

ADA Announces Fall 2006 Bahamas Dive Trip

That's right- 10 lucky divers will be going to dive at Stuart Cove's (<http://www.stuartcove.com/>) in Nassau this fall. The dates are November 9-13, 2006 and it includes the following:

Five days/ four nights at the Wyndham Nassau Resort and Casino (<http://www.wyndham.com/hotels/NASBS/main.wnt>) -This beachfront casino resort has 850 rooms, 124 of which are one-bedroom suites. Non-smoking rooms and handicap accessible rooms are available.

Three days of two tank morning dives and one afternoon two tank **Shark Adventure** (<http://www.dive-bahamas.com/pages/diving/shark-adventure.html>), for a total of eight dives. You can add additional dives (at an extra cost) or simply enjoy the rest of your free time enjoying Nassau.

Round Trip airport transfers to the hotel. Hotel pickup and drop off by Stuart Cove's on dive days.

The trip does not include meals or airfare- This gives you the flexibility to either shop for discounts (fares average \$220 round trip from Miami/Fort Lauderdale, sometimes steeply discounted) or use frequent flier miles on your favorite airline.

The total cost is only \$639 !!!! To secure this low price the club has to act quickly, so **WE MUST RECEIVE A \$100 DEPOSIT FROM EACH DIVER BY JULY 15, 2006.** Once the trip is booked by the club, the \$100 deposit is **non-refundable**. Final payment of \$539 will be due August 31, 2006.

Add- Refunds/cancellations

Deposits are non-refundable if ADA books the trip. All other monies are non-refundable after Sept. 1.

Call Daryl Johnson and send your \$100 check to Active Divers Association, 13374 SW 46 Terrace, Miami, FL 33175 right away to secure your spot on this fabulous trip! If you need any additional information, call Daryl at 954-591-1161.





The Mouthpiece



July 2006 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

July

July 2 Sun am Elliott Key (*Advanced*)

Sites - The Wall, Anniversary, Rocky Reef, Elkhorn Forest, Cuda Ledge, Ball Buoy, Doc DeMilly. Expect currents, usually we drift dive the deep reefs. Depths 70-110', average visibility 40-80'. Only one commercial dive boat allowed in area. **See advanced criterion this issue**

July 8 Sat. pm N. Key Largo BBQ \$7

Sites may include 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, moreys, cudas.

July 8 Sat. Night dive! Minnow Caves

See page 3 for details.

July 16 Sun pm Miami Beginners Wreck Dive

See page 4 for details.

July 22 Sat pm Tavernier

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 moreys, schooling tropicals, unusual pillar corals.

July 29 Sat am BNP

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'.

August

Aug 6 Sun pm W. Palm Beach (*Advanced*)

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**

Aug 12 Sat. pm N. Key Largo Sites may include the

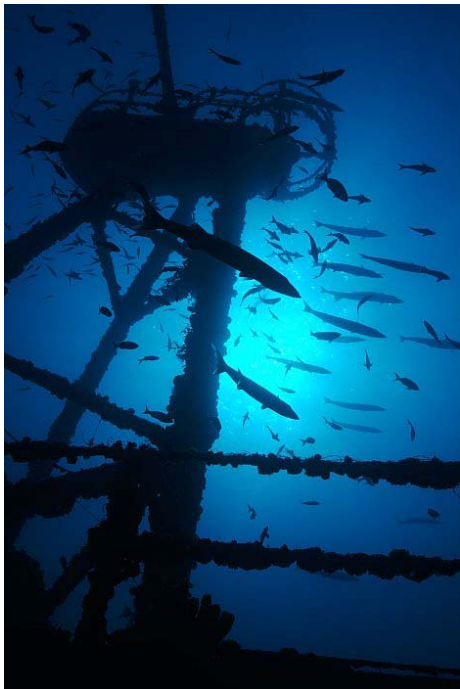
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Aug 19 Sat. pm Duane and Eagle BBQ \$7

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Aug 26 Sat. pm Islamorada

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.



Duane's Radar Mast

THE DUANE AND EAGLE WRECKS Plus Night Dive!

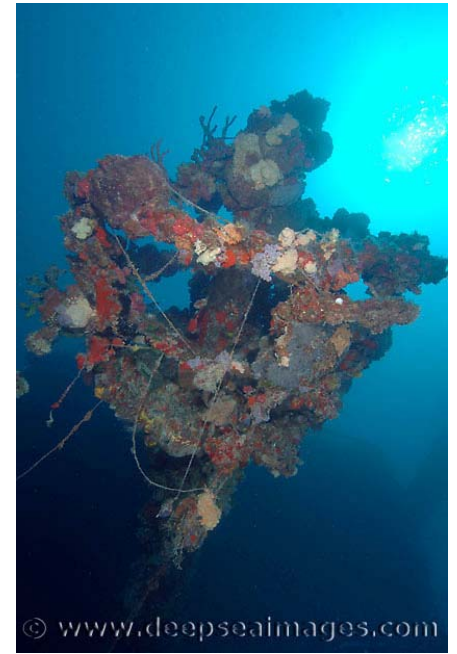
AUG. 19 ADVANCED DIVES

We will dive two of the most exciting wrecks in all of S. Florida!!
IN THE SAME DAY THEN
EAT AND GO FOR A NIGHT DIVE!

Yes, 2 DIVES and then a BBQ.
So you may pay \$50 or use two of your dive pac dives. BBQ (\$7) immediately after the dive. Check in time is noon.

Because of ADA Safety Officer requirements, space is limited, as on all advanced ADA dives.

Call Lon today.



Eagle's Crows Nest

N. Key Largo-BBQ-Night dive!

July 8

All three in one day! We will tour the reefs by day, two tanks, then shower and enjoy the BBQ right next to the docks, and then re-board for a one tank night dive in the famous Minnow caves. This trip was planned in July to take advantage of the highest concentrations of minnows seen all year.

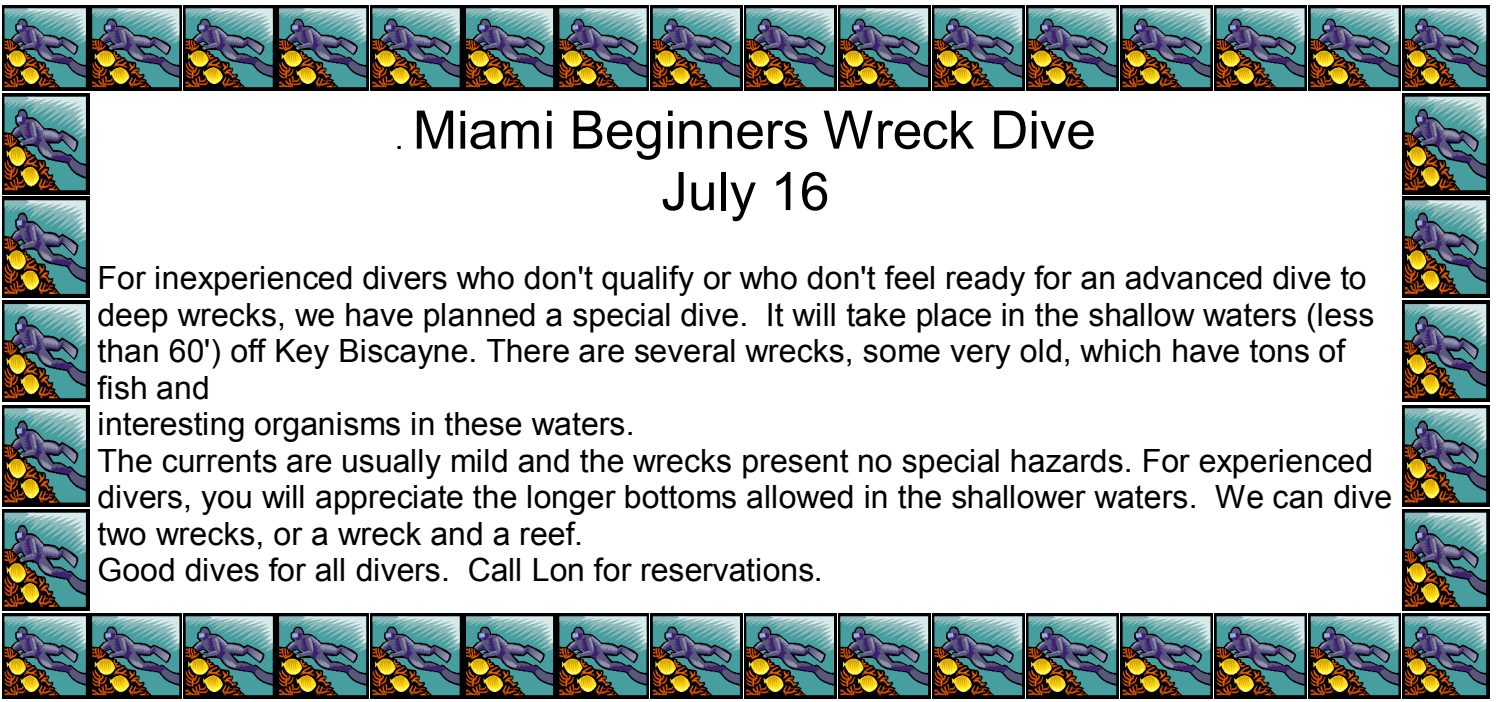
Costs-
Day dive \$35, dive pacs may be used
Night dive \$35, dive pacs may be used
BBQ \$7



Keys Travel Delays 15-30 minutes.

Due to a large construction project on US 1, between Homestead and Key Largo, travel times to all sites in the Keys will be longer than usual. Plan to depart home earlier to avoid arriving late. Remember, divers must attend the briefing to be eligible to dive. Arriving late stresses everyone and detracts from your dive experience and enjoyment.





Miami Beginners Wreck Dive July 16

For inexperienced divers who don't qualify or who don't feel ready for an advanced dive to deep wrecks, we have planned a special dive. It will take place in the shallow waters (less than 60') off Key Biscayne. There are several wrecks, some very old, which have tons of fish and

interesting organisms in these waters.

The currents are usually mild and the wrecks present no special hazards. For experienced divers, you will appreciate the longer bottoms allowed in the shallower waters. We can dive two wrecks, or a wreck and a reef.

Good dives for all divers. Call Lon for reservations.

PROBLEMS CALLING LON?

Due to phone logistics at my end, some members have had difficulties calling me.

I have not been avoiding you, but having only one line to handle ADA calls and the internet hookup, has made it problematic.

I am usually on line during the day, sending e mails, responding to your inquires, and researching new dive ideas.

Sometimes my fax is inadvertently left on, and you will get a fax signal. That is my fault, I will try to remember to turn it off. If the phone rings and rings, with no message, it means I am on line, try later.

THE BEST TIME TO CALL ME IS 6-10 pm, Mon thru Fri.

Of course, CALL FOR WEATHER CHECKS at times indicated on page 7 of the newsletter under "Important Weather Information".

Also, for various reasons, I do not usually take reservations by e mail.

Please call at the times indicated above.

Thanks and sorry for the inconvenience.....

Lon

E MAIL SPECIAL UPDATES

Sometimes last minute good deals, unique dives, and special events pop up before we can publish in the ADA newsletter. If you would like to be informed and in the loop, send me your e mail address and I will give you the latest info.

SEND YOUR E MAIL ADDRESS TO:

INFO@ACTIVEDIVERS.ORG

Thanks

Lon



ADA DIVE PACS 2006

Many of our members took advantage of the convenience and big savings of purchasing dive pacs last year. ADA is again offering dive pacs for this year.

Prices-

5 local dives for \$145 (that's \$29 per dive, a savings of \$30)

15 local dives for \$375 (that's \$25 per dive, a savings of \$150)

Advantages-

- 1. You write only one check !
- 2. You mail only one check !
- 3. You save \$\$\$!!!!!

All dive pacs are non-refundable, non-transferable and must be used in 2006. Insurance may be purchased.

All single-purchase local dives are \$35, unless otherwise noted. All prices are for boat tickets only.

Rentals, air fills, etc. are extra, prices set by each individual service agent.



To see a great new gallery created by Nic Boyd and Chris Wood, go to www.activedivers.org and click on gallery.

Photos by Amaury Cruz, Dan Baeza, Nick Boyd, and others.

Post Dive BBQS
 Cost \$7.00 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 to join us for good outdoor food and telling tall fish tales. Please send \$7 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 FREE RAFFLE 2006

Prizes to be awarded:

First prize- one dive 5 pac for 2006

Second prizes- ten single dives

Miami University Football Tickets (donated by Roy Wasson)

Third prizes- your choice in the grab box until all items gone.

How to earn raffle tickets:

1 ticket for attending any ADA function.

1 ticket for proudly wearing ADA T-shirt.

5 tickets for winning the mini-raffles.

10 tickets for being the BBQ chef.

20 TICKETS, THAT IS RIGHT, TWENTY FOR SIGNING UP A NEW MEMBER!!!

PHOTOS WANTED!!!

Want to see your name in lights? Want to be the star of the show? Want to be rich and famous? Well....we can't promise that, but if you are a photographer we welcome your photos of your u/w adventures AND top-side shots of ADA and members at any and all ADA activities. We will publish your shots in our monthly newsletter THE MOUTHPIECE on a space available basis. "Please send electronic (one meg or less) or film (with self addressed envelope if you want them returned) pics of this year's dive/ activities to:

Nic Boyd

One S. Ocean Blvd # 204

Boca Raton, Fl. 33432

or email to: nboyd@oceanlandinc.com

Include your name and names of other people, if you know them, and location."

Send your photos, taken any time any where, to Nic. We will post, space permitting. See newsletter for instructions on how to send.

BISCAYNE NATIONAL PARK REQUIRES SAFETY SAUSAGES

Effective June 1, 2005, all divers are required to carry safety sausages (SS) during the dive at BNP. For those not familiar with this device, it is an inflatable tube from 3' to 8' long, colored a bright red, yellow or green. Its purpose is to make divers more visible on the surface. In the case of drift dives, the diver waits on the surface to be picked up by the boat. In heavy seas, a diver far from the boat needs to be visible and the best way is a SS. Without it a diver might not be able to attract the attention of the boat. Most dive shops carry several lengths and colors of SS. . From our experience, the longer, the better. I recommend 5' or more and yellow seems to be the best color. Most have a valve on the end, which contains the air and is an advantage, but must be inflated by mouth, a possible disadvantage. Some are open on the end and can be inflated by purging the regulator in the opening, an advantage, but must be sealed by grasping with a hand, a disadvantage.

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.

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 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

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:
Lon Von Lintel, 13374 SW 46th Terrace Miami, FL 33175
6. Itemize dates of dives on bottom-left corner of check.
7. Do not pay for persons other than spouses or other family members. Include their names on check.
8. REMEMBER: That family members must have completed individual documentation to register as ADA members.



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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.