



The Mouthpiece



Nov/Dec 2007 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

November Dive Schedule

Nov. 4 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.**

Nov. 11 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. 18 pm Conch Wall (**Advanced**). \$50
The home of a number of sites. Conch Wall (50-110 ft.) noted for huge barrel sponges and large marine life.
See advanced criterion this issue

Nov. 25 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.**

THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION'S FREE RAFFLE, FREE BBQ, FREE DIVE October 13, 2007

And the winners are...

ADA held it's fourth annual Free Day at the John U. Lloyd State Park Beach, Hollywood, FL. A number of members arrived 8 am sharp, eager to don scuba gear and hit the beach. But after a few minutes of watching the 6 foot waves pound the surf, they all agreed, "Not today." That left plenty of free time for roaming the shore line, kayaking and canoing in the protected lagoon, chatting with new friends and old buddies, and just relaxing and enjoying nature. At about 11 am, all pitched in and soon the grills were hot and the dogs, burgers, and chicken were sizzling. After all the fixin's and main courses were heartily enjoyed, the winners of the free raffle were drawn from the huge

collection of tickets. The six year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mario Bonilla served as official raffle assistant. She carefully dug deep into the pot and pulled out the winners for 2008, which are:

Ray Mendez- Two tickets to any home game of the Miami Football Hurricanes.

Thanks to donor Roy Wasson

Adelle Nicholson- A 5 pac for local dives- boat tickets

And all of the following won one local dive boat ticket

Mario Bonilla, wait a minute....naw, we don't believe it.

Carol Cox

Sally McDonald

Clive Hew

Evelyn Roisman

Helen Colby

Sheila Solen

Jay Abbazia

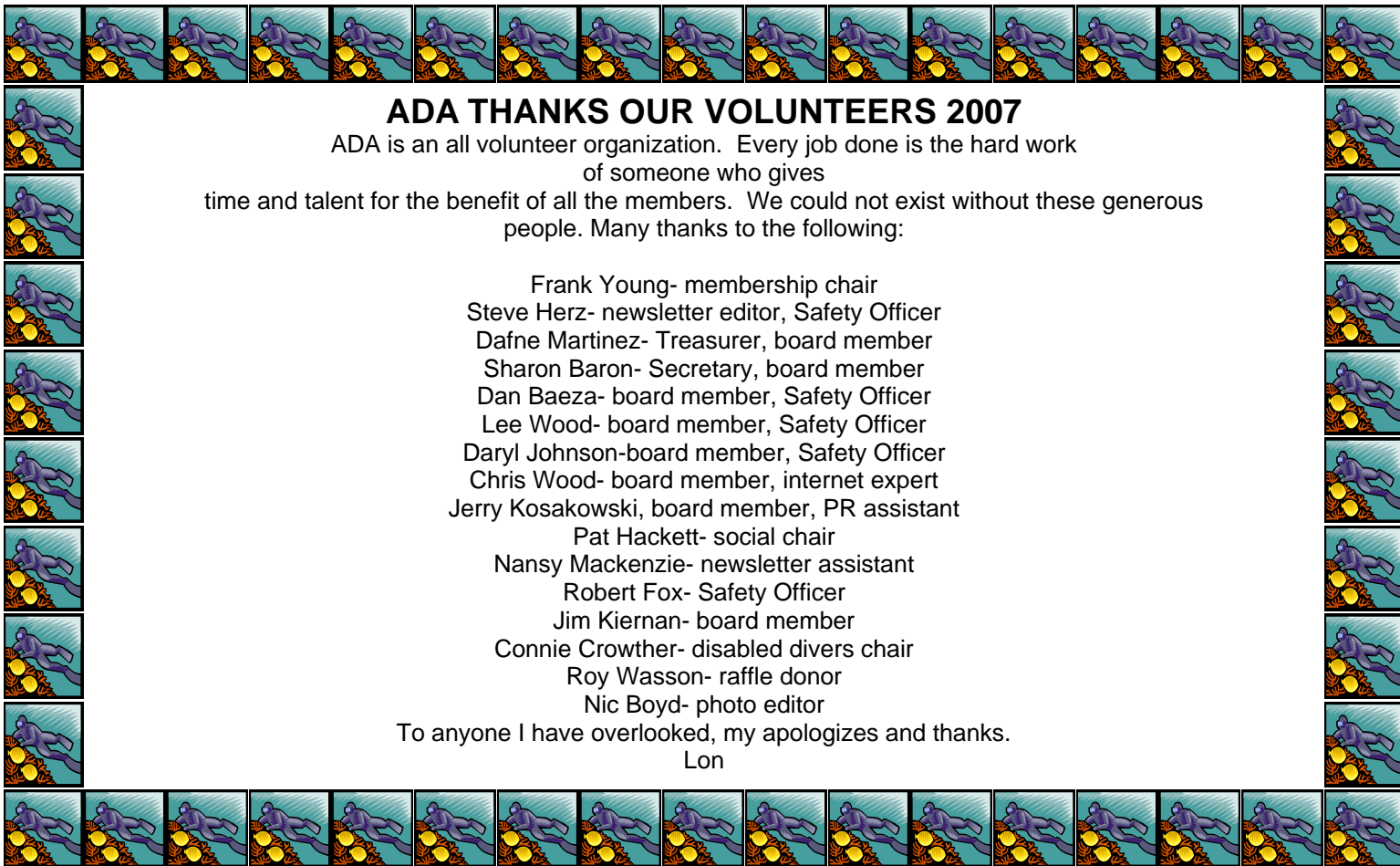
Nic Boyd

Roy Wasson

Congrats to all our winners!! Good luck to everyone in 2008

This drawing concludes our 2007 raffle.

Prizes must be claimed in 2008



ADA THANKS OUR VOLUNTEERS 2007

ADA is an all volunteer organization. Every job done is the hard work of someone who gives time and talent for the benefit of all the members. We could not exist without these generous people. Many thanks to the following:

- Frank Young- membership chair
- Steve Herz- newsletter editor, Safety Officer
- Dafne Martinez- Treasurer, board member
- Sharon Baron- Secretary, board member
- Dan Baeza- board member, Safety Officer
- Lee Wood- board member, Safety Officer
- Daryl Johnson-board member, Safety Officer
- Chris Wood- board member, internet expert
- Jerry Kosakowski, board member, PR assistant
- Pat Hackett- social chair
- Nansy Mackenzie- newsletter assistant
- Robert Fox- Safety Officer
- Jim Kiernan- board member
- Connie Crowther- disabled divers chair
- Roy Wasson- raffle donor
- Nic Boyd- photo editor

To anyone I have overlooked, my apologies and thanks.
Lon

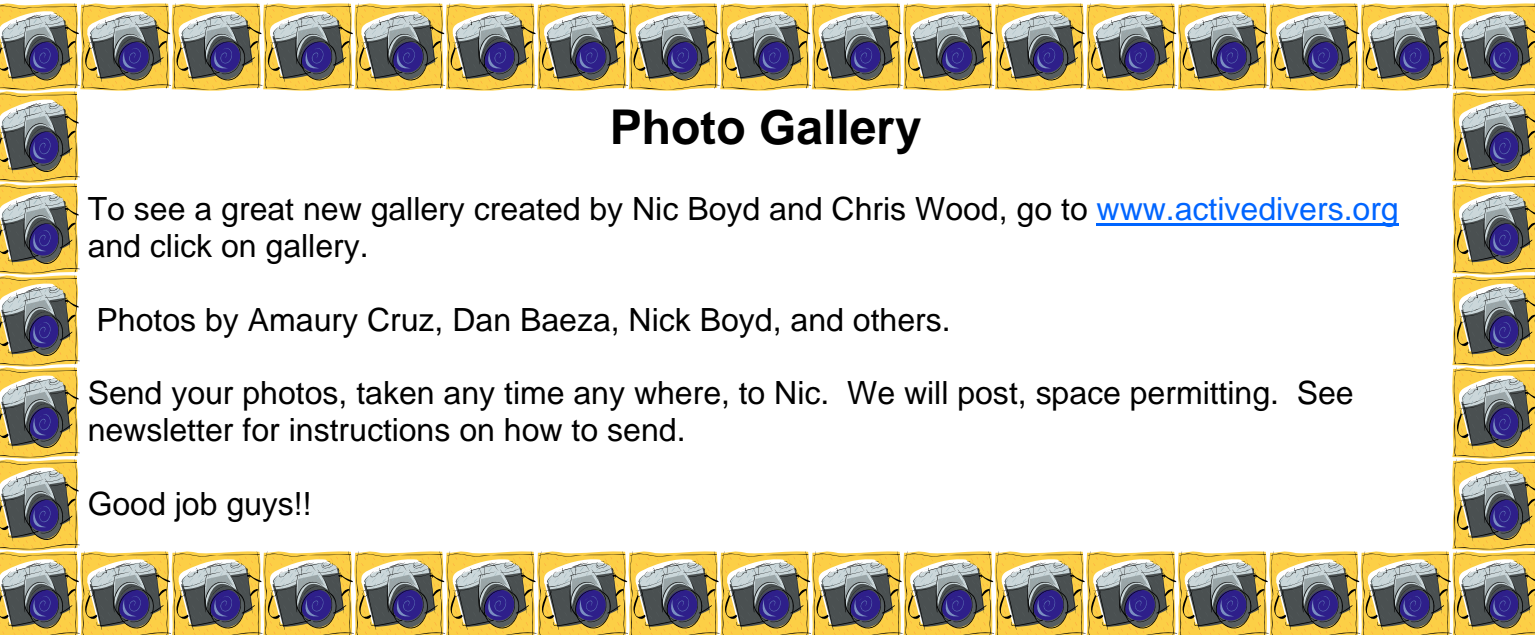


Photo Gallery

To see a great new gallery created by Nic Boyd and Chris Wood, go to www.activedivers.org and click on gallery.

Photos by Amaury Cruz, Dan Baeza, Nick Boyd, and others.

Send your photos, taken any time any where, to Nic. We will post, space permitting. See newsletter for instructions on how to send.

Good job guys!!

Last Newsletter of the Season

Alas, the warm weather, usually calm seas, or just plain Primo diving weather is passing. With it go the Active Divers Association active diving schedule. This will be the last Newsletter of the season. We will start again next year in March with our pre-season newsletter listing the 2008 dive site schedule and the coming events for the season.

As it has been for the last few years, I have been privileged to present the Newsletter to you and look forward to next year.

I want to wish you all a Great Holiday Season and may I be the first to wish you all a

Happy New Year

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.

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

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 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.

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HOW TO MAKE DIVE RESERVATIONS

1. Check this newsletter or the annual calendar for upcoming dives.
2. Call Lon (305) 251-4975 to make a reservation. Please do not leave a message on the 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 report. See important weather information in 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 46 Terrace Miami, Fl. 33175
7. Itemize dates of dives in the left hand corner of your check.
8. REMEMBER! That family members must have completed individual documentation to register as ADA members.

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.



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