



The Mouthpiece



November 2012 THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

FREE RAFFLE FREE DIVE FREE BBQ REPORT Oct 13

By Carol Cox

A group of ADA divers and their families braved blustery winds and on again off again showers for the annual ADA Picnic at John Lloyd Park on Oct 13. Lon did the chef honors and we had delicious hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, spicy sausages and baked beans with brownies courtesy of Robert Fox for dessert. After everyone had their fill, a raffle was held and every member present received a nice prize. Thanks to the board of directors, the safety officers and everyone involved in another great year of diving and Bar B Queing. Unfortunately, due to the windy conditions and high seas, the dive on Sunday at Biscayne National Park was called off...but, that's why we belong to ADA....there is always *next* week.

The prizes included free dive trips, equipment, air cards, gift cert.

The winners are:

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| Allen Smith | Lenora Bach | Roger Bach |
| George Gonzalez | Roy Wasson | Charles Julian |
| Robert Fox | Barbara Fox | Carol Clayton |
| Frank Young | Tony Mensia | Arron Mensia |
| Chris Hind | Mike Ewanus | Joy Dequine |
| Erin Ritter | Carol Cox | Robert Burke |
| | Paula Kunsman | |

Many thanks to:

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| Austin's | Divers Den | Fl. Keys Dive Center |
| Ocean Safari | Force E | The Scuba Center |

For contributing Prizes

And thanks to our members who solicited their local shops for prizes.



Congratulations Rachel !!!



That's Rachel

Rachel joins the elite ADA Safety Officers Committee. She has worked all summer as a trainee and was elected by unanimous vote of the Committee. She is the first and only female Safety Officer in the long history of ADA. You may have seen her on past dives, and can look forward to seeing her on many future dives.

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3 Sat pm

Duanne Wreck (Advanced)

\$49

Our favorite Coast Guard Cutter, upright in over 100 feet of blue water. It DOES count even when you don't touch bottom! OUR LIMIT 100 feet! See advanced criterion this issue.

11 Sun pm

Boynton (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.



Welcome ADA's newest member! Congratulations to John Davis for becoming a PADI certified Open Water Diver on September 29th!

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 or call [305 421 4356](tel:3054214356).

This is the last newsletter of 2012. We will see you again in March, 2013 ! Dive Safe and have fun. Most of all...DIVE SAFE !!!



Picnic Pics



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 2012 will remain \$49. **Boat Ticket only!**

These prices may be changed without notice.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ADA



Frank Taylor Jr.

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Julie Dubiel

Barbara Scavullo

Frank Young

RicardoWeisz

Carlos Erban

Lenora Bach

CHINA TO BAN SHARK FIN SOUP

Between 26 and 73 million sharks are killed each year. Usually, fins are cut off the carcasses dumped. 181 species are under threat. China is the biggest consumers of shark fin products. The Chinese Government Office Administration announced the ban could take up to three years to implement. Many Chinese hotel chains have removed shark fin soup from their menus. In China,

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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