



The Mouthpiece



October 2003 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

October/November

Sat. Oct. 4 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, morays, cudas.

Sat. Oct. 11 AM

Biscayne National Park

Barbeque \$7.00

Sites may include: Rocky Reef, Elkhorn Forest, Ball Buoy, Far Out Reef, Cuda Ledge. Usually no currents, massive coral small caves. The Keys "Best Kept Secret", only one commercial boat allowed in area. Depth 20-30', vis 30-60'.

Sun. Oct. 12 PM

Miami

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.

Sun. Oct. 19 PM

USS Duane (Advanced)

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! **See advanced criterion this issue.**

Sun. Oct. 26 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.

Sun. Nov. 2 PM

Boca (Advanced)

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. **See advanced criterion this issue.**

Sun. Nov. 9 PM

Eagle (Advanced)

Barbeque \$7.00

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.**

Sun. Nov. 16 PM

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.**

Sun. Nov. 23 PM

Dania (Advanced)

Drift dive with the currents, perhaps a deep reef or a wreck. Average depth 80', visibility 40-60', good chance of huge turtles. See advanced criterion this issue. **See advanced criterion this issue.**

Sun. Nov. 30PM

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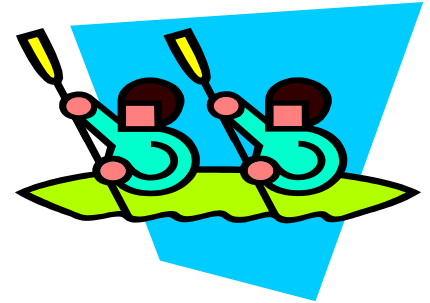
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KAYAKING IN THE KEYS

Saturday

OCTOBER 18, 2003



We have reservations already for the Kayaking event in the Keys.

Don't miss out on the fun!

No Experience Necessary!

Some will bring their own boats. This is **BYOL**. (Bring your own Lunch and Drinks.)

Make sure you have plenty of fluids for the trip. Wine spritzers and beer is on the house In moderation. We are going to get the rangers to give us a tour of Indian Key. This is a real treat. Reserve Early!!!

Things you may consider bringing:

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|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Sun screen | camera | towel |
| Plenty of fluids | bug spray | long sleeve shirt |
| Hat with large brim | bathing suit | water shoes |
| Sunglasses | snorkel gear | ADA shirt |
| | gloves | |

There is an outdoor shower and change room available.

Cost:	\$24.00	Sit on top Kayak	4 hours	MasterCard
	\$36.00	Tandem for 2	4 hours	Visa Cash

Departure: 9:00 am no later than 9:30 am

Directions: South US #1 to Mile Marker 77.5 Lower Matacumbe Right at Robbie's Marina and the Hungary Tarpon Restaurant on Bay Side. Park and go to the Kayak Shack. Zack or Lynn will be there to greet you at the Florida Keys Kayak and Sale. Don't forget your red ADA shirt!
1-305-664-4878 if you get lost.

Call Sharon Baron for reservations: 305-386-8961 Home
305-775-7092 Cell

**SCUBA PRO RECALL
IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE**

All owners of the All Smart Pro and the Smart Com dive computers should stop using them immediately! A software programming error may cause inaccurate information to be displayed. For a Free replacement call 800-808-3948 or contact your local dealer.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

CAPT. SPENCER SLATE

On January 29, in Grand Cayman, Capt. Slate will be inducted into the Scuba Diving Hall of Fame. He has served as president of several local and national dive organizations the past 25 years and has received many honors and awards. Slate has appeared on over 60 cable and network TV stations and is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest u/w wedding. His many accomplishments are too numerous to list here. We are proud to call him our friend and thank him for his unwavering support of ADA for many years. A salute to Capt. Slate of Atlantis Dive Center.

Coral Reef Facts

- Called the “rain forest of the sea” coral reefs are the greatest expression of ocean life, and are the most biodiverse ecosystem on Earth outside of the rainforest.
- Coral reefs are the indicator of the health of the world’s oceans and by extension, our global environment.
- Coral reefs are in crisis, dying at an alarming rate worldwide.
- An estimated 58% of the world’s coral reefs are at risk today and an estimated 10% have already disappeared.
- Between 1996 and 2000, the Florida Keys suffered an estimated 38% loss of coral reefs.
- Threats to the world’s coral reefs include:
 - Pollution
 - Over-fishing
 - Dynamite and cyanide fishing
 - Sedimentation
 - Bleaching caused by rising ocean temperatures
- Lining 60,000 miles of shoreline along 109 countries, coral reefs and their habitats play a vital role in the global economy, providing resources such as fish, and services such as tourism and coastal protection worth an estimated \$375 billion a year.
- **The most important fact: There are solutions to this crisis.**



Post Dive Barbeque

Oct. 11 Biscayne Park

Nov. 9 Tavernier

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 on the above dates 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.

Walkers Cay



Some of the Happy Divers



Two of the Happy Divers



Zen Diver



Our Most Senior Diver



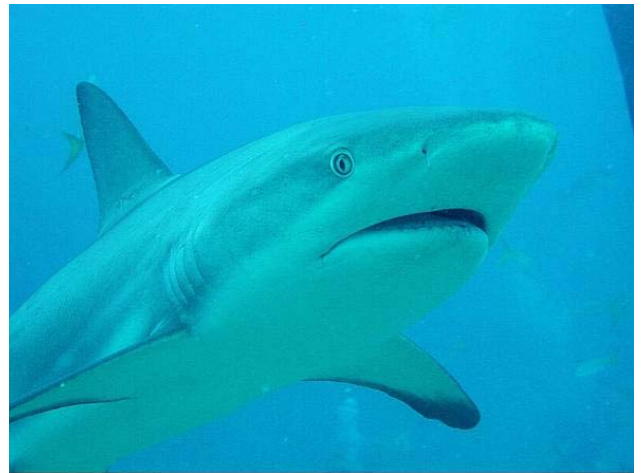
Anything Goes
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1st Prize Film Point & Shoot Sheila Solen



1st Prize Digital Point & Shoot
Dafne Martinez Walker's Cay



1st Prize Digital Manual
J. Nicholas Boyd



1st Prize Anything Goes
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1st Prize 1st Prize Film Manual
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Runner up Film Manual
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October Winners

1st Prize Film Point & Shoot
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1st Prize Digital Manual
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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, 15305 SW 104 Ave., Miami, FL 33157
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.



LUXFER OFFERS \$50 FOR OLD TANKS

For scuba tanks made between 1972 and 1987 they will give a credit towards a new tank.
Call 1 800 764 0366 or your local dive shop for more info.

Zeagle Recall

If you own a **Zeagle** Regulator sold between Jan. 20, 2003 and May 19, 2003, it is important to take it to your dealer for immediate repair.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DIVE WITH IT UNTIL REPAIRS ARE MADE.

The following models are affected:

Flathead six S/N F001391—1476

50D S/N B003315— 3652

DS-iv S/N A001352—1571

Envoy S/N C001117—1403

For more information call 1-800-771-5568

CONGRATULATIONS!!

To Keeley Sanchez, ADA member and a familiar face on many dives, who has recently become an American citizen. Welcome aboard Keeley!

OUR CONDOLENCES

To Robert and Barbara Fox, their families and friends for their recent loss of two family members. Robert and Barbara are long-time ADA members and have given many years of service as volunteers in several different capacities.

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