



The Mouthpiece



Sept. 2006 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

September

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Sept 9 Sat am Looe Key (*Advanced*)
see page 6

Sept 10 Sun 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 17 Sun pm Lost city adv.
See page 6 for details.

Sept 23 Sat pm Boca Raton.

Giant Jew fish, stingray and eel feed. Professional guide attracts and hand feeds a variety of big animals as we watch at a safe distance. Depth 70', visibility 40-60', strong currents .

October

Oct 1 Sun pm N. Key Largo

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.

Oct 7 Sat am FREE DIVE FREE RAFFLE FREE BBQ

See Page 3 for details. Must call for reservations before OCT 5.

Oct 8 Sun am Biscayne National Park (*Advanced*)

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Oct 15 Sun pm Duane-Eagle (*Advanced*)

See page 5 for details

Oct 22 Sun pm Miami Shallow Wreck

Some the best local wreck dives are located just off Miami's beach. Join us to explore some of these beauties. Great for beginning divers.

Oct 29 Sun pm W. Palm (*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.**



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.



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 2006

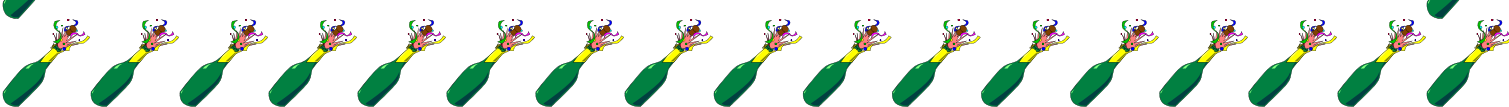
Prizes to be awarded:

- 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!!!



ADA FREE RAFFLE, FREE DIVE, FREE BBQ!!!

Saturday, Oct.7 9 AM to NOON!

Who - all ADA members and family.

What - free beach dive, free raffle, free BBQ

When - dive at 9 am, raffle and BBQ at noon.

Where - Charnow Park Pavilion, Hollywood Beach, Fl, The pavilion is located on the beach at the end of Garfield St. Look for dive flags. You can drive right to the pavilion, unload equipment, then find parking, (meters).

Menu - We will grill, and/or BBQ, chicken, burgers, hotdogs, fish, and lobster. (you catch them) Add a variety of chips, dips, salads, snacks, veggies, beer, wine, soda, water, cookies, brownies, and you have a real BBQ.

PLEASE CALL LON SO WE CAN HAVE YOUR FAVORITE FOODS AVAILABLE!

(the pavilion is covered and we will BBQ, rain or shine)

Diving - Bring all your own gear, the reef is off-shore about 100yds. All groups of divers must tow a flag. Bring one if you have it, or join a group. Non-divers have near-by shopping, playgrounds, and points of interest, as well as beautiful S. Florida swimming, sunning, and bumming.

RAFFLE PRIZES

Two fifty-yard-line Canes football tickets.

(Thank you Roy Wasson)

One free dive 5 pac for 2006

Ten free single dives for 2006

Grab box until all prizes are gone.

Call Lon for more info. 305-251-4975

This free event is approved by the ADA Board of Directors as a celebration of another year of wonderful activities.

PROUDLY WEAR YOUR ADA T-SHIRT !!!

Retro to August 1st, you will earn 5 raffle tickets by wearing ADA t-shirts to all ADA dive briefings. We want to see a sea of RED!! This is a great way to tell everyone you are a member of the of the biggest, baddest, boldest, bravest, bestests, bunch of divers on the face of the earth!! Everyone will ask " Who are these red wonders?" It is also a great way to recruit new members and earn 20, that's right TWENTY raffle tickets for the big FREE drawing in

BBQ CHEFS EARN 10 RAFFLE TICKETS !!

You may not have noticed, but volunteering to be the chef for any of the ADA post-dive BBQ's, you will earn 10 raffle tickets for the big FREE drawing in Oct.

It's easy, it's fun, and you increase your chances of being a winner in the big FREE drawing in Octo-

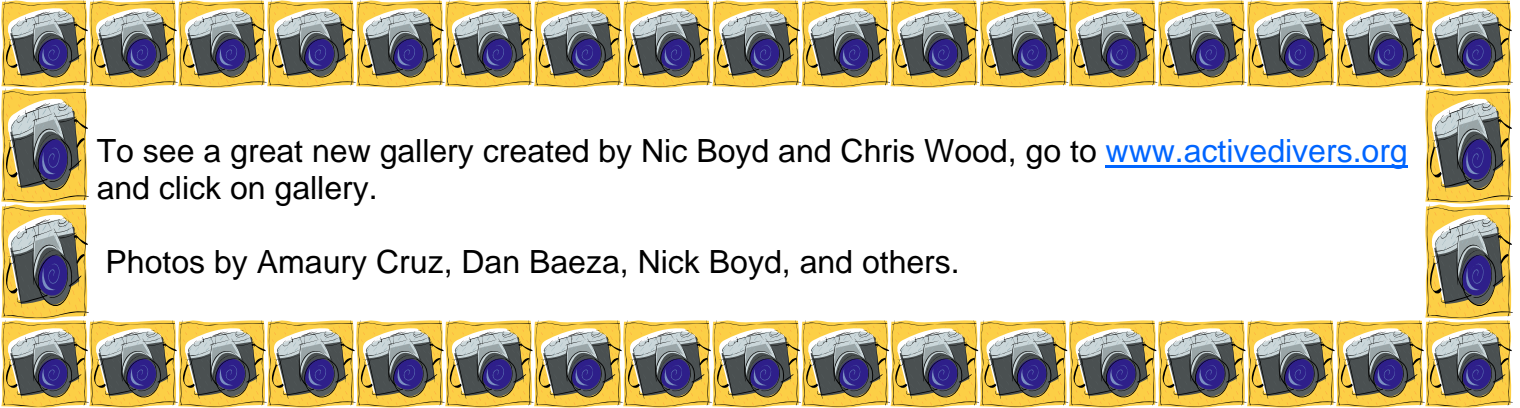
Divers Den Help Wanted !!

Want to work part time in a dive shop? Get to learn all about new gear before you buy it ? Divers Den in Kendal is looking for a part time sales associate to help them out. Go in and meet the new owners and apply in the store. They are located at:

12614 N. Kendall Drive

Miami, Fl 33186

305-595-2010



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.



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.

Post Dive BBQS

Cost \$7.00 includes-

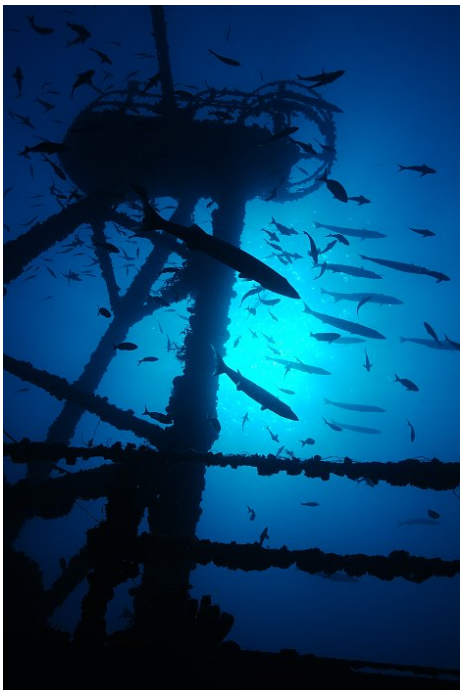
Grilled hotdogs, hamburgers, chicken, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, chips and fixins. Soda & Beer. While divers are tending their gear, our chef of the day will be preparing a feast fit for a King/ Queen or at least for hungry divers. We invite all divers to join us for good outdoor food and telling tall fish tales. Please send \$7 along with the dive fees, you may make one check for both.

DIVE AND EAT FREE Earn 10 Raffle tickets

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!



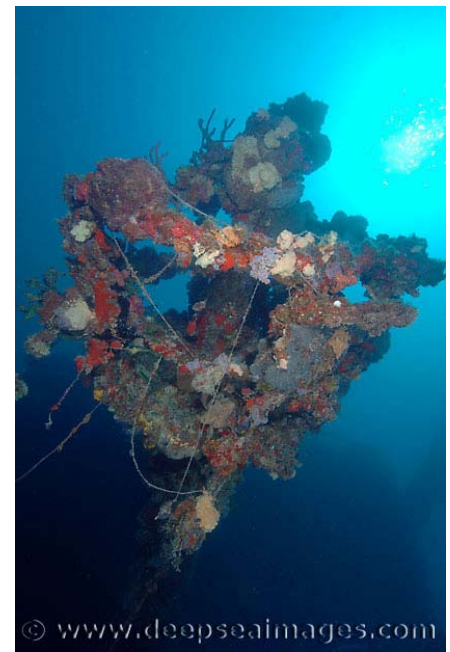
Duane's Radar Mast

THE DUANE AND EAGLE WRECKS

Oct. 15 *ADVANCED DIVES*

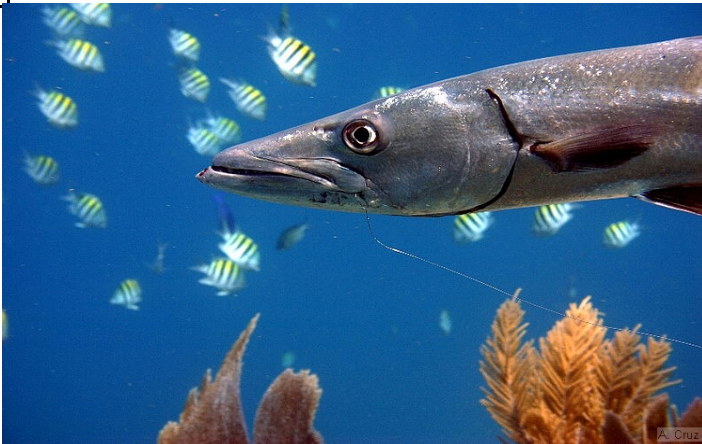
We will dive two of the most exciting wrecks in all of S. Florida!!
IN THE SAME DAY !

Yes, 2 DIVES.
So you may pay \$50 or use two of your dive pac dives. 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

From Our Picture Gallery



Amary Cruz



Amary Cruz



Nick Boyd



Dafne Martinez

ADA LOOE KEY SPECIAL

Saturday Sept. 9

Rated the #1 dive in the USA, Looe Key is a favorite with our members. This is a three tanker. The first is scheduled to be the famous Busch wreck and it's 600 lb. grouper, which sits upright at 100 feet. The next two will be on the shallow reefs.

Check in time is 8:45 am, return 3 pm, bring your lunch. We are diving with Looe Key Resort Dive Center, located at MM 27.5 in the Florida Keys.

Our special price to our members is only \$79, which INCLUDES three tank rentals , You may bring your own, but no discount. Note: Tank rentals are about \$10 each, including tax, at many shops. So that makes the cost of the boat ticket about \$49, a real bargain for a 3 tank trip.

You may use 3 of your dive pac dives instead of the \$79, includes 3 tanks.

Requirements-

In addition to ADA requirements, see newsletter "For All Advanced Dives...." Advanced certification, and computer.

For reservations, car pooling, and overnight room sharing, call Lon. 305 251 4975

LOST CITY COMES TO MIAMI

Soon to be built in the off-shore waters near Key Biscayne, a re-creation of the Lost City of Atlantis will be of much interest for divers and serve as an artificial reef for marine creatures. Being 900 feet in diameter, it will be visible from the air and will take 2-3 years to complete.

ADA plans to monitor it's progress with our second dive scheduled for Sept. 17. Watch the Mouthpiece

Conservation Notes

Can it possibly be that your wet suit is infecting coral reefs? The United Nations states that coral diseases affect 106 types of coral in 54 countries. The latest research indicates that bacteria could be transferred from your wet suit. The typical rinse and air dry doesn't kill some of the bugs that cause coral diseases. After you travel and enter the water the bugs go with you. The answer is to use a 5 or 10 percent solution of bleach. This is 99.9 percent effective. However the research is not positive this is truly a factor in coral health so it is up to you to decide what action is necessary until a definitive answer is reached.

Miami- Dade Coastal Cleanup

The Ocean Conservancy is sponsoring a Miami-Dade Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, September 16th from 9:00AM to 12:00 PM. ADA is participating in this endeavor. We will be at two locations. One is Biscayne National Park and the other is Bill Baggs Florida State Park. If anyone is interested in joining the fun please contact me (Jerry, your conservation person) at 954-723-0351 or E-Mail at GCK4061@aol.com. This is also a good way for kids who have to do some type of community service. It is also a good growing and learning experience for them. The reward is the satisfaction at the end of the work knowing you have contributed to the community. I hope to see a few of you there. I will be at the Bill Baggs State Park

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.