

The Mouthpiece



NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2000

THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

ADA THANKS OUR VOLUNTEERS

Each year many of our members step up and offer their time and talents to make our organization work. Without them it would not, could not. All are devoted to their personal and professional lives but still manage to find time to give to us. All do so with no expectation of gain or glory. And as volunteers they receive no financial gain and far too little glory. We want them to know how valuable and indispensable they are. Thanks from all of us who appreciate your contributions but all too often neglect to let you know.

Our Volunteers for 2000

(Our Biggest Job) Jim Kiernan	Membership Chair, BBQ Chef, Photograph Contributor
(Our 2nd Biggest Job) Chris Wood	Newsletter editor, Internet Consultant, Board Member
Maria Zarceno	Treasurer, Board Member, Chef
Pat Hackett	Secretary, Board Member, Social Committee, Phone Committee
Lee Wood	Vice-President, Board Member, Safety Officer
Dan Baeza	Board Member, Safety Officer, Internet Consultant
Robert Fox	Board Member, Safety Officer, Conservation Committee, Social Host
Darryl Blackstone	Board Member, Conservation Committee
Julio Raimundez	Board Member, Safety Officer, Social Committee
Enrique Gonzalez	Newsletter Committee, Photograph Contributor
Nick Boyd	Newsletter Committee
Barbara Fox	Social Host
Ignacio Medir	Chef
Chantal Herron	Chef
Sheila Solen	Photograph Contributor
Jerry Kosakowski	Phone Committee

To any I may have overlooked, my thanks and apologies.

Lon Von Lintel, *President*

IMPORTANT NOTICE DIVE CREDITS 2000

Any member who has a credit from a weather cancelled dive, or an insured dive should contact Lon to inform him of your desired option as listed below-

Option 1 - request a refund.

Option 2 - apply credit to membership for one additional year.

If he does not receive your request before Nov. 30, 2000, single credits will be applied to membership, and multiple credits will be refunded.

Call Lon at 305 251 4975

OFF SEASON DIVING

JIM KIERNAN

As most of the members know, our season as a club ends this year on November 19th.

Many have asked why we don't continue with scheduled club dives into the winter months. The reason is the uncertainty of weather, resulting in many weather-related trip cancellations. This makes it very difficult to administer.

However, during the off-season, Lon and I do dive almost every weekend, weather permitting. Frequently, others have asked us to let them know when we do go, so they can join us.

This off-season, if you wish to be made aware of such dives, let me know. I will keep a list of those wishing to be notified, and will call each week we're going out, early in the week, and give you the opportunity to go with us.

These dives, however, are NOT Club Sponsored, so each person will call the appropriate shop that week to make his or her own reservation. There will be no ADA Safety Officer on duty and ADA assumes no liability or responsibility.



TOP:
 (Left) 10/15 Tavernier.
 (Right) 10/01 Ft. Lauderdale.

MIDDLE:
 (Left) 9/24 Gearing up, N. Key Largo.
 (Right) 10/15 Tavernier.

BOTTOM:
 8/13 W. Palm - Holy Mackerel Batman!
 No Robin, that's a Jewfish.

Local Diver Profile

Photos Submitted by: **Jim Kiernan, Lon Von Lintel & Enrique Gonzalez**



NOVEMBER DIVE SCHEDULE



▶ ▶ ▶ **New Rates for Tank Rentals at Biscayne National Park!** ◀ ◀ ◀

NOV 4, SAT AFTERNOON POMPANO (ADVANCED)

\$29.00

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.**

NOV 12, SUN MORNING BISCAYNE NATL PARK (ADVANCED)

\$40.00 (INCLUDES 2 TANKS)

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.**

NOV 19, SUN AFTERNOON MIAMI BEACH (ADVANCED)

\$29.00

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.**

ADA DIVE TRIP CAYMAN BRAC 2001

JULY 19-23

Call Today to Receive a Special
Mailing with Complete Details

Call Lon at 305-251-4975



DIVE THE WORLD FAMOUS
Russian Destroyer!

Plus Bloody Bay Wall, Coral
Gardens and more then 30

other sites!

Call today, this mailing will go only to THOSE WHO CALL!!

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 buddied 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.

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, Robert, Dan, Lee and Lon

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

ADA WEB SITE

(betcha didn't know)

On the back of every ADA newsletter, hidden among the other addresses, is the address for the ADA web site: www.actedivers.org. NOTE: This is our NEW web address. Our site is very useful to our members in a variety of ways:

1. retrieve lost paper copies of dive schedules, forms, membership applications for friends, policies, etc.
2. links to all sorts of dive related information and fun stuff.
3. view the newsletter IN FULL COLOR!!
4. contact information to fax, write, call, or e mail us.
5. refer friends to our site to learn anything and everything about ADA.

Check it Out: Our new address is www.actedivers.org

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 \$29.00 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 2000.

NOTE: It may be discontinued at any time without prior written notice.

Please call Lon with your questions and comments.

IMPORTANT WEATHER INFORMATION

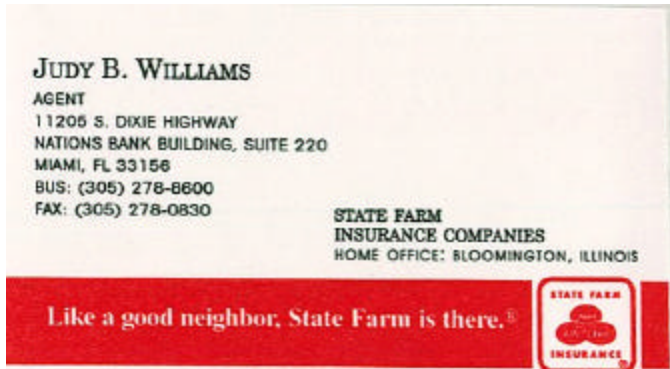
Before departing for the dive site, confirm weather condition with Lon or the designated Safety Officer. It is the responsibility of the member to call; we cannot call you due to the large number of divers involved. For morning dives, call between 6 and 10 p.m. the night before the dive. For afternoon dives, call between 9 and 10 a.m. the morning of the dive.

November B-Days		December B-Days	
William Bunney	2	Ricardo Armelin	6
Guy Meeker	4	Patrick Earp	6
Frank Taylor, Jr.	4	Marcia Jackson	6
Terry Avick	6	Mike Lefkowitz	6
Denise Downing	8	Shelby Hartman	7
Dafne Martinez	10	Mike Gust	8
Darcy Miranda	13	Loretta Marshall	9
Bill Kramer	16	Tom Jones	10
Milly Richards	21	Marta Raimundez	12
Ronni Bardack	23	Marcella Nemeč	16
Bill Schultheis	26	John Hickey	18
Walter Fass, Jr.	29	Jerry Kasakowski	22
Lucia Guimaraes	29	Terry Whatley	22
Nelson Benedico	30	Mark Burdis	25
		Terri Bukacheski	30

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.

REMEMBER: That family members must have completed individual documentation to register as ADA members.



YOUR AD COULD BE HERE!

BUSINESS CARD ADS

	Space Available
5 Issues	\$50
10 Issues	\$75

To Place Your AD Please Contact:

Chris Wood (305) 754-6882

Ads from \$7.50/mth



DIVE WITH GIANT HUMPBACK WHALES



March 31 - April 7, 2001

Call Lon (305) 251-4975

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM ADA

On behalf of our Board of directors, Officers and Chairpersons, I would like to wish all our members a happy and safe holiday season. And as usual, one name was left off of our list of volunteers for 2000, Lon Von Lintel - President, Board Member, Safety Officer, Newsletter Photographer and Coordinator/Assistant to all of our Chairs and Committees. On behalf of all of ADA I would like to thank him for the vast quantity of time and effort he puts into the club each and every year.

And remember, just because ADA stops it's club sponsored dives doesn't mean you have to stop diving. See our article inside regarding off-season diving. And even though our Newsletter is no longer distributed during the holiday months, you can still reach us on our website with any questions, comments, ideas or input you may have.

Last Newsletter of 2000

Well, you knew it had to end sooner or later and sure enough the diving season is coming to an end. For those of you who want to squeeze in one more dive, better hurry - only 3 dives left for this year! Because of the weather and holidays, The Mouthpiece is not distributed during December or January. But don't worry, we'll be back in February. And if you just can't wait to get your daily dose of ADA, you can

visit us on our new website at: ACTIVEDIVERS.ORG

I've enjoyed bringing everyone the Mouthpiece this year and I look forward to sending many more bytes of diving information your way next year. Till then, take care, best wishes, and have a great holiday season!

Your Editor, Chris

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THINKING ABOUT MOVING? ☎ DON'T KEEP IT A SECRET!
Call Jim at Membership (954-752-6234) *It could save your newsletter.*