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# The Mouthpiece

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October 2013 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## ADA Beach Party

The weather was perfect for the beach dive; it was sunny, calm seas and warm water. If you haven't joined us for this event you are missing one of the highlights of the season. The only thing missing was the lobsters. No one caught any. But even without lobster on the menu Carol Cox fed us well with dogs and burgers. Connie Crowther made some eye ball salad and the Bach's brought some ribs and deserts. Rachael was the safety officer and made three dives. She was in the water for



most of the day. The raffle was held by everyone being provided a number by Leah (my favorite granddaughter) and when your number was called you approached the table and picked out your prize. We stayed a long time and departed

around 4:00PM. I didn't hear any complaints except that I couldn't dive (recent surgery) to show my favorite lobster spots to the divers. We also made a few new diver friends who stopped by asking what all the divers were doing there. The ones who were divers seem interested in joining and provided a business card. I believe some we will see again. It was my pleasure seeing all of you who attended. And a big thanks to Carol for cooking.



Jerry Kosakowski

# ***“Words to Live By” Contest***

by Roy D. Wasson

ADA Conservation Projects Director

All members of the Active Divers Association are now eligible to WIN FREE DIVE TRIPS in our monthly “Words to Live By” Contest.

In this fun contest, each month from September, 2013 through March, 2014, the ADA will give away one free dive trip to be used for any local dive trip during the 2014 dive season. That’s seven free dives to be awarded in all.

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](mailto: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, do not need to be diving-related, and can deal with subjects including, but not limited to clean energy, air pollution, littering, healthy eating, recycling, and so forth. I look forward to your creativity and ideas.

Here are the rules:

1. One entry per person per month.
2. Multiple winners allowed.
3. Dives must be redeemed in 2014.
4. No refunds or transfers of unredeemed dives.
5. Trip insurance may be purchased.
6. Deadline for each month is the last day of that month.
7. Anonymous judge will declare winners.

Our judge has selected our winner for September: Carol Cox. Carol submitted this quote from Sylvia Earle:

***“The oceans deserve our respect and care, but you have to know something before you can care about it.”***

Thank you Carol, for your thoughtful entry. We are looking forward to more inspirational “Words to Live By” from our members throughout this contest period.

## Subject: ADA Spiegel Grove Dive

by Jeff Roth

Was it a dream or did it really happen?

Waking up Sunday morning and seeing the dive gear in a place where it usually isn't, it took a while to figure out what happened or if it did. Well folks, it DID!

An unbelievable once in a lifetime dream dive, during one of the busiest weekends of the year (Labor Day); at one of the busiest dive shops (Slates); to one of the most popular dive sites (the Spiegel Grove), with only 5 ADA divers on the boat !!!!!!!!!!

If that wasn't enough, the seas were flat (less than 2 feet); no to little current; 100 plus feet visibility; water temperature hovering around 80 degrees, no thermocline and a beautiful sunny day. It was an easy descent to the Spiegel, as was the 2<sup>nd</sup> dive to the Benwood, where its resident nurse shark and moray invited us to their home.

### 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

Dri Dive in swi 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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## 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



October

Mauricio Neret  
Raphael Buechel

Alejandro Acosta  
Kathleen Whitcomb

Robert Fox  
Rosemary Wood

Maria Zarceno

James Cheney

## 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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