

The Mouthpiece

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THE ACTIVE DIVERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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JULY 19-23

DIVE THE WORLD FAMOUS
Russian Destroyer and
Bloody Bay Wall!

5 days and 4 nights-\$945*

***subject to change until ticketed**

(Note: Nondivers \$745)

PAYMENTS

Deposit of \$200 due 4 days after reservation.
\$350 due March 1, \$395 due April 1

CALL LON TODAY!!!
305-251-4975

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Hotel (double occupancy)
- Round trip air fare
- Breakfast and dinner
- 3 days of 3 tank dives
- Airport transfers (Cayman Brac)

ONLY SEVEN SPACES LEFT!!

MUST SIGN UP BY FEB

15.....FEBRUARY ONE FIVE!!

(at that time unused spaces will be returned)

ADA FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES

By popular request, ADA will be offering some fun new activities that the whole family can join in on. The following activities are currently scheduled. Look for new ones to be coming soon and give us your input if you'd like to do something that's not listed!

February 10-11	Kayak Expo, Key Largo
March 25	Awards Brunch, Miami
April 4-8	Camping, Gainesville
May 6	BBQ, Tavernier
June 2	BBQ, S. Key Largo
June 3	Kayak trip, Garden Cove
July 22	BBQ, Biscayne Park
August 26	BBQ, Tavernier
September 8	Kayak trip, Indian Key
September 23	BBQ, Biscayne Park
October 20	Picnic, Biscayne Park
November 11	Picnic, Biscayne Park

Many others to be
announced:

Flea markets, Dinner
parties, Your Ideas!

ADA 2001 DIVE SCHEDULE

(for other activities see newsletter)

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE BOOKED</u>	<u>DATE PAID</u>
March	10-17	<i>Humpback Whales - Dominican Republic</i>			
April	4-8	<i>Florida Springs - Manatee Dive</i>			
	22	SU	Dania Beach		
May	28	SA	N. Key Largo		
	6	SU	Tavernier		
	12	SA	Biscayne Natl. Park		
	20	SU	Islamorada		
June	26	SA	Miami Beach Advanced		
	2	SA	S. Key Largo		
	2	SA	S. Key Largo (Night)		
	10	SU	Ft. Lauderdale Advanced		
	16	SA	Biscayne Natl. Park		
	24	SU	N. Key Largo		
July	30	SA	Islamorada		
	8	SU	Miami Beach Advanced		
	14	SA	Dania Beach		
	19-23	<i>Cayman Brac</i>			
	22	SU	Biscayne Natl. Park Advanced		
	28	SA	S. Key Largo		
August	28	SA	S. Key Largo (Night)		
	29	SU	N. Key Largo		
	5	SU	Islamorada		
	11	SA	Ft. Lauderdale Advanced		
	18	SA	Biscayne National Park		
September	26	SU	Tavernier		
	1	SA	Miami Beach Advanced		
	9	SU	N. Key Largo		
	16	SU	Islamorada		
	23	SU	Biscayne Natl. Park Advanced		
October	29	SA	Tavernier		
	7	SU	West Palm Beach Advanced		
	14	SU	S. Key Largo Advanced		
	20	SA	Biscayne Natl. Park		
November	28	SU	Boynton Beach Advanced		
	4	SU	Duanne Advanced		
	11	SU	Biscayne Natl. Park Advanced		
	18	SU	Pompano Advanced		

I've been waiting to say this....!!

2001, A DIVE ODDESSY!!

PRODUCED BY LON VON LINTEL

A new season is upon us. I know, 'cause I have a stack of renewals about to go out to all of you. Look for them early Feb.'01, and PLEASE return them ASAP, so I can get you your dive schedule and membership card, as well as a membership directory we've put together again. We have an exciting year planned, with a couple of new boats Lon, Enrique, Al and I have scouted out this off-season that we think you'll like!! Some new wrecks and reefs that were great!! Hope to see you out on the boats early and often.

Jim Kiernan, Membership Chairman

P.S.-we have lotsa applications!!! Let your friends know about us!!

ADA Meets with National Park Service to Discuss Biscayne National Park

Darryl Blackstone and Lon Von Lintel attended a meeting chaired by the National Park Services, in reference to developing a management program for the Biscayne National Park and the continued maintenance of the park. Also discussed were the Do's and Don'ts that will be allowed within the park.

We met several very interested park rangers who desperately need our help assisting them in maintaining different programs for the betterment of the parks: IE. buoy maintenance, coral growth, restoring damaged coral, etc.

The park services want our opinion on developing a vision of the National Park Service. Please find the enclosed opinion form and fill it out and return it as soon as possible with your ideas and opinions. Opinion Forms will be accepted up to March 9, 2001. **Your input is very important in determining the future management program of Biscayne National Park.**

Darryl Blackstone
Conservation Co-Chair

BOGEY & BACALL KAYAK RACES & DEMO DAYS

February 10th & 11th Saturday & Sunday

This will be the 8th annual demo and the 3rd annual Bogey & Bacall race. The Bogey, a 13 mile race will be on Saturday, and the Bacall, 6 miles, on Sunday. Possibly some fun races, too! Great day for trying out boats with manufacturer reps there to answer your questions. Other activities and race times will be announced later.

You can now register online at
www.kayakfloridakeys.com/events.

To be held at Florida Bay Outfitters
in Key Largo, MM 103.

Information for those interested (305) 451-3018.

Half day - Kayak & Snorkel

Sunday June 3rd. 9:00 a.m.

Garden Cove & North Sound Creek. Meet at Florida Bay Outfitters in Key Largo. Rent or BYK and join us for a paddle to Rattlesnake Key through a mangrove canopy and into the North Sound Creek lagoon. Snorkel and explore the shallow reefs around the key. For more information call Julio 305-551-7545.

Full day - Kayak & Snorkel

Saturday September 8th. 9:00 a.m.

Indian Key State Historic Site.

(Possible snorkeling at the San Pedro underwater archaeological preserve - depending on seas and weather).

Rent or BYK and join us for a short paddle to Indian Key. Snorkel and explore the shallow reefs around the key. Indian Key history dates from the time of prehistoric Indians to the 1830's, when the key was the seat of the newly created Dade County. Jacob Housman bought the strategic key in 1831 and turned it into a busy port of wrecking. In 1838 Dr. Henry Perrine moved to Indian Key to pursue his interest in tropical botany where he was killed in an Indian attack in the early morning of August 7, 1840. Indian Key has remained uninhabited and Dr. Perrine's plants have grown over the ruins. For more information call Julio 305-551-7545.

Julio Raimundez, *Social Co-Chair*

(305) 252-7035 x3314

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ADA will be offering kayaking trips later this year and interested parties could learn more about this sport before attending our outings by attending this function.

OFF SEASON DIVING

JIM KIERNAN

As most of the members know, our season as a club ends this year on November 19th.

Many have asked why we don't continue with scheduled club dives into the winter months. The reason is the uncertainty of weather, resulting in many weather-related trip cancellations. This makes it very difficult to administer.

However, during the off-season, Lon and I do dive almost every weekend, weather permitting. Frequently, others have asked us to let them know when we do go, so they can join us.

This off-season, if you wish to be made aware of such dives, let me know. I will keep a list of those wishing to be notified, and will call each week we're going out, early in the week, and give you the opportunity to go with us.

These dives, however, are NOT Club Sponsored, so each person will call the appropriate shop that week to make his or her own reservation. There will be no ADA Safety Officer on duty and ADA assumes no liability or responsibility

\$1 MILLION SETTLEMENT IN CORAL REEF GROUNDING CASE (December 11, 2000)

In the largest settlement ever under the Park System Resources Protection Act (PSRPA), Biscayne National Park will receive \$1 million to cover costs associated with the November 1996 grounding of the vessel *M/T Igloo Moon*. The tanker, loaded with a potentially hazardous cargo of a chemical used in processing rubber, injured nearly 500 square meters of reef habitat, including live corals and other organisms.

For more information regarding this incident please visit:
<http://www.nps.gov/bisc/igloomoon/index.htm>

40% OF FLORIDA REEFS DEAD!

A recent study by scientists concluded that 40% of the corals in the Fl. Keys have died as the result of pollution and other causes. As reported in the Miami Herald, this should be of concern to all scuba divers, especially those of us living in S. Florida. Numerous organizations have been following this development and have mobilized efforts to take action. We support their efforts and urge you to lend a hand. Here are a few of the best I have found:

Caribbean Marine Research Center

www.cmrc.org

Ocean Watch Foundation

www.oceanwatch.org

REEF

www.reef.org

Reef Keeper Inter.

www.reefkeeper.org

Reef Relief

www.reefrelief.org

Fl. Keys National Marine Sanctuary

www.noaa.gov

Reef Check 2000

www.reefcheck.org

Check them out on the internet.

Happy diving, Lon

ADA ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTATION/BRUNCH

March 25, 2001

WHO All ADA members, family and guests

WHAT Awards, Brunch, Social

WHEN Sun. March 25, 11 am to 2 p.m.

WHERE 94th Aero Squadron Charlie Room,
1395 N.W. 57 Ave. Miami. (Just off 836, south side of MIA runway)

WHY See who won the Divers of the Year

awards, eat drink and be merry, meet new members, tell tall fish stories, catch up with old buddies.

MENU Brunch buffet includes:

- omelets, waffles, eggs, bacon, sausages, pate, croissants
- roast beef, and ham, turkey, pork, shrimp, crab claws, poultry
- fresh fruit, cheeses, salads
- cakes, pies, pastries, mousses
- champagne, mimosa, or orange juice
- cappuccino

COST - \$18 for adults, children \$10

Call Pat Hackett at 305-387-0015 for reservations.

DEADLINE MARCH 15.

(cancellations after March 15 no refunds)

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!!!

JOIN ON THE SPOT!!!

HUMPBACK WHALE DIVE!!

March 10-17 2001

The Silver Banks, off the north coast of the Dominican Republic, is the mating and calving ground for the giant humpback whales. This expedition will be aboard the Bottom Time II, a 90 foot floating resort that cruises at high speed and is very stable with air conditioned cabins and full amenities.

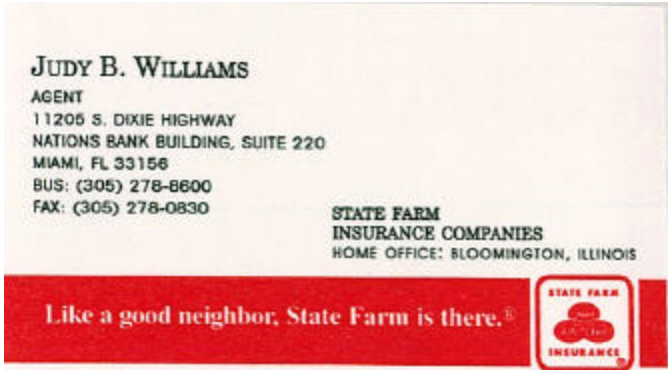
Approx. cost \$2500, includes boat and air fare.
At press time only 5 spaces are left.

Call Lon for details.

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:
Lon Von Lintel, 15305 SW 104 Ave., Miami, FL 33157
- 6) Itemize dates of dives on bottom-left corner of check.
- 7) Do not pay for persons other than spouses or other family members. Include their names on check.

REMEMBER: That family members must have completed individual documentation to register as ADA members.



YOUR AD COULD BE HERE!

BUSINESS CARD ADS

Space Available

5 Issues ➔ \$50
10 Issues ➔ \$75

To Place Your AD Please Contact:
Chris Wood (305) 754-6882

Ads from \$7.50/mth



January B-Days		February B-Days	
Terry Long	1	Christina Gust	3
Doug Davis	12	Cameron Blackstone	4
Al Escobar	13	Joseph Cavallo	4
Dan Baeza	15	Donald DeCoste	4
Christian Cao	15	James Kiernan	8
Jaime Sanchez	16	Eddie Rhodes	10
Julianne Lake	23	Charles Garber	11
Lothar Genge	24	Edward Zaret	13
Keith Sherrill	30	Steven Lovell	18
Juan Alphonso	31	J.T. Barrett	20
		David Balton	23
		Gregory Ruttan	25
		Dennis Metrock	26

NEW MEMBERS - N. Key Largo 10-29-00
(Left) Dan, (Middle) Julianne, (Right) Russell

**THE ADA SENDS IT S HEARTFELT
CONDOLENCES** TO THE FAMILY OF ENRIQUE GONZALEZ FOR THE
LOSS OF HIS BELOVED MOTHER, HAYDEE ARCHIBALD DEVANEY. Enrique, we look
forward to seeing your happy smiling face back on the boats.

THE ADA SENDS CONGRADULATIONS to Board of directors
member Dan Baeza on his recent selection for a PHD in Electrical Engineering from Florida
Atlantic University. This was the fruit of a long, strenuous regime, and a source of great pride.

Inside this month's issue you'll find:

- Cayman Brac - Dive Trip Details
- The 2001 ADA Dive Schedule
- New Family Fun Activities - Including Kayaking, Picnics, Camping, BBQ's, and more!
- Annual Awards Presentation Brunch - coming in March
- And much more...

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THINKING ABOUT MOVING? ☎ DON'T KEEP IT A SECRET!
Call Jim at Membership (954-752-6234) *It could save your newsletter.*