



The Mouthpiece



September 2013 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

FREE RAFFLE, FREE BBQ, FREE DIVE !! SATURDAY OCT 5

Who- ADA members and family

Where- John Lloyd State Park

1.5 miles north of Sheridan St. on A1A, Dania, Fl. The Jetty Pavilion.

When- Beach dive at 8 am, raffle and bbq at noon.

MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN RAFFLE PRIZES.

MUST RSVP TO WIN PRIZES

Call Lon, 305 251 4975 deadline September 30

More info-

For beach diving, bring all your own gear and a dive flag if you have one. The reef is about 100 yds. off shore. The pavilion has covered shelter, very nice bathroom, showers, and changing room. We will have the bbq and raffle rain or shine, unless a hurricane threatens.

BBQ will include burgers, dogs, chicken, extras and all drinks.

A small fee is charged to enter the park, free parking. Non-ADA members and non-family members may attend but will be asked to contribute \$10, and are not eligible for the free raffle. They may also dive, but are not part of the ADA dive group.



ADA'S Conservation Projects "Words to Live By" Contest

by Roy D. Wasson, Conservation Projects Director

Although all of us are interested in conserving our natural resources and many of our members work on conservation projects from time-to-time, 2013 marks the inauguration of a formal conservation projects program for the ADA. As director of that effort I am looking into projects including collection of abandoned crab traps, installation of mooring buoys on sensitive wrecks, Lionfish rodeos, and others. ADA needs your help in identifying worthwhile and realistic conservation projects we can pursue both individually and as a club. This is your chance to help in that effort and to earn free dives in the process, in the ADA's "Words to Live By" Contest. If you have ideas for slogans or phrases that remind us of the need to conserve our natural resources, and/or promote good habits to live by, send me those ideas by email to roy@wassonandassociates.com. I will submit those entries anonymously to our contest judge, and each month the best entry will win a free dive trip. Entries of course can, but do not need to be diving-related, and can deal with subjects including, but not limited to, clean energy, air pollution, littering, healthy eating, littering, and so forth. I look forward to your creativity and ideas.

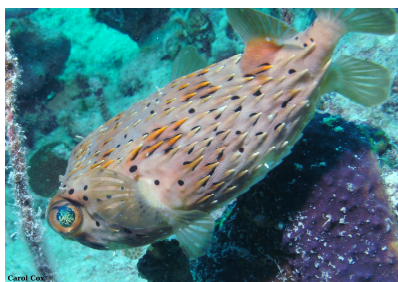
Duane Dive By Carol Cox

It was a dark and stormy night.....no wait, it was a bright, sunny day.....but we were a rockin' and a rollin'. The 'Duanne' dive on Aug 10 wasn't to be because of high winds and equally high waves but that didn't stop 7 ADA divers from braving the odds and getting in 2 good dives. The first site we dove was 'Big Anchor' which was a tongue and groove coral formation. Jorge did some lobstering while the rest of us kept a lookout for antenna sticking out from under the ledges. After a bagging a couple of keepers, playing with a lion fish and dodging the moon jellies at 15 feet, we moved to another reef called 'Newfound'. Again, lobsters were the prime target but only 2 females with eggs were found so they were left to care for their eggs. A green moray hunkered under a ledge to keep out of the surge but all in all, we had two more dives for the logbooks. Jorge was Bar-B-Que chef back at the dock but we just couldn't talk him into sharing his lobster tails....but the burgers and dogs were delicious!



Keys Dive By Carol Cox

Thirteen lucky ADA divers had another glorious day in the sun on July 27 at Keys Dive in Islamorada. The first dive on Lionshead Reef, named for the lionfish that we fortunately did not see there, was a beautiful reef at 60 feet that rose up to about 30 feet near the boat. We followed the anchor line down then did a right turn and swam along barrel sponges, tube sponges, corals and amazing profile. A 6 foot nurse shark cruised past then went on it's way ahead of us. Just then, a free swimming green moray eel headed in our direction, who then stuffed himself into a crevass until we had our photos and left. Several porcupine puffer fish were spotted along with some hermit crabs and trumpfish. The second dive was on 'No Name' reef which consisted of outcroppings of coral mounds here and there but if you look closely, the mounds were full of life, such as tiny hermit crabs and a legal size lobster that obviously had been hiding out during the mini season two days earlier. The weather was perfect and everyone enjoyed the day. Keys Dive boat is a spacious Newton with easy access from the stern and is a pleasure to dive from and their crew is attentive and helpful.



September

- Sept. 8 Sun. pm Islamorada reef \$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.
- Sept. 14 Sat, pm Ft. Laud. reef \$49
Lot's of great sites to explore. Bring your camera and be prepared to be amazed.
- Sept. 21 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.
- Sept. 29 Sun pm W. 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.

October

- Oct. 6 Sun pm Molasses Reef \$49 bbq \$10
Molasses is an extensive reef complex with diving depths from about 10 feet to more than 70. At depths ranging from 10-40 feet, Molasses Reef features high profile spur and groove coral formations. Lots of different coral types and lots of marine life. Bring your camera!
- Oct. 12 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.
- Oct. 20 Sun 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.
- Oct. 27 Sun pm Tenneco Towers (Advanced) \$49
Scheduled site - Tenneco Towers. 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.

November

- Nov. 3 Sun pm Tavernier Reef \$49 bbq \$10
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.
- Nov. 10 Sun pm Boynton Beach (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.



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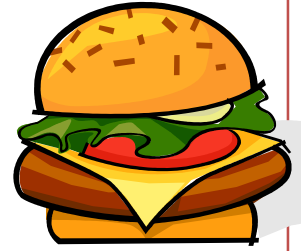
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Post Dive BBQS

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



September

Joy Dequine
Josh Kaufman
Roger Smalling

Mia Sohn
Nancy Wielert
Adeel Jamal
Mara Suarez-Legault

Carol Cox
Louis Bumb
Josefina Hansen
Gabriel Kaufman

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 Kosowski, 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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