

# LABUE NEWS

Los Angeles Black Underwater Explorers



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Photographer: Symphorosa Williams

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Subject: Honeycomb Moray Eel

Camera: Olympus TG-5 camera in Olympus Underwater Housing

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

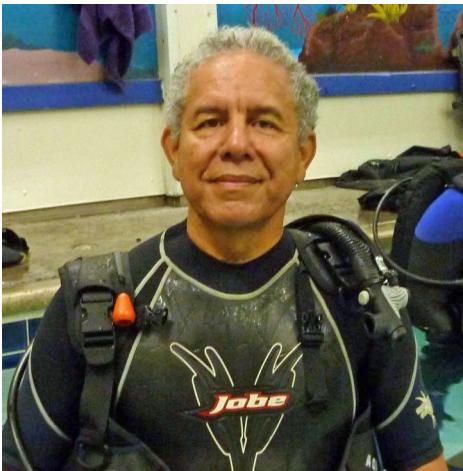
- ◊ NABS Presidents Meeting April 6-7th - Washington, DC
- ◊ Chamber Evening at the Aquarium of the Pacific - May 1st
- ◊ 32nd Annual SCUBA Show May 4-5th - Long Beach
- ◊ 2019 Discover SCUBA – Schedule To Be Announced
- ◊ LABUE Yap-Micronesia Dive Adventure - May 26 - June 2, 2019
- ◊ 2nd Quarter LABUE Membership Meeting - Manta Ray Bay, Yap
- ◊ Dive n' Camp Weekend - Date To Be Announced
- ◊ NABS Dive Summit - November 2 -12, 2019
- ◊ LABUE Holiday Dinner & House Party - December 2019

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY: RICHARD RICE



April is here and it's time to Dive! Spring is here and Summer is on the way. Our LABUE Warm Water Dive Vacation to Yap is next month and it's time to get ready. With the variety of great dive sites from Santa Barbara to San Diego, Southern California is the perfect place for SCUBA divers to practice their skills. Money tight? For the cost of an air fill, you can refine your dive skills and enjoy the underwater beauty and enjoyment your sport provides.

LABUE has always had a dedicated core group of regular beach divers since we started over 26 years ago. I encourage you to take advantage of the variety of easily accessible and diverse beach dive options just a short drive away, making the Southern California coastline the Beach Dive Capital of the US. To prepare for our upcoming trip to Yap and take advantage of the great dive weather that Spring and Summer bring, check out some of our favorite Los Angeles County beach dive sites including the Redondo Submarine Canyon, Malaga Cove, White Point, and Casino Point on Catalina Island; and Orange County sites including Shaw's Cove, Fisherman's Cove, Picnic Beach, and Wood's Cove.

Here are a few beach diving essentials to keep in mind as you prepare to participate in our upcoming LABUE Dive activities:

- **Get in Shape:** Physical conditioning is important for Beach Diving.

ing. Many popular dive sites require you to climb stairs, hike down steep coastal trails, make long surface swims, and hike back to your vehicle following the dive while wearing all of your dive gear.

- **Check your Dive Gear:** Make sure that your dive equipment is functional and well maintained. Make sure that you get your equipment serviced before taking it on a dive vacation. Check to make sure that your tank is full before you leave home for a beach dive. Be sure to bring the LABUE Dive Float and DAN O2 Kit to be prepared for dive emergencies.
- **Pre-Dive Planning:** Call for a surf and dive report for the area to get an idea of what to expect on arriving at the beach. Try to plan dives in the mornings when the seas tend to be calmer, beaches less crowded, and parking more available (be sure to bring plenty of quarters for parking meters in some locations). Upon arrival at the beach, take some time to observe the conditions; identifying suitable entry and exit points, and timing wave sets to better plan surf entries.
- **Practice your surf and rocky beach entry and exit skills.** Have your gear in place before en-

tering the water and know your dive skill limitations.

- **2019 Warm Water Dive Vacation:** LABUE members and friends will be traveling to Yap May 26th to June 2nd for our annual warm water dive vacation. There are still spots available for this trip that is expected to sell out soon.

Your LABUE Board of Directors has an ambitious agenda for 2019 and, with your help, will continue with our effort to institute changes necessary to ensure LABUE's future. We encourage you to support your dedicated LABUE Officers and Board of Directors in meeting the challenges of 2019 with your active participation in LABUE. We encourage you to lend your labor, experience, or organizational skills to LABUE on any of our tasks or 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 mission, please share your ideas 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.



## DIVING IN SODWANA BAY SOUTH AFRICA

By: Richard Rice

We enjoyed the trip of a lifetime. After more than a year of planning, I took off with Kathy Rice and Symphorosa Williams for more than three weeks in Africa, September 2018. We were joined by Symphorosa's old college friend schoolmate and friend Genny Dodoo for our exciting wildlife safari adventure. We spent a week in Ghana where we toured Symphorosa's college located in Accra, Ghana's capitol. We hung out at the children's school that her mom owns and operates there, we toured "slave castles" where our imprisoned ancestors were held before being loaded on ships headed for the Americas, and we enjoyed listening to jazz and dining on delicious Ghanaian cuisine. We spent a week at Zulu Nayla game reserve on a photo safari in South Africa. We visited Johannesburg, where we toured the Apartheid Museum and Nelson Mandela's home. We toured Capetown where we visited wineries and Table Mountain where we enjoyed spectacular views of the city and of Robben Island where Nel-

son Mandela spent part of his 27 years of imprisonment. Our last destination was Zimbabwe where we enjoyed the spectacular Victoria Falls.

So what do LABUE members do to take a break from safari trekking and photographing wildlife in the African bush? We go SCUBA diving!

We arranged our dives with a local dive shop at Sodwana Bay which is located on the east coast of South Africa. Sodwana Bay provides a vast array of unspoiled coral reefs populated with a huge diversity of Indo-Pacific fish species & invertebrates. The 30 mile reef complex is classified as one of the top dive sites in the world. The reefs are one of the southernmost coral reefs in the world and are even further south than Australia's Great Barrier Reef. The Great Barrier Reef has 1800 species of fish and Sodwana (which is a fraction the size of the Great Barrier Reef) has 1200 species of fish making the chances of seeing more species of fish greater at Sodwana than at the Great Barrier Reef. Sodwana Bay's coral reef sys-

tem does not form a continuous reef but is clearly divided into a number of reefs that run parallel to the shore, each one designated by its distance from the launch site, Jesser Point. We did our diving on Two Mile Reef, the largest of Sodwana's known coral reefs and the most dived upon. The reefs are easily accessible by boat from the Bay. The dive boats were inflatable Zodiacs that were pushed into the ocean from the sand by tractors, as we went full speed ahead to get past the heavy surf. It was a unique and exhilarating ride. All the dives conducted at Sodwana Bay are drift dives. As well as fish, we saw all sorts of invertebrates, turtles, rays and sharks during our dives. The breathtakingly colorful hard and soft corals grow on a sandstone base structure that is unique to true coral reef structures.

If you are looking for a truly unique and awe inspiring dive destination, consider diving in South Africa.

*Photographs By: Symphorosa Williams,  
Genny Dodoo, Richard Rice  
Additional photographs on page 4*



## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### STILL INTERESTED IN JOINING LABUE IN YAP?

We may still have a few spots available for our 2019 Warm Water Dive Vacation to Micronesia and the island of Yap, from May 26 through June 2nd, 2019. We will be staying at the highly rated Manta Ray Bay Resort. The all-inclusive trip pricing includes accommodations for 7 nights, breakfasts and dinners, dive package featuring 5 days of 3 tank dives, unlimited shore dives, and round-trip airfare from Manila, Philippines to Yap. Double occupancy prices start at \$1200pp for non-divers and \$2250pp for divers.

If you are interested, contact LABUE Trip Coordinator, DonCosta Seawell at [doncosta1@msn.com](mailto:doncosta1@msn.com) to check room availability.



### **LABUE SCUBA Open Water SCUBA Certification Scholarships Available**

Interested in becoming a Certified SCUBA Diver? In support of our club mission to Expand the Knowledge and Enjoyment of SCUBA Diving in our communities, LABUE is offering three (3) Open Water I SCUBA Certification scholarships for 2019.

LABUE's SCUBA Scholarship Program was introduced in 2014 and awards the Charles Heath Memorial Scholarship, Artie Williams Memorial Scholarship, and Bob Simmons Memorial Scholarship which pay the costs for Open Water I SCUBA certification for those who are selected and meet the requirements of this program.

Take a look at the LABUE SCUBA Scholarship Program flyer in this issue for details. Contact [labue@sbcglobal.net](mailto:labue@sbcglobal.net) if you, or someone you know, are interested in applying.

### KEEP UP ON MEETUP

Keep up with LABUE dive events and activities throughout 2019 on Meetup. By joining our Meetup Group, you will be automatically kept up to date on the latest scheduled LABUE activities and events including beach dives, boat dives, dive vacations, membership meetings, community events, and social events. Meetup is also an excellent tool for meeting and hooking up with new dive buddies. Join LABUE's Meetup Community. Don't be left out, join us today on Meetup. All you need to do is go to [www.meetup.com/LABUEDIVERS/](http://www.meetup.com/LABUEDIVERS/) to join.



### 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.

### EXPLORE THE WORLD OF SCUBA ON FACEBOOK

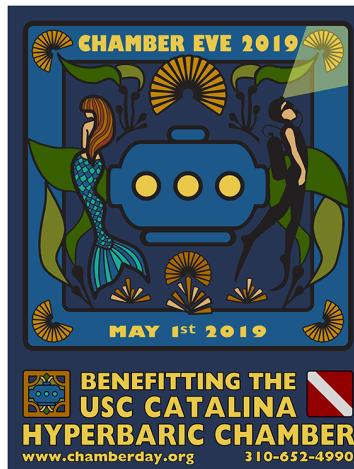
LABUE's Facebook page provides an exciting source of amazing dive related videos, beautiful photos, dive destination reviews, informative articles, dive equipment evaluations, and helpful SCUBA diving tips. For a peek into the underwater world of SCUBA, take a look at LABUE on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/LABUEDIVERS](https://www.facebook.com/LABUEDIVERS). Check it out, you won't be disappointed.



## JOIN US FOR CHAMBER DAY/EVENING -\$25 DISCOUNT

Join us for the Annual Chamber Day/Evening events taking place on Wednesday May 1st. LABUE will again be sponsoring a table for Chamber Evening being held at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach on May 1st from 7pm to 10:30pm. 2019 marks our Chamber's 45th year of unbending service to the Southern California diving community. This exciting evening features a fully catered dinner as well as access to all of the aquarium's exhibits and attractions. Thousands of dollars in valuable door prizes will be raffled off including regulators, dive computers, buoyancy compensators, cameras, wet suits, mask & fins, and other dive related gear. This year's Grand Prize raffle will be a nine-day trip to Manado, Indonesia, with Murex Dive Resort & Lembeh Resort.

This year Chamber Evening tickets are \$120 (LABUE is offering a \$25 discount on Chamber Evening tickets and Chamber Day events) each which includes five evening general raffle tickets and one Grand Prize raffle ticket. We only have 10 discounted tickets available, so reserve your ticket today. Your participation in any or all of the facets of Chamber Day/Evening will help to ensure our Chamber's future. Support the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber! Contact us via email at labue@sbcglobal.net for event and ticket information.



## LABUE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2019

A friendly reminder to renew your LABUE Membership for 2019. Support LABUE's mission to expand the knowledge and enjoyment of SCUBA Diving in our communities. Just complete the attached 2019 LABUE 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 make your renewal payment on PayPal at paypal\_membership@labue.org.

## DIVER NEWS

### New and Renewed Members:

Vanessa Gillion  
Vernon Beard  
Ruth Cauthen  
Richard Rice  
Calvin Berry  
Brenda Kitchen  
Miles Maxey  
Choca Lee Mathieu

### LABUE would like to recognize the following lifetime members:

Quinal Johnson  
Sonny Hill  
Jay Morgan  
Lori Morrish  
Christopher Ricks  
DonCosta Seawell  
Sone-Seere Wilson  
Roderic Buck  
Robert Dansby

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Have any diver news? Know anyone who has obtained new certification?  
Email us at [info@labue.org](mailto:info@labue.org)

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## TICKET DISCOUNT FOR THE SCUBA SHOW

The 32nd Annual SCUBA SHOW which will take place this year on May 4th & 5th at the Long Beach Convention Center. This is the largest SCUBA Expo in the country and this year's event will feature over 300 exhibitors situated in over 76,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space. The SCUBA SHOW will feature new and revolutionary dive gear, dozens of seminars & workshops, representatives from dive resorts and live-aboards, photo and video exhibits and dozens of equipment dealers and manufacturer representatives. They will even have a "Try-SCUBA" pool available for non-divers to experience SCUBA diving. Over \$40,000 in door prizes will be given away.

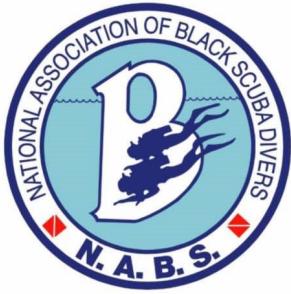
Contact LABUE, by email at [labue@sbcglobal.net](mailto:labue@sbcglobal.net), to receive a coupon good for \$3 off the regular \$15 admission ticket price.



## WE NEED YOUR ARTICLES FOR THE LABUE NEWS

We hope you have been enjoying our new quarterly LABUE News newsletters.

We are working on our next quarterly issue and we invite you to submit your favorite photos and stories as articles for our newsletter. You can write about your recent dives or dive vacations, favorite seafood recipes, NABS activities & updates, dive safety tips, favorite dive memories, upcoming dive community events, or any information you think our members would like. You pick the topic. Take a look at this issue for some inspiration and forward your article draft to [labue@sbcglobal.net](mailto:labue@sbcglobal.net). Let us know if you have any questions and we look forward to seeing your photos or articles in the LABUE News.



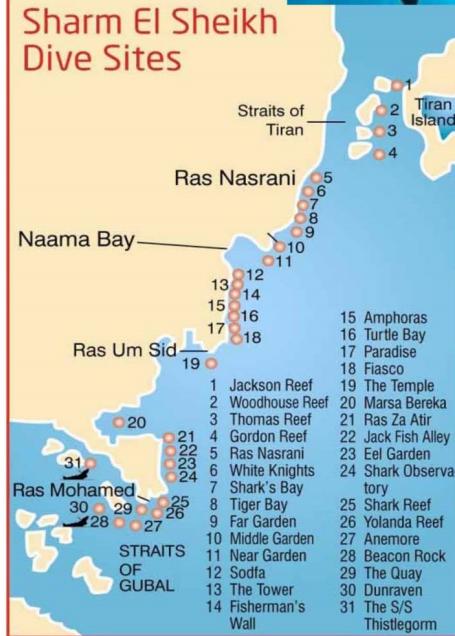
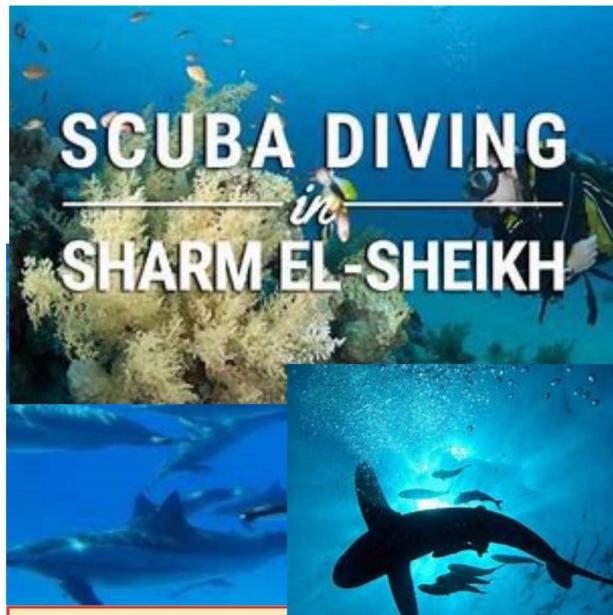
# NABS 2019 Summit

## Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt



EARLY BIRD DEPOSIT OF \$200\* Guarantees your spot on this once in a lifetime adventure...

\* Non-refundable but transferable deposit; pricing for all packages, including diver and non-diver options, as well as tour excursions forthcoming. **Deadline for low Early bird deposit is February 1st 2019.**



[Click below to pay your Early Bird Deposit](#)



To make an "Early Bird" deposit to reserve your spot go to : <https://ecommerce.nabsdivers.org/>

## LABUE Lending Library: Dive Videos, Dive Education & Travel Guides

LABUE members are invited to take advantage of our **LABUE Lending Library** including DVDs, Dive Education publications, and dive destination travel guides. Planning a dive vacation? Why spend money on an expensive dive travel video or travel guide when you can borrow one from the **LABUE Lending Library**? LABUE members are invited to and encouraged to submit a list of those dive DVDs and Travel Guides you may own and wouldn't mind sharing with your fellow members. We will include them on our list of available materials.

Our current **DVD Lending Library** includes a variety of educational and informative topics featuring:

- **Underwater Navigation (PADI)**
- **Wreck Diving (PADI)**
- **Night Diving (PADI)**
- **Dry Suit Diving (PADI)**
- **Choosing and Using Dive Computers (Hammerhead Video)**
- **Truk Lagoon (Dive Travel Video)**
- **Palau (Sam's Tour)**
- **Lost Ships of Rome (Secrets of the Dead)**
- **Slave Ship Mutiny (PBS)**
- **The Guerrero Project**
- **Diving Cozumel Mexico (Divescape Productions)**
- **Dive Bonaire (Nutraaq Media)**
- **White Wash (Trespass Productions)**
- **Spirit of the Blue-The UW World of Osprey and the Ribbon Reefs, Australia (Stuart Ireland Films)**

**Dive Education & Dive Travel Guides available in the LABUE Lending Library include:**

- **Complete Guide to Diving & Snorkeling Aruba, Bonaire,& Curacao**
- **Diving & Snorkeling Baja California**
- **Diving & Snorkeling Fiji**
- **Underwater Indonesia**
- **Diving & Snorkeling Cozumel**
- **Hawaii Below**
- **Diving & Snorkeling Guide to Curacao**
- **Diving & Snorkeling Belize (Lonely Planet)**
- **Diving & Snorkeling Cayman Islands**
- **Diving the British Virgin Islands**
- **Diving Guide to the Balearic Islands, Spain**
- **Diving & Snorkeling Honduras' Bay Islands**
- **Fiji: Welcome to Our Islands**
- **Lost Below (David Finnern)**
- **Passage Through Deep Waters (David Finnern)**
- **Best Dives of the Caribbean (Joyce & Jon Huber)**
- **Diving and Snorkeling Guide to the Hawaiian Islands (Doug Wallin)**
- **Scuba Equipment Care & Maintenance (Farley/Royer)**

If you are interested in borrowing any of the materials in **LABUE's Lending Library** or sharing dive DVDs or related educational materials that you may own with other LABUE members, contact us at [labue@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 ***Open Water I SCUBA Certification*** Scholarships. The SCUBA certification scholarships (***Charles Heath, Artie Williams, and Bob Simmons Memorial Scholarships***) are named for long time club members who exemplified consistent dedication and support of LABUE, and love of the sport of SCUBA Diving.

**AWARD:** ***Open Water I SCUBA Certification*** – Up to two (3) 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.

**ELIGIBILITY:** 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:** 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 articles, photos, graphics, and other information to the LABUE News newsletter, LABUE website, LABUE Facebook page, or other media used by LABUE.
- 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.
- Participation in or completion of LABUE special projects or tasks as determined by the LABUE Board of Directors.

**SELECTION:** Applications for the Open Water I SCUBA Certification Scholarships shall be submitted by November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The LABUE Board of Directors will work with those interested to develop the application and specify proposed activities and tasks to be completed by the applicant. 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.



## ***LABUE's 2019 YAP Micronesia Dive Adventure***

***May 26, 2019 through June 2, 2019***

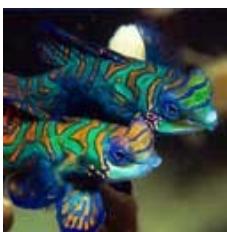


The Los Angeles Black Underwater Explorers (LABUE) is pleased to announce our 2019 Warm Water Dive Vacation to Micronesia and the island of Yap, from May 26 through June 2nd, 2019. Yap is the westernmost state of the four states that make up the Federated States of Micronesia, located in the southeastern Pacific Ocean.

We will be staying at the highly rated Manta Ray Bay Resort. The all-inclusive trip pricing includes accommodations for 7 nights, breakfasts and dinners, dive package featuring 5 days of 3 tank dives, unlimited shore dives, and round-trip airfare from Manila, Philippines to Yap. Double occupancy prices start at \$1200pp for non-divers and \$2250pp for divers. Single supplement pricing is available upon request. Land based tours, spa services, deep sea fishing, and kayaking are optional.

Diving in Yap is all about, crystal clear waters, and a wide variety of dive sites, great coral, Manta Rays, Sharks, and other great marine life. If you are looking for a dive destination that is not invaded by tourists, where the rich local culture still comes first, and diving is the main attraction, join LABUE on this trip of a lifetime. Check out DonCosta Seawell's Yap trip report in the April 2018 issue of the LABUE News and take a look at the Manta Ray Bay Resort website [www.mantaray.com](http://www.mantaray.com) for more information on Yap.

If you are interested in joining us contact LABUE Trip Coordinator, DonCosta Seawell at [doncosta1@msn.com](mailto:doncosta1@msn.com) for more information.





**JOIN MASK (MICHIGAN AFRICAN-AMERICAN SCUBA KLUB)**  
**and DIVE the JARDINES DE LA REINA CUBA**  
**(GARDEN of the QUEEN), CUBA**  
**JUNE 6 – 13, 2020.**  
**ON THE AVALON II LIVE-ABOARD**



**HIGHLIGHTS :**

- One of the biggest treasures in the Caribbean and best-preserved marine areas
- Dive with Caribbean reef sharks, silky sharks, large groupers, eagle rays, and more
- 10 Cabins – 2 persons each
- Length / Width 40 m / - 125 ft.
- Up to 4 dives per day plus night dives.

**PRICING:**

Base price is \$3,800.00 per diver plus Marine Park fees for every guest are \$200 Inscription fee and \$100 USD conservation fee. Total is \$4,100.00 if we have *less than 15 divers*. *With 20 divers the price will be \$2960.00*.

**Contact Vernon E. Beard for additional trip details:  
[vbeardsr@gmail.com](mailto:vbeardsr@gmail.com) or 313-719-5114**

## 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 Quarter" 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.



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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.



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## CHECK OUT THE LABUE STORE



Our hats and polo shirts are beautifully embroidered!



Makes a great gift!!



Above long and short sleeve t-shirts have the same front/back design layout!

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Look great on the boat or beach with official LABUE apparel including T-shirts, Polo Shirts, and Baseball Caps.

T-shirts and Baseball Caps are in stock and are available in most sizes at \$20 each, Polo Shirts are \$30. Check out the LABUE Store at [www.labue.org](http://www.labue.org) to place your order, or you may purchase items at the monthly membership meeting.

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

For the Year 2019

**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: \_\_\_\_\_



## National Association of Black Scuba Divers Membership Application

To insure that your application is accurately processed, please complete each section and print all information.

### Section I: Contact Information ( Renewal Members check here if this is a new address.)

First Name:	Last Name:			NABS ID:
Address:			Apt. No.:	
City:	State:	Zip:	Country:	
Home Phone:	Work Phone:			Ext.:
E-mail Address:				
Your NABS Correspondence Preference: <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> USPS Mailing				
<u>Note:</u> If you do not indicate your preference Email is the default.				
Profession:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting/Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/Marketing/Sales <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Customer Service <input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources <input type="checkbox"/> Info Sys/Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Medical <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal <input type="checkbox"/> Retired <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Other	

### Section II: Dive Information ( Non-Diver)

Current Certification Level: <input type="checkbox"/> OW <input type="checkbox"/> AOW <input type="checkbox"/> MSD <input type="checkbox"/> DM <input type="checkbox"/> INSTR	Certifying Agency: <input type="checkbox"/> PADI <input type="checkbox"/> NAUI <input type="checkbox"/> SSI <input type="checkbox"/> YMCA <input type="checkbox"/> PDIC <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	C-Card Number:
Type of Diver: <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Technical	Number of Dives Logged: <input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1-50 <input type="checkbox"/> 51-99 <input type="checkbox"/> 100+	* Dive Insurance Carrier: <input type="checkbox"/> DAN <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Expiration Date: ____ / ____ / ____

\* NABS recommends that all divers carry dive insurance.

### Section III: Club Information

Club Name:	Position Held:
If you don't belong to a local club, can we send your information to a club in your area: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

### Section IV: Membership Dues (Dues cover a period from January 1 through December 31.)

<input type="checkbox"/> \$45 Full Membership (Certified Divers Only)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$600 Lifetime Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> \$30 Non-diver Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$750 Lifetime Family Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> \$65 Family Membership*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ NABS Youth Educational Summit Donation
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Student membership (full time students only)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ Science & Education Committee Donation

\* Please list below each family member to be covered under this application. Please note all correspondence will be directed to the name listed on the top of this application. Only certified divers are given voting rights. Divers 18 -22 must hold individual not family membership.

Name(s)	Relationship	Diver?	If diver, Certification Level/Agency	NABS ID

Relationship: SP=Spouse, CH=Child

I, \_\_\_\_\_, will support and promote the objectives of the National Association of Black Scuba Divers.

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Signature

Select Payment Method: ( ) Check or Cash ( ) PayPal ( ) e-commerce

Make Checks Payable to NABS

Submit Application:

**NABS**

Or Mail To: **ATTN: Chris Searles**  
**3380 Bramblevine Cir**  
**Lithonia, GA 30038**

Via E-mail To:

**Membership@nabsdivers.org**