



The Mouthpiece

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Nov/Dec 2009 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

ADA FREE FALL FEAST !!!

and free dive and free raffle. Oct. 11, Dania, Florida.

ADA conducted it's 6th annual free dive, free bbq, and free raffle. This event is a celebration of another year of successful diving fun and adventure. At 9 am, a group of underwater hunters and adventurers entered the water in near perfect conditions. Our hunters were very successful bringing back many soon-to-be-dinner lobster. At about the same time they exited the surf, the bbq grills were glowing with abundant charcoal ready for another ADA feast on the beach. After the many dogs, burgers, kabalsas, and chicken quickly disappeared from the grill, the raffle fun began.

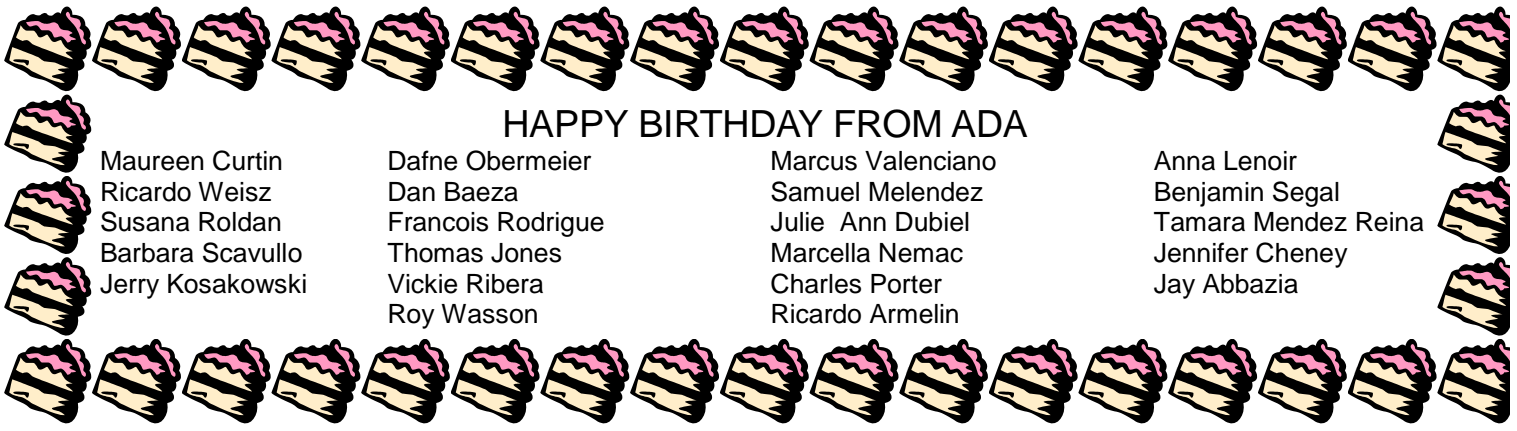
Winners were:

Pat Widener, Mara Suarez, Don Legualt, Allen Smith, Clive Hew, Helen Colby, Evelyn Roisman, Tanny Romano, Lilly Ferguson, Steve Gerlach, Connie Crowther, Barbara Scavullo, Al Escobar, Francly Ray, Camilo Romano, and Keith Solmone. Prizes included gift certificates, dive equipment, free trips, and several other items.

The many items of dive equipment were **donated by Austins Dive Center.** Just another ADA day in paradise.

Thanks Connie Crowther





HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ADA

Maureen Curtin
Ricardo Weisz
Susana Roldan
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Jerry Kosakowski

Dafne Obermeier
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Benjamin Segal
Tamara Mendez Reina
Jennifer Cheney
Jay Abbazia

**Are you on Facebook? Join the ADA page here:
<http://www.facebook.com/ActiveDivers>
We can post your photos and share dive stories!**

Pics by Frank Young on 10/18/2009



This is the last issue of The Mouthpiece for this year. It's been my pleasure to do the newsletter again this year. Thank you to all of the volunteers that work so hard to keep the ADA alive and well. Without your support, this could never happen! Watch your mail Next year for another exciting season of diving. Until, Be Safe and Have 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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