



# The Mouthpiece



November 2011 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## FREE ADA BEACH PARTY REPORT

October 22, 2011, Dania Fl.

ADA members, family and guests enjoyed a chilly morning and then a perfect temped afternoon. Many dived in the a.m. and some also in the p.m. A number of lobsters ended up in the catch bags of several divers. The FREE BBQ featured the usual variety of dogs, chicken, burgers and all the fixin's. The FREE raffle began after the bbq.

The winners were:

ALLEN SMITH  
CAROL COX  
LILY FERGUSON

MAURICIO NERET  
ROGER BACH  
ARON MENCIA

ANTONIO MENCIA  
JERRY CALLIS  
ADELLE NICHOLSON

Prizes included free dive trips, free memberships, and gift certificates and air fill cards from

DIVERS DEN,  
12614 KENDALL DRIVE,  
MIAMI, FL.

### November

11-6 Sun am

BNP

\$59

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'.

11-13 Sun pm

W Palm (*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.

11-20 Sun pm

Speigal Grove (*Advanced*)

\$49 BBQ \$10

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

### 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](http://www.rjd.miami.edu) or call [305 421 4356](tel:3054214356).

## Post Dive BBQS

Cost \$10.00 includes-

Grilled hotdogs, hamburgers, chicken, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, chips and fixins. Soda & Beer.

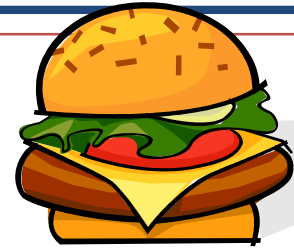
While divers are tending their gear, our chef of the day will be preparing a feast fit for a King/ Queen or at least for hungry divers. We invite all divers on the above dates to join us for good outdoor food and telling tall fish tales. Please send \$10 along with the dive fees, you may make one check 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.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ADA



### November

Maureen Curtin  
Anna Lenoir  
Samuel Melendez  
Francois Rodrique

Dafne Obermeier  
Ricardo Weisz  
Benjamin Siegel  
Julie Dubiel  
Barbara Scavullo

Marcus Valenciano  
Dan Baeza  
Susana Roldan  
Tamara Mendez Reina

### December

Thomas Jones  
Jerry Kosakowski  
Jay Abbazia  
David Goldberg  
Patricia Widener  
Maria Zarceno

Marcella Nemec  
Vicki Ribera  
Roy Wasson  
Alejandro Acosta  
Mark Lewis  
Enrique Gonzalez

Jennifer Cheney  
Charles Porter  
Ricardo Armrlin  
Fernan Stratta  
Rosemary Wood  
Michael Wasson

### HOW TO SAVE OUR PLANET, BIT BY BIT

#### THE THREE R's OF BEING GREEN

Reduce- consumption of electricity, gas, water, non-renewable resources, waste. Reuse- plastic bags, boxes, paper, bottles, cans, containers and donate items. Recycle- plastics of all types, paper, cardboard, glass, metals, if you can't reuse them.

This is the last Newsletter of the season. I want to Thank everyone who sent in articles for publication. It goes along way in making this your newsletter. The next "Mouthpiece" will be in February, 2012. Until then, I wish you clear skies and calm seas. Be Safe...See you next year.

## 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.



Are you on Facebook? Join the ADA page here:

<http://www.facebook.com/ActiveDivers>

We can post your photos and share dive stories!

Send your pics and info to Helen at:

[activediversassoc@gmail.com](mailto:activediversassoc@gmail.com)



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