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# The Mouthpiece

October 2006 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



## **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.

## 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

Must call for reservations before OCT 5.

Oct 8 Sun am Biscayne National Park (*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.**

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.**

## November

Nov 5 Sun 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.

Nov 12 Sun am Elliott Key (*Advanced*)

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Nov 19 Sun pm Speigal Grove (*Advanced*)

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.

Nov 25 Sat pm Tenneco Towers (*Advanced*)

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.**

## PROUDLY WEARD YOUR ADA T-SHIRT!!!

Retro to Aug. 1st., you will earn 5 raffle tickets by wearing your ADA t-shirt at all ADA dive briefings. We want to see a sea of RED ! This a great way to tell everyone you are a member of the Biggest, Baddest, Boldest, Bravest, Bestists, bunch of divers on the face of the earth!! Everyone will ask, "Who are these red wonders?" It is also a good way to recruit new members and earn 20, that's right TWENTY RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE BIG Free Drawing in October

## 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.

### DIVING WITH A.D.A.

September 19, 2006

My father and I are from Switzerland; for a long time we wanted to scuba dive and finally on July 9, 2006 we got certified as open water divers. We have been diving every week-end since then.

After certification we dove several times with large boat operators that carry 30 or more divers. Even though the experience was not bad we wanted to get involved in a dive club where we could benefit from a friendly atmosphere and from the experience of fellow divers.

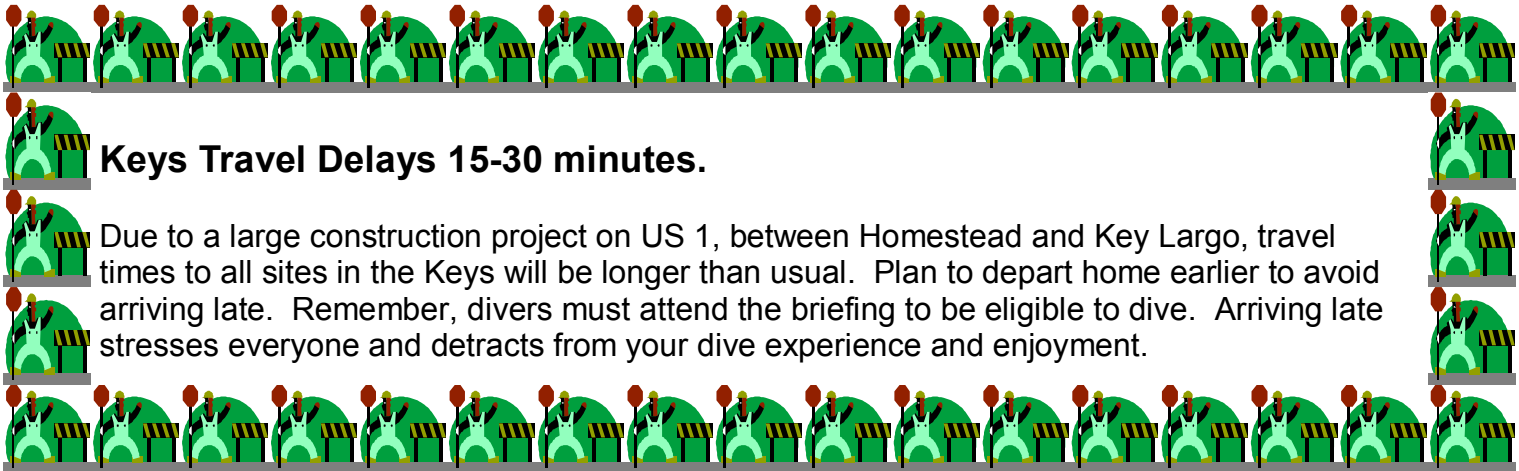
I did an internet search and studied several dive clubs in the area including the Active Divers Association. What caught my eye about A.D.A. was that unlike other dive clubs, A.D.A. spent every week-end diving which is exactly what I wanted to do. So I sent an e-mail to Lon asking for information about joining the club. The next day Lon replayed with a friendly e-mail and we scheduled the first dive for September 10.

On the day of the first dive my father and I arrived to the dive site in Tavernier where we were warmly welcomed by all the club members that were diving that day. The briefing was very complete and gave me an overall picture of the dive site that we were about to do. In this dive I had an encounter with a fire coral, I am still working on my buoyancy skills..., which stung my hand. Fortunately Lon had a first aid kit with remedies for the burn. It is very reassuring to know that in any situation that might occur in a dive you are going to be backed up by club members. Also when I am in the water and I look around I see divers that I know and that know me, I am not among strangers and that is a good feeling when you are under water.

After the dive we had a barbeque so I had the chance to speak more with club members and share experiences; a great end for my first dive with the club.

I think that diving with A.D.A. is the best way to dive in Miami and surroundings. You have the back up and know how of a club that has been around for 35 years and that goes diving every week-end. They know where to go and how to dive safely. My father and I could not be happier to have joined A.D.A. and would recommend it to any diver.

Steve Niederhauser



## 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 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.



## 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:**

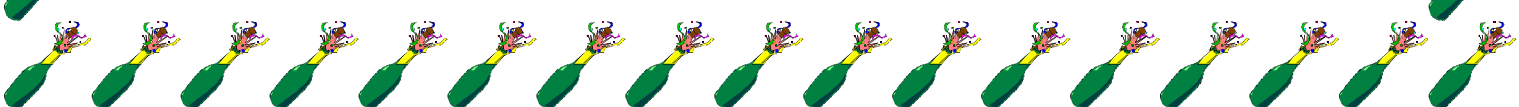
- 1 ticket for attending any ADA function.
- 1 ticket for proudly wearing ADA T-shirt.
- 5 tickets for winning the mini-raffles.
- 10 tickets for being the BBQ chef.

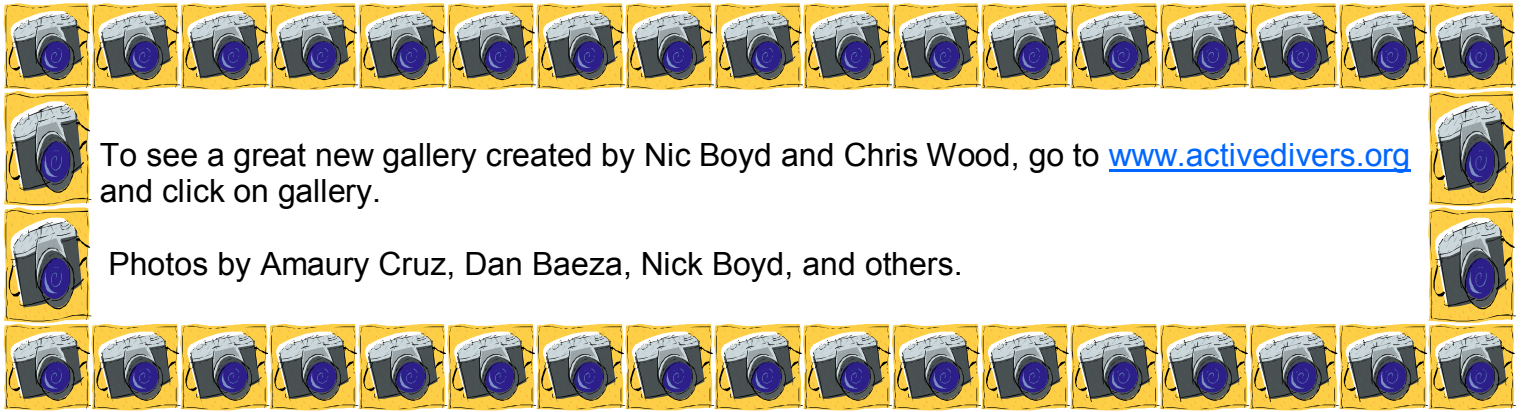
## **20 TICKETS, THAT IS RIGHT, TWENTY FOR SIGNING UP A NEW MEMBER!!!**

Details-Drawings to be held later this year.

All ADA members are eligible.

Mini-raffles to be held at all ADA functions.





To see a great new gallery created by Nic Boyd and Chris Wood, go to [www.actedivers.org](http://www.actedivers.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](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 \$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!

## THE DUANE AND EAGLE WRECKS

Plus Night Dive!

**Oct. 15 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.

### 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 October. Call Lon to sign up.

*It's Kayaking time again.....*

## OLETA RIVER STATE PARK

**OCTOBER 21st 9:00AM**

Oleta River State Park is located on Biscayne Bay in North Miami. In the midst of traffic and congestion is this mystical virgin land that has drawn birds to its banks for centuries. Years ago the river was home to the Tequesta Indians. In 1841 the river was named Big Snake Creek and was part of the route used by Federal troops in the Second Seminole War to travel south to the Loxahatchee. In 1881 Captain Fulford settled in the area known today as North Miami Beach. Once discovered, settlers moved in farming pineapples and vegetables. The town became known as Ojus. An Indian trading post was established what is known as Greynolds Park. Then in 1922 Florida started to develop. The river was re-named Oleta by the developers.

That was the beginning of the sunshine to Florida.

**Directions: Simple..... I95 Exit EAST - NE 163 rd Street (AKA SR826) and drive east past US1 approx  $\frac{3}{4}$  mi. Oleta River State Park will be on your right... again just EAST of US1.**

**There is a parking charge.**

**3400 NE 163 Street**

**All major credit cards ok**

**North Miami Beach**

**305-957-3040 for reservations-just say you are with the ADA scuba dive club to be placed on the list.**

**Cost\$: Single kayak \$25.00/3 hours**

**Tandem kayak \$40.00/3 hours**

**Canoe \$45.00/3 hours**

**Bring the usual sun screen, drinks, hats, water shoes, dry clothes, lunch or snacks, etc. The Blue Marlin Fish House Restaurant is on the River for lunch which sounds better than bagging it. For Info call the mavens in charge.....**

**Pat Hackett 305-387-0015**

**Sharon Baron 305-386-8961**

## 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.