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# **LABUE NEWS**

**Los Angeles Black Underwater Explorers**



## **PHOTO OF THE MONTH**

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Photographer:  
Don Costa Seawell  
Location:  
Indonesia  
Subject:  
Sea Anemone and  
Clown Fish  
Camera:  
Panasonic ZS-30



Do you have a photograph you would like to see on the cover of the LABUE Newsletter? If so, send it to Debora Ewing at [dewing@proskauer.com](mailto:dewing@proskauer.com) for consideration to be featured as the LABUE Photo of the Month

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## **CATALINA HYPERBARIC CHAMBER**

Join us at our April 12th, LABUE Membership Meeting at the Natural History Museum featuring an informative presentation on the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber by guest speaker Ken Kurtis, Chairman Chamber Day/Evening 2016. This year's 42nd Annual Chamber Day/Evening events will take place Wednesday May 4th, raising funds to support the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber's service to the Southern California SCUBA diving communities. Get the latest updates on upcoming LABUE dives, dive vacations, and activities. We look forward to seeing you all. Join our LABUE Meetup Group dive community at [www.Meetup.com/LABUEDIVERS/](http://www.Meetup.com/LABUEDIVERS/) to stay up-to-date on 2016 LABUE dives and activities.

## \$25 MEMBER DISCOUNT AVAILABLE FOR CHAMBER EVENING

### May 4, 2016

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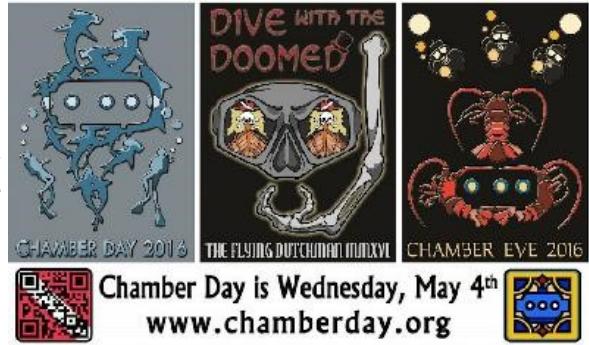
Join LABUE on Wednesday May 4th for the 42nd Annual Chamber Day/Evening Event supporting the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber's service to the Southern California Diving Communities. Each year LABUE helps support the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber by participating in Chamber Day/Evening, an event created to help raise the funds needed to operate this critical facility. The County of Los Angeles provides about half of the funding needed to properly operate and maintain the Chamber. The remaining funds must be raised from private sources such as this event. Last year, \$117,123 was raised from this event for the continued operation and improvement of your Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber!

This year, LABUE will again be sponsoring a table for Chamber Evening, being held on Wednesday, May

4th, at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach. This exciting evening features a fully catered dinner as well as access to all of the aquarium's exhibits and attractions. Admission also includes raffle tickets for an evening of door prize drawings. Thousands of dollars in valuable door prizes will be given away including regulators, dive computers, buoyancy compensators, cameras, wet suits, mask & fins, and other dive related gear. LABUE members have been fortunate enough to travel and dive around the world and rely on the local chambers to be available and functioning in the event they are needed. It is only fair that LABUE members be responsible by participating in support of our local chamber.

As a special benefit for

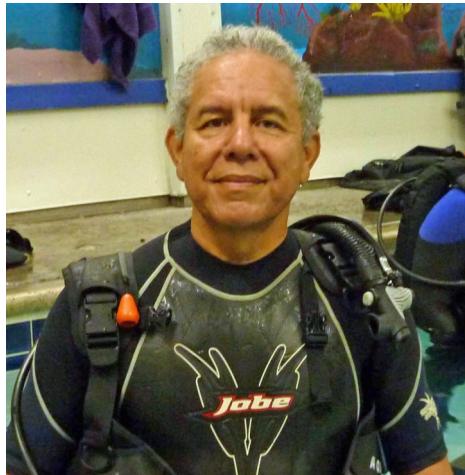
LABUE members, we are offering a \$25 discount to those members purchasing tickets to this important event, bringing the ticket price down to only \$85 (\$45 of which is tax deductible) from the normal \$110 price. This discount also applies to those members participating in the Chamber Day charter dive boat activities. Support the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber! Contact us at labue@sbcglobal.net to reserve your ticket.



Chamber Day is Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>  
[www.chamberday.org](http://www.chamberday.org)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY: RICHARD RICE



There are benefits to being a Dive Club Member. LABUE Members are well aware of this fact and know that the benefits that active LABUE Members receive are far in excess of the annual membership dues they pay. The March 2016 issue of the California Diving News published an excellent article on dive club membership, "Better Together-Benefits of Being a Dive Club Member". I read this article with LABUE in mind and came to the

conclusion that we are on the path to building a solid dive club that will continue to grow.

Let me know if you would like to receive a free copy of the March 2016 issue of the California Diving News.

**Choosing a Dive Club** - The article offers tips for things to consider when choosing a dive club. Location of club meetings and dive activities, involvement with the local community and the diving community as a whole (including participation in beach and ocean cleanups, support of hyperbaric chamber events, Scuba Show, photo and film contests) were identified as major considerations to look for. Another important factor to consider is to look for a club that welcomes active participation by their membership, including encouraging them to become involved in club leadership positions.

**Dive Buddies** - Many divers go through the process of becoming certified, yet don't dive on a regular

basis simply because they don't have a dive buddy. Dive clubs such as LABUE include members of various certification levels and expertise, offering the opportunity to establish dive buddy relationships and friendships with divers you trust and have confidence in. LABUE's more experienced club members are more than willing to mentor new divers.

**Diving** - The best benefit of dive clubs is the diving. LABUE offers a regular schedule of dive activities including beach dives at most of So Cal's popular dive sites. Our beach dive activities also include trips to Catalina Island and our annual Dive-Camp weekend. Discounted boat dives are also part of our regular dive activities as well as Warm Water Dive Vacations, including our trip to Saba, November 13-20.

**Sharing the Love of Diving** - LABUE has played a significant role in promoting and sharing the sport of SCUBA in our community and offer-

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ing a welcoming home for the hundreds of divers and friends who have been involved with LABUE for nearly 25 years. For over a decade our Discover SCUBA Program has offered the public an opportunity to learn about and experience the sport.

**Saving Money** - Because of our purchasing power, LABUE is able to make diving more affordable by offering discounts on boat dives, dive vacations, dive shop equipment discounts, and discounts on events such as upcoming Chamber Day/Evening activities and the SCUBA Show. LABUE also offers free access to our SCUBA DVD and dive guide lending library.

**Education, Entertainment & Prizes** - LABUE offers informative and educational and entertaining monthly meetings held at the Natural History Museum, featuring a variety of speakers and topics. Our meetings also feature tasty refreshments, door prizes, and updates on club activities in a friendly social environment.

If you are interested in lending your labor, experience, or organizational skills to LABUE on any of our committees, your participation would be more than welcomed. If you would like to recommend an activity or event that would benefit the community, our members, or help fulfill our 2016 mission, please share your ideas it with me or one of the Board members. We value your recommendations. Give me a call or send me an email ([labue@sbcglobal.net](mailto:labue@sbcglobal.net)) to share your ideas and thoughts on how to make LABUE a better dive club and to let me know how you can help us in these efforts.

### BOAT DIVING?

If you decide to sign up for a boat dive and you want a LABUE dive buddy, please contact DonCosta Seawell at 909-593-1877 or [doncosta1@msn.com](mailto:doncosta1@msn.com) with your trip details and he will convey that information to the club so that anyone who desires to join you will be aware.

## DIVER NEWS

### New and Renewing Members:

Salim Jordan  
Richard and Kathy Rice  
Denise Barker and  
Mark and Stephen  
James Wiley and Cheryl Brock  
Carolyn Dawson

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Know of any member  
Certification announcements?  
Please notify Debora Ewing at  
[dewding@proskauer.com](mailto:dewding@proskauer.com)  
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## DIVE COMPUTER RECALL

[http://www.scubapro.com/media/502420/cpsc\\_joint\\_release.pdf](http://www.scubapro.com/media/502420/cpsc_joint_release.pdf)

**Name of Product:** Galileo Luna and Sol Dive Computers

**Hazard:** A short circuit allows the dive computer's screen to freeze or display inaccurate information, posing a risk of serious injury to a diver underwater, including decompression sickness.

**Remedy:** Replace

Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled dive computers and contact SCUBAPRO to arrange for a free replacement dive computer. Consumer Contact: Scubapro at 800-790-3757 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday or online at [www.scubapro.com](http://www.scubapro.com) and click on "Galileo Recall" for more information.

**Recall Details:**

**Units:** About 1,500

**Description:** The recall includes the 2015 models of UWATEC Galileo Luna and Sol dive computers. Only dive computers with the following serial numbers are included in the recall:

Galileo LUNA dive computers have serial numbers 150422 0058 001 to 150903 0338 005 and Galileo SOL dive computers have serial numbers 150423 0202 001 to 150921 0001 005. The serial number is stamped on the back of the computer and printed on a label on the product packaging.

**Incidents/Injuries:** Scubapro has received three reports of the dive computer screens freezing. No injuries have been reported.

**Sold at:** Authorized Scubapro dealers nationwide from May 2015 through January 2016 for between \$700 and \$1,200.

**Importer:** Johnson Outdoors Diving LLC, of El Cajon, Calif.

**Manufactured in:** Indonesia

## RENEW YOUR 2016 LABUE MEMBERSHIP TODAY AND SAVE!

Renew your 2016 LABUE membership and take advantage of member benefits including \$25 off the price Chamber Day/Evening events scheduled for May 4th. You can also look forward to scheduled beach dives, discounted boat dives, our 2016 Warm Water Dive Vacation to Saba, door prize raffles, and discounts on the 2016 SCUBA Show at the Long Beach Convention Center in June. Just complete the attached Membership Application and forward it to LABUE, PO Box 90069, LA 90009, along with your annual dues of \$30 (\$45 for Family Memberships). You may also renew on PayPal at [paypal\\_membership@labue.org](mailto:paypal_membership@labue.org). Keep up with all of our 2016 events and dive activities by joining our Meetup Group at [www.meetup.com/LABUEDIVERS/](http://www.meetup.com/LABUEDIVERS/).



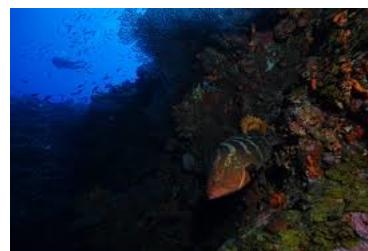
**LABUE's 2016 Warm Water Dive Vacation SABA**  
**"Unspoiled Queen of the Caribbean"**  
**November 13 – 20, 2016**



The LABUE Board is pleased to announce that the Caribbean island of Saba has been selected for our 2016 Warm Water Dive Vacation, November 13-20, 2016! Never heard of Saba? LABUE has never traveled to Saba and many divers are not familiar with this unique Caribbean destination. Saba is known as the "*Unspoiled Queen of the Caribbean*" and offers unquestionably the best world-class SCUBA diving in the Caribbean. Learn a little about Saba and you will understand why Saba is like no other Caribbean destination. Check out the following for a taste of what you will experience in Saba:

Saba Tourism Board website: [www.sabatourism.com](http://www.sabatourism.com)  
Saba Videos: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=8D8wOlk42Zs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8D8wOlk42Zs) and  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dgj8LDu7iuQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dgj8LDu7iuQ)

**DATES:** November 13 – 20, 2016  
**DIVER COST:** \$1400.00 Including hotel (double occupancy)+ferry to Saba+some meals + dive package (11 dives).  
**NON-DIVER COST:** \$750.00 Including hotel (double occupancy) + ferry to Saba+ some meals.  
**DEPOSIT:** \$200.00  
**CONTACT:** labue @sbcglobal.net



## **LOS ANGELES BLACK UNDERWATER EXPLORERS**

### **SCUBA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**PURPOSE:** In agreement with and support of LABUE's Mission to *Expand the Knowledge and Enjoyment of SCUBA Diving* in our community, LABUE awards ***Discover Scuba Program*** and ***Open Water I SCUBA Certification*** Scholarships. The SCUBA certification scholarships (***Charles Heath Memorial Scholarship and Artie Williams Memorial Scholarship***) are named for two long time club members who exemplified consistent dedication and support of LABUE, and love of the sport of SCUBA Diving.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:**

***Discover Scuba*** - Up to ten (10) LABUE Discover Scuba Program Scholarships may be awarded each year in the form of refund of the paid Discover Scuba fee upon participation and completion of a scheduled LABUE Discover Scuba class.

***Open Water I SCUBA Certification*** – Up to two (2) Open Water I SCUBA Certification Scholarships may be awarded each year in the form of reimbursement of costs, up to \$400, for successful completion of a recognized Open Water I SCUBA certification course offered by any qualified dive shop or SCUBA instructor. The scholarships also include a one year LABUE membership.

**AWARD ELIGIBILITY:** Those eligible for the ***Discover Scuba Program*** scholarships include selected members of the general public as determined by the LABUE Board of Directors. This may include individuals as well as members of organizations including schools, scouting programs, sports clubs, fraternal organization, professional organizations, social organizations, etc.. Those eligible to apply for the ***Open Water I Certification*** scholarships include paid LABUE Members who are not SCUBA certified; and family members of paid LABUE Members (including spouses, children, parents, siblings, grandparents, grandchildren, aunts and uncles). Members of the general public who have completed any recent or past LABUE Discover Scuba Program are also eligible.

**AWARD REQUIREMENTS:** Requirements for award of the ***Discover Scuba Program*** Scholarships will be determined by the LABUE Board of Directors. Applicants for the ***Open Water I Certification*** Scholarships must have completed their Open Water I certification during the same calendar year in which the Scholarship is awarded and they must demonstrate their efforts to support LABUE's mission and club, programs, events, and activities as evidenced by any of the following:

- Active attendance and participation in LABUE meetings, programs, events, and activities
- Active participation as a member of a LABUE committee
- Contribution of photos, articles, graphics, and other information to the LABUE News newsletter, LABUE website, LABUE Facebook page, LABUE Blog, or other media.
- Preparation of research paper or school project on topics related to SCUBA diving or other related marine topics including biology, marine ecology, marine technology; or historical topics related to diving such as WWII wreck dive sites or the search for sunken slave ships.

Applications for the Open Water I SCUBA Certification Scholarships shall be submitted by November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

**SELECTION:** Award of ***Discover Scuba Program*** scholarships will be determined by the LABUE Board of Directors in advance of each scheduled Discover Scuba Program date. Review of Award Eligibility, compliance with Award Requirements for each ***Open Water I SCUBA Certification*** scholarship applicant, and award selection will be made by the LABUE Board of Directors before the date of the December LABUE General Membership Meeting each year.

## NEWSLETTER ADS

LABUE is offering newsletter ads for nominal prices. The price structure is as follows:

- \$15 for a quarter page ad (per month);
- \$20 for a half page ad (per month);
- \$30 for a full page ad (per month).

If you're interested in purchasing an ad, please contact Debora Ewing at (310) 284-4556.

### PHOTO OF THE MONTH



**Reminder: Please e-mail your photos for the "Photo of the Month" contest. You just may see your photo on the cover of an upcoming edition of the LABUE News! Please e-mail photos for consideration to [dewing@proskauer.com](mailto:dewing@proskauer.com).**



## UPCOMING EVENTS 2016

April 12, 2016 -- LABUE General Membership Meeting - 7:00 PM  
 April 26, 2016 -- LABUE Board Meeting  
 May 4, 2016 -- Chamber Evening - Aquarium of the Pacific  
 May 10, 2016 -- LABUE General Membership Meeting - 7:00 PM  
 May 24, 2016 -- LABUE Board Meeting  
 July 30, 2016 -- Discover Scuba II - Pacific Wilderness Dive Shop  
 November 13-20, 2016 -- Saba Dive Trip



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### Meetings

The LABUE meetings are held the second Tuesday of every Month at 7:00 PM in the Times Mirror Room at the Natural History Museum in Los Angeles.

### NEW MEETING LOCATION!

Due to construction in the museum, we will be meeting in the Education Classroom on the 2nd floor. See the attached map for directions from the parking lot.

- Members should park at the bottom of the ramp leading to our below ground level of the car park.
- There is a green wall at the bottom of the ramp. On the right side of the wall is a door. Go through the door. The outside area of our cafeteria will be on the right.
- Continue straight ahead. Walk by the glass entrance pavilion on the ground level, and turn right at the far edge of the pavilion. There is a ground level door going into the museum. Go in.
- The hallway has 2 elevators on the left. Take either one to the 2nd floor.
- Turn right after you get out of the elevator.
- Turn right at the T-intersection. The Dino lab is on the left.
- Go through the double doors into the Education department and walk straight ahead.
- The door to the Education Classroom will be on your left.



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**In consideration to the many LABUE members who are unable to download large files on their computer, we will be limiting the number of photographs included in our newsletter. To accommodate our many excellent photographers, we will begin posting additional photographs on the LABUE website for your viewing pleasure.**

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

For the Year 2016

**General Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Referred By: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact Name and Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Certification Information:**

Year First Certified: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Dives: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Last Dive: \_\_\_\_\_ Warm Water  Beach  Boat

**Certification Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Diving Preferences:**  Beach Dives  Boat Dives  Warm Water Dives

**Membership Category:**

Amount: \$30.00 <input type="checkbox"/> for Individual Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
\$45.00 <input type="checkbox"/> for Family Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
\$300.00 <input type="checkbox"/> for Lifetime Individual	\$450.00 <input type="checkbox"/> for Lifetime Family	

Please make checks payable to: "**Los Angeles Black Underwater Explorers**" or "**LABUE**"

**WAIVER**

I \_\_\_\_\_, hereby apply for membership in the Los Angeles Black Underwater Explorers (LABUE) and agree to abide by all club rules. I acknowledge that I will be voluntarily participating in LABUE events with full knowledge of the potential risks of scuba diving and diving related activities. In consideration of your acceptance of this application and my membership in LABUE, I agree to assume all risks of bodily injury, death or property damage, arising out of or in connection with my participation in LABUE activities. I also agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless LABUE and its members and officers from any and all liability arising out of or in connection with my participation in LABUE activities. I further agree that this release and indemnification is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State of California. I have carefully read this release and fully understand its contents. I sign this release of my own free will and with full knowledge of its significance.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_