



# The Mouthpiece



August 2007 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## August Dive Schedule

Aug 4 PM Miami Wreck  
Lot's of wrecks to see. Come with us and experience diving in our own back yard.

Aug 12 PM S. Key Largo  
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.

Aug 18 PM Ft. Lauderdale  
Double your pleasure with the best of both worlds! A reef followed by a wreck. A plethora of flora and fauna, just waiting to be explored.

Aug 18 Night Ft Lauderdale  
Had fun during the day? Double your fun and see it at night. We'll even give you a class on how to do it.

Aug 25 PM Spiegel Grove (*ADVANCED*) **BBQ \$10**  
The Biggest Wreck around here. You have to see it to believe it. It takes a lot more than one or two dives to really see it. Join us for a great adventure.

## September Dive Schedule

Sept. 2 Am BNP (*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.**

Sept. 9 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.

Sept. 16 Pm Duanne/Eagle (*Advanced*) \$50  
Our favorite Coast Guard Cutter, upright in over 100 feet of blue water. It DOES count even when you don't touch bottom! OUR LIMIT 100 feet and the Eagle too!!!

Sept. 22 Pm N. Key Largo  
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, moreys, cudas.

Sept. 22 N. Key Largo Night Dive \$50  
Same as above but at night. You never have done a night dive, now is the time. We'll even show you how.

Sept. 30 Am Elliott Key (*Advanced*) **BBQ \$10**  
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'. **See advanced criterion this issue. BBQ after dive, see article this issue.**

## ADA ASSISTS DIVEHEART

Diveheart is a non profit organization dedicated to training disabled persons to SCUBA and snorkel. Based in Chicago, they brought several disabled teens to Key Largo June 23-28 for pool training and open water dives. The teens' disabilities included paraplegic, amputee, trauma brain injury, Turrets syndrome and hip dysplasia. Connie Crowther and Sharon Baron helped in the pool. Connie, Roy Wasson and Lon Von Lintel offered support for the open water dives at the Elbow and Christ Statue. It was a moving experience for all of us. Connie said it best when she exclaimed, "I was smiling so big I could hardly keep the regulator in my mouth and tears came to my eyes as I watched....." Sue Cocking, writer for the Miami Herald, was also on board and will publish an article sometime in July. We will watch for it and let you know when it has appeared. With this hands-on experience, ADA will be one step ahead when we finalize plans to offer our own local disabled teens training and diving. Watch for details in the near future.



Red shirts, left to right, Roy Wasson, Miami Herald writer Sue Cocking, Pat Hanley, Connie Crowther



Malarie on the bottom using hand fins



left, paraplegic student Malarie. right, Sue



Sue post dive interviews another student



Malarie helped aboard

## AUGUST 12 NEW MEMBERS DIVE!

We invite all new members to join us on this special day set aside just for you. South Key Largo is a perfect place to meet some of our regulars and make new friends. The dives will be shallow, warm and easy. Just right for your first time with us.

### THE FIRST TWO NEW MEMBERS WHO SIGN UP WILL RECEIVE A FREE PHOTO JOURNAL

This handsome book is a combination dive log and memories keeper. Call Lon to be first and claim your prize. 305 251 4975

## 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](mailto: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.



### 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!



### 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.





# ADA FREE RAFFLE 2007

Prizes to be awarded:

First prize- one dive 5 pac for 2008

Second prizes- ten single dives

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

**How to earn raffle tickets:**

- 1 ticket for attending any ADA function.
- 5 ticket for proudly wearing ADA T-shirt.
- 5 tickets for winning the mini-raftles.
- 10 tickets for being the BBQ chef.

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



## ADA DIVE PACS 2007

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

Single purchase two tank local dives \$39

5 pacs-5 local two tank dives for \$165

Prices are for boat tickets only.

You may purchase a pac and later decide which dives you wish to reserve.

Specialty dives are at higher prices, will be announced.

**ALL DIVE PACS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE,  
NON-TRANSFERABLE AND MUST BE USED IN 2007**



## Photo Gallery

To see a great new gallery created by Nic Boyd and Chris Wood, go to [www.activedivers.org](http://www.activedivers.org) and click on gallery.

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

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

Good job guys!!



## 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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