpon and barracudas. We call it a great dive! See advanced criterion this issue. | | |
| 6-29 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 | | |

June Dive Schedule

- June 2, 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.
- June 8, Sat. pm Islamorada \$49
Just 4 miles past Tavernier, sites may include: Hammerhead, The Canyon, El Infante, Crocker, No Name, The Valley
Aquarium, Alligator. Average depth 30-40', visibility 40-50'. Some current, many fish, shallow wrecks.
- June 15, Sat. pm N. BNP \$49
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". Depth 20-30', vis. 30' – 60'.
- June 23, Sun. pm Eagle wreck (*Advanced*) \$49 bbq \$10
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- June 29, 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.

July Dive Schedule

- July 7 Sun. pm Pompano (*Advanced*) \$49
What a great place to dive. Reefs galore. Get out the cameras and send the newsletter editor some pics. See advanced
criterion this issue.
- July 13 Sat. pm Pennekamp \$49
Sites may include: The Christ of the Abyss, Molasses, French Reef, The Benwood Wreck, City of Washington Wreck.
Average depth 30', usually no current. Average visibility is 30-50' with many tropicals, morays, cudas.
- July 13 Sat. nite dive Pennekamp \$49
What a great way to see the reef! The reefs take on a whole new perspective at night. Never done a Night Dive? Come
on, we'll teach you! Bring a flashlight and let's go diving.
- July 21 Sun. pm N. BNP \$49
Shallow reefs, depth 20-30 feet, little current, some wrecks Sites include Ledbury, Fowey, Star, No name reef.
- July 27 Sat. pm Islamorada \$49
Just 4 miles past Tavernier, sites may include: Hammerhead, The Canyon, El Infante, Crocker, No Name, The Valley
Aquarium, Alligator. Average depth 30-40', visibility 40-50'. Some current, many fish, shallow wrecks.



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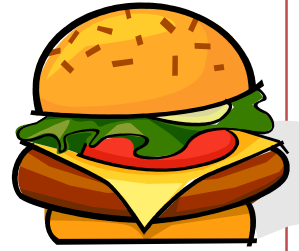


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Post Dive BBQS

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 2013 will remain \$49. **Boat Ticket only!**

These prices may be changed without notice.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ADA



June

Michelle Lucking

Christopher Lucking

Connie Crowther

Jorge Gonzalez

Vickie Ramirez

Robert Jones

Mauricio Smith

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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