



The Mouthpiece



October 2012 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

FREE RAFFLE, FREE BBQ, FREE DIVE !!

SATURDAY OCT 13

Who- ADA members and family

Where- John Lloyd State Park

1.5 miles north of Sheridan St. on A1A, Dania, Fl. The Pelican 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 Oct 10.

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.

ADOPT A SHARK

The RJ Dunlap Marine Conservation program at the U of M Rosenstiel School has developed a shark tagging technique to study bull sharks, tiger sharks, and hammerheads sharks, all by satellite. Shark populations in S. Florida have been on the decline. The Dunlap program hopes to find out why.

You can help.

For a tax deductible \$2000, you can purchase a satellite tag, name your shark, and track it's movements in real time via Google.

For more info go to www.rjd.miami.edu or call [305 421 4356](tel:3054214356).

Sharks, eels and Squirrel fish, oh my!

By Carol Cox

A lucky group of Active Divers had a great day of diving on Sept 16 in Islamorada with Keys Dive. Although it rained all the way from Miami, the sun was shining by the time we left the dock. We headed out to a reef called 'Jumping Mackerel' where we did a 40 to 60 foot dive over a beautiful reef. I saw a turtle right away but couldn't get close enough for a photo but I did get a few photos of a green stemmed anemone with purple bulbs.

The second dive was on a patch reef loaded with big eyed squirrel fish. We also found two nurse sharks resting with both of their heads stuck in an overhang in the reef. I was able to do a 3 minute video until they decided enough was enough and they both eventually swam away. We also found a green moray at a cleaning station and a spotted moray hidden in the edge of the reef. It's amazing how many critters a little patch reef can call home. Another great ADA dive!



Sept 23 Divers Paradise, Key Biscayne

By Crol Cox

It was a dark and stormy night, no wait, it was a dark and stormy day but eight ADA divers braved the rain and had two great dives with Divers Paradise on Key Biscayne.

The first dive was on a wreck called Paradiso, a 120 foot freighter that was sunk in 1989

in about 75 feet of water. Visability was okay even though it was very dark (a dive light would have been very handy) but the current was mild and it was still a great dive. I found one of the largest lionfish I had ever seen but I didn't have my 'poker' with me so it is still prowling the deck of the Paradiso. We then moved to Emerald Reef for the second dive and if I may brag, this is my absolute favorite reef in the Miami area. Lots of caves, profile, critters and more. We saw a turtle, green moray, lionfish, copper sweepers and more. Unfortunately, there were also at least three ghost lobsters traps laying around, some with dead lobsters in them. The seas were calm due to the rain and even though we were soaked to the skin both in and out of the water, it was a great day of diving.



October

7 Sun pm Hollywood (*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.

13 Sat am John Lloyd State Park Free BBQ

See page 1 for more information

14 Sun pm BNP \$49

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

20 Sat pm Spiegel Grove (*Advanced*) \$49 BBQ \$10

Come explore our local big one. Lots to see and plenty of challenges. See advanced criterion this issue.

28 Sun pm Ft. Lauderdale \$49

Lot's of great sites to explore. Bring your camera and be prepared to be amazed.

November

3 Sat pm Duanne Wreck (*Advanced*) \$49

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.

11 Sun pm Boynton (*Advanced*) \$49

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ADA dive Sept 8 Atlantis Dive Center

By Carol Cox

Sunny, hot...that's a September day in Key Largo. The tourists have gone home so ADA had the boat all to themselves (except for a few snorkelers) at Captain Slate's Atlantis Dive Center. The water was calm and warm – what a way to spend a Saturday! We first dove Key Largo Dry Rocks (where the Christ of the Abyss statue is located). There were plenty of lobsters and yellowtails hanging out. The sun was so bright above the Christ statue that it washed out my photos but I have plenty of others from the past 20 years that I've been taking photos of it so no big deal. Congratulations to Rachel Davis' husband John on his 5th open water dive. We moved on to North Dry Rocks, aka Minnow Caves. Unfortunately there were only a fraction of the minnows that were there last month but still, a school of minnows is better than no minnows. The caves were full of copper sweepers and I found a Spanish lobster hanging out in the ceiling of the cave. Grouper and barracuda were still hanging around trying for a minnow meal. The reef to the left of Minnow Caves had several flamingo tongues on the soft corals and we had a close encounter with a barracuda on the reef near the boat. All in all, another great weekend of diving and the ADA Bar B Que afterwards was a great way to finish the day.



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 2012 will remain \$49. **Boat Ticket only!**

These prices may be changed without notice.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ADA

October

Mauricio Neret

Alejandro Acosta

Robert Fox

Raphael Buechel

Kathleen Whitcomb

Rosemary Wood

Maria Zarceno

James Cheney



CHINA TO BAN SHARK FIN SOUP

Between 26 and 73 million sharks are killed each year. Usually, fins are cut off the carcasses dumped. 181 species are under threat. China is the biggest consumers of shark fin products. The Chinese Government Office Administration announced the ban could take up to three years to implement. Many Chinese hotel chains have removed shark fin soup from their menus. In China, the campaign against these products has gained steam following pledges by celebrities, such as former NBA star Yao Ming.

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 Kosakowski, 298 NW 83 Lane Coral Springs FL 33071-7439 You may also pay online via PayPal on the "Dive Schedule" page.



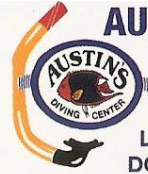
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