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# The Mouthpiece

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## **“Words to Live By” Contest**

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All members of the Active Divers Association are now eligible to WIN FREE DIVE TRIPS in our monthly “Words to Live By” Contest.

In this fun contest, each month from September, 2013 through March, 2014, the ADA will give away one free dive trip to be used for any local dive trip during the 2014 dive season. That’s seven free dives to be awarded in all.

If you have ideas for slogans or phrases that remind us of the need to conserve our natural resources, and/or promote good habits to live by, send me those ideas by email to [roy@wassonandassociates.com](mailto:roy@wassonandassociates.com) I will submit those entries anonymously to our contest judge, and each month the best entry will win a free dive trip.

Entries of course can, do not need to be diving-related, and can deal with subjects including, but not limited to clean energy, air pollution, littering, healthy eating, littering, littering, and so forth. I look forward to your creativity and ideas.

Here are the rules:

1. One entry per person per month.
2. Multiple winners allowed.
3. Dives must be redeemed in 2014.
4. No refunds or transfers of unredeemed dives.
5. Trip insurance may be purchased.
6. Deadline for each month is the last day of that month.
7. Anonymous judge will declare winners.

### **November Dives**

Nov. 3 Sun pm Tavernier Reef \$49 bbq \$10  
Sites may include: Conch Reef, Davis Ledge, Hens & Chickens, Little Conch, Capt. Tom’s Ledge, 40’ Ledge, Fish Trap, Horseshoe. Average depth 30’, average visibility 40-60’, many morays, schooling tropicals, unusual pillar corals.

Nov. 10 Sun pm Boynton Beach (*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.

### **Last Issue**

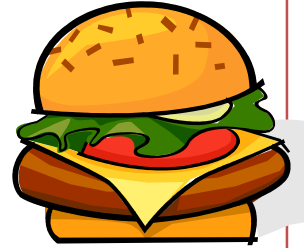
This is the last issue of the Mouthpiece for 2013. The next issue will be in February 2014. This is also my last issue as editor. I have been doing this for many years and I am passing the torch to the next person who enjoys doing newsletters. If you are interested, contact Lon. Thank you all for the opportunity to do this, I have enjoyed it.

Steve Herz

## 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 2013 will remain \$49. **Boat Ticket only!**

These prices may be changed without notice.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ADA



### November

Frank Taylor Jr.

Julie Dubiel

Barbara Scavullo

Frank Young

RicardoWeisz

Carlos Erban

Lenora Bach

## 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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