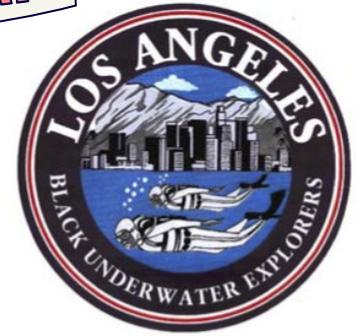


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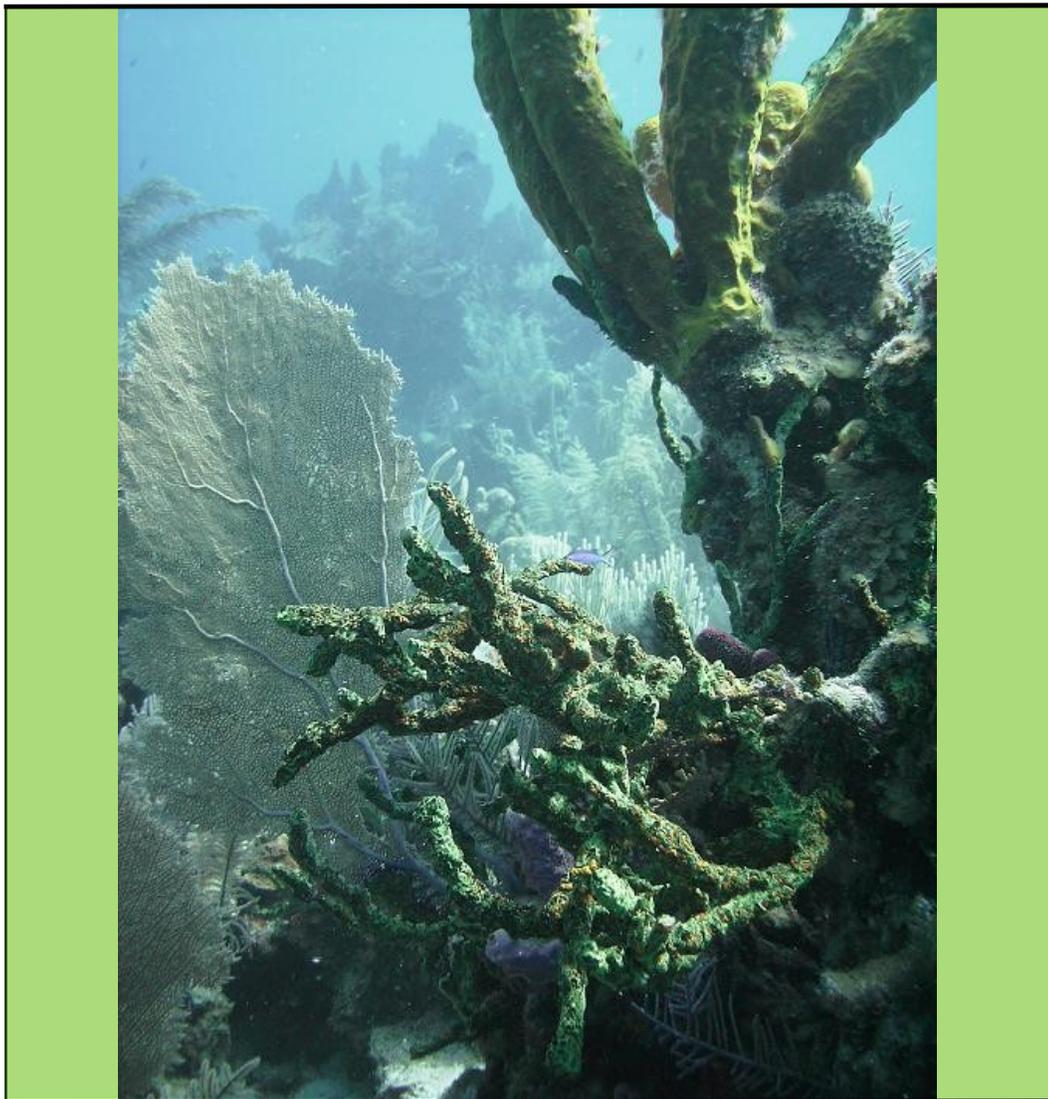
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PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Photographer:
Joseph Windolph
Camera:
SeaLife ReefMaster Mini
Location:
Belize
Subject:
Reef

*THIS SPOT COULD
EASILY FEATURE
YOUR PHOTO!*

*Please e-mail to
dewing@proskauer.com your
underwater photos for future
consideration. Topside
photos are accepted if the
photo was taken at a LABUE
event.*

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DIVE SAFETY & SCUBA SKILLS

Join us on Tuesday, August 13th for our General Membership meeting at the California Natural History Museum, Exposition Park. We are in the middle of a busy summer diving season enjoying some of our favorite local dive sites and our annual LABUE warm water dive vacation to Malaysia is just a month away. That is why we will be featuring informative presentations on Dive Safety and essential SCUBA Skills. As usual, we will be offering some tasty meeting refreshments and great door prizes, along with LABUE updates and friendly member fellowship. Don't miss it!

Dedicated to Expanding the Knowledge and Enjoyment of Scuba Diving among African Americans

NICK GABALDON DAY AT THE INKWELL

BY ALLISON ROSE JEFFERSON

In 2007 the City of Santa Monica officially recognized the historical African American beach gathering place known as the "Inkwell" and Nick Gabaldón, with a monument at Bay Street and Oceanfront Walk. As a teenager, Nick Gabaldón began surfing in the Pacific Ocean at the Bay Street beach. Anglos referencing the skin color of the beach-goers who visited the area derogatorily called this beach the "Inkwell." Gabaldón and other African Americans in Southern California, however, transformed the hateful moniker into a badge of pride.

June 1st was a day of celebration at Santa Monica's Bay Street beach around the pioneering African American and Mexican surfer Nick Gabaldón (1927-1951) and others who came before him, including many youth, and a few adults, from the Los Angeles

County region learning to stand on surfboards for the first time. Gabaldón's courage and dedication empowered many for generations to see him as a role model as they pursued their passion of surfing and other human experiences as he did. He challenged racial hierarchies when he surfed and when he and other people of color, hung out at the beaches that were at the core of California's formative mid-century identity.

His and other's actions were the local stories historians identify as "document[ing] a national narrative of mass movement to open recreational facilities to all Americans." In reconsidering the formation of California's leisure frontier, scholars have moved beyond examination of economic and political issues, to demonstrate how the struggle for leisure and public

space also reshaped the long civil rights movement.

A Fun Way to Learn about Pollution in the Ocean and Local History, New HTB Eco-Surf Mobile App:

As part of the Nick Gabaldón Day, Heal the Bay premiered its eco-surf mobile app, SurfGod HtB - produced in partnership with Torrid Games. A unique, first person game for iPhone/iPad, players surf a wave by tilting their mobile device and score points by grabbing trash out of the water as it flies by. SurfGod HtB is a fun, interactive way to teach all age groups about the problem of pollution in the ocean. The main character is inspired by surf legend Nick Gabaldón and one of the surfboards features artwork from the film, White Wash. The music for the game is by legendary Wah-Wah Watson and Tay Uhler.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY: RICHARD RICE



LABUE travel opens up the world for our members. In addition to having fun while enjoying world class dive destinations, world travel expands our respect and acceptance of other cultures while broadening our understanding of world history and events. An important part of LABUE's annual dive activities since 1997 has been our warm water dive vacations, providing the opportunity for our members to travel with their dive

buddies, friends, and family to some of the most culturally unique and exotic locales in the world. Our members have experienced some of the world's most exciting and diverse SCUBA diving destinations including past LABUE dive vacations to Jamaica, British Virgin Islands, Cozumel (Mexico), Hawaii, Belize, Cayman Islands, Utila (Honduras), Fiji, Philippines, Dominica, Bonaire, and Curacao. In addition to our LABUE dive vacations, our well-traveled members have traveled the globe from Aruba to Austria, Bahamas to Bali, Cuba to China, Grenada to Greece, Panama to Peru, Red Sea to Rwanda, Spain to South Africa, Tahiti to Thailand, and beyond.

LABUE dive vacations have always included unique tours and side trips with the opportunity to interact with local populations and cultures to enrich our travel experience. Our upcoming September trip to the Sipadan Kapalai Dive Resort in Malaysia, with member side trips to Thailand, Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Cebu (Philippines) and Hong Kong is sure

to provide a multitude of such opportunities. Our Trip Planning Committee is already working on our 2014 dive vacation to the South Pacific destinations of Truk and Palau, promising to be one of our best trips yet. If you are interested in having a say in planning our 2014 warm water dive vacation or future warm water dive vacations, let me know. Our Trip Planning Committee would welcome your participation.

If you have not already mailed in your 2013 LABUE membership dues, take a moment to send them in or renew online using PayPal and don't forget our general membership meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Natural History Museum featuring fun, entertaining, and informative meeting programs.

If you would like to recommend an activity or event that would benefit the community, our members, or help fulfill our 2013 mission, please share it with me or one of the Board members. We value your recommendations. If you are interested in lending your

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labor, experience, or organizational skills to LABUE, your participation in one of our active committees would be more than welcomed. Give me a call or send me an email (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.



LABUE DIVE/CAMP WEEKEND IS ON!

October 4-6, 2013

LABUE is hosting another Dive/Camp weekend October 4-6 2013. Sign up now and reserve your camping spot. The location for this event is once again at Leo Carrillo State Beach just north of Malibu. Every year we have a lot of people and a lot of fun.

The cost of LABUE's Dive/Camp Weekend is only \$15.00 per adult camper per night if you arrive Saturday morning and depart Sunday afternoon. The total cost will be \$30.00 per adult camper if you arrive on Friday. Youths under 18 years of age camp for free. That's right, free. So, bring your kids camping before the end of the year. Ample parking is available at \$12.00 per day (which you pay at the campground entrance); however each campsite can only accommodate 2 vehicles so if you want a spot, you have to come early. Additional vehicles will be able to park in the campground general parking area nearby. If you plan to bring a Recreational Vehicle (RV) or Travel Trailer, please let us know at the time you sign up.

In preparation for this event and for those not sure what to bring, we've arranged for a representative from REI (Recreation Equipment Incorporated) to come to our September 10th club membership meeting and provide a display and presentation on camping. Remember to sign up early so we can get a head count of divers and camping participants.

For additional information and to sign up, contact Randy Tillery at rtillery@gmail.com. Send your payment in to LABUE P.O. Box 90069, Los Angeles, California, 90009.



LABUE TO REVISIT THE YUKON AUGUST 31st

The HMCS Yukon, which rests two miles off Mission Bay in San Diego, was sunk in July of 2000 to create an artificial reef for recreational divers. This ship is a Mackenzie Class Destroyer which was used by the Canadian Government mostly for training purposes. It is 366 feet long and has more than 100 compartments and six decks. Many of our members dove this wreck shortly after its sinking and many are now wondering what thirteen years under the ocean has done to it. It lays on its side at 100 feet and visibility is usually between 15-40 feet. Due to currents, visibility, and the depth of the Yukon we consider this is an advanced dive. This dive is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 31st. It is a 2-tank dive and will take place from 1-5pm.



Also, the next day on Sunday, September 1st the beach dive committee is planning a dive at the La Jolla Shores Underwater Park. This is a very popular diving location with a sandy flat area which is great for beginners and the submarine canyon which is further offshore.

The exact time, meeting places, and cost of the boat dive will be available in following announcements. For more information please feel free to contact Joe at 626-539-5636 or by email at joseph.windolph@gmail.com.



2013 LABUE PHOTO CONTEST

BY: STEPHEN SCRUGGS

LABUE will begin accepting entries to the 5th Annual LABUE Photo Contest on Sunday, September 1st. As proved successful in increasing LABUE member participation in last year's photo contest, voting for your favorite photos will again be conducted on-line for 2013. Voting will begin on Sunday, October 27th. This year's categories are "Sealife", "Diver", and "Surface" photographs. "Sealife" incorporates all life native to underwater. "Diver" shots are all photographs taken underwater where a diver or divers are the primary or secondary focus. "Surface" photographs are all photographs taken above water. Photographers may submit three entries per category for the on line voting. Because it is sometimes difficult to choose from among the many excellent photos submitted, members will be allowed to vote for their 3 favorite photos in each category. We will count the votes and the highest number of votes is 1st place, the next highest 2nd place, and the next 3rd place. We will award prize raffle tickets to the first, second and third place winners in each photo category. The number of tickets an individual receives will be based on how the individual placed. The person coming in first place will receive 5 raffle tickets, the person coming in 2nd place will receive 3 raffle tickets, and the person coming in third place will receive 1 ticket. Some of the valuable raffle prizes available for the winners to choose from last year include a professional digital photo equipment backpack, LABUE apparel, Oceans coffee table book and a digital photo frame. All winning photographs will be displayed on the LABUE website and in a LABUE News feature article on the contest. In addition, everyone submitting at least one photograph for the contest will receive 1 ticket for a special prize raffle.

The LABUE Photo Contest is open to members and non-members; however, photographs submitted by

non-members must be taken at LABUE sponsored events, dive activities, or dive vacations. Photos submitted by members are not limited to those taken at LABUE events or activities. All photographs submitted must be in a JPEG photo format and may be edited, such as cropping and color correction with the use of digital photo editing programs; however, they may not be manipulated, such as by adding or deleting subject matter, or by digitally correcting specific flaws in photographs by the use of image healing tools using a photo editing program. Any photographs which do not fall within the guidelines presented will not be included in the voting.

Show off your photographic skills and a chance at winning some great prizes by submitting your best photos to LABUE Website Editor Steve Scruggs (scruggs2424@bellsouth.net); before the October 20th midnight deadline for entries. Voting will begin on October 27th.

2012 LABUE Photo Contest Winners:



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 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/or Renewing Members

- Salim Jordan
- Daphne King
- Bob Simmons
- Joaquin Rodriguez
- Etta Pulce

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Know of any member Certification announcements? Please notify Debora Ewing at dewing@proskauer.com



Scuba diving is something to be shared and the **Los Angeles Black Underwater Explorers** would like to introduce you to ...

## DISCOVER SCUBA 2



This DISCOVER SCUBA Program is designed to *briefly* introduce individuals to a new world and to help prepare non-divers for a dive training certification program (NOTE: this is NOT a certification program). Certified divers will be available to answer questions and provide support throughout the entire Program. Minimum age to participate is 10 yrs of age. Adult presence required for participants under age 18. Participants should plan to bring a swimsuit, drying towel, and water for hydration.

Featured components are:

- Introduction to the world of *SCUBA* and equipment review
  - (optional) Pool session with certified divers
  - (optional) dive shop tour

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 7, 2013 @ 9:30 A.M. until 12:30 P.M .

**WHERE:** PACIFIC WILDERNESS 1719 So Pacific Ave.; San Pedro 90731 (310) 833 2422

**COST:** \$15.00 (exact cash) per person in attendance (NO SIT-INS—guardians exempt)

Call George Linares @ 661 547 4010 to sign-up by Aug. 29, 2013

**DISCOVER SCUBA 2**  
**Application**  
**2013**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Ph # \_\_\_\_\_ Eve Ph # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Ph # \_\_\_\_\_

E-address \_\_\_\_\_ Referred by \_\_\_\_\_

Amount   \$15.00    
**(exact cash)**

(check where applicable)

< > I am a good swimmer    < > I am comfortable in the ocean

< > I have snorkeled before

< > I am ready to enroll in a training class

< > I currently do not have any physical health and/or other condition issues  
(if so, please see Program Leader)

**Waiver**

I \_\_\_\_\_, hereby agree to participate in the Los Angeles Black Underwater Explorers' (LABUE) DISCOVER SCUBA Program and agree to abide by all club rules. I acknowledge that I am voluntarily participating with full knowledge of the potential dangers of scuba and dive-related activities. In consideration of my application acceptance, 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, defend and hold harmless LABUE and their members and officers from any liability arising out of or in connection with my participating 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 with full knowledge of its significance.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Participant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Today's Date

\* - guardian's signature required for participants under 18 yrs of age

## 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 2013

- August 13, 2013 -- General Meeting - 7:00 PM
- August 27, 2013 -- Board Meeting
- August 29, 2013 -- Discover Scuba II Deadline
- August 31 - September 1, 2013-- Yukon Dive Weekend
- September 7, 2013 -- Discover Scuba II - 9:30 @ Pacific Wilderness
- September 10, 2013 -- General Meeting - 7:00 PM
- September 24, 2013 -- Board Meeting
- October 4 - October 6 -- Dive and Camp Weekend

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## Meetings

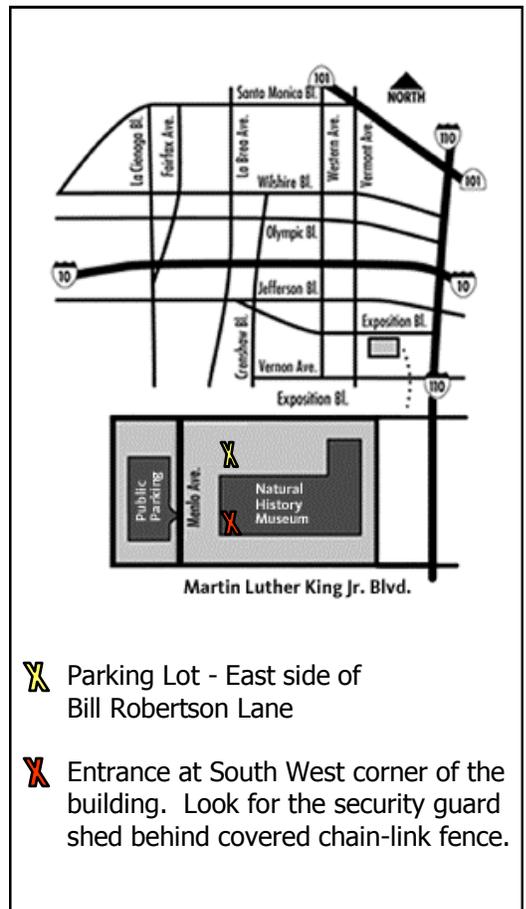
The LABUE meetings are held the second Tuesday of every Month at 7:00 PM in the Times Mirror Room at the Natural History Museum in Los Angeles.

## Directions

The Natural History Museum is located in Exposition Park, at 900 Exposition Boulevard between Vermont Avenue and Figueroa Street.

From the 110 (Harbor) Freeway, take the Martin Luther King Boulevard exit and head west towards Vermont Avenue. Turn right (north) on Menlo Avenue. Make a left into Exposition Park Lot 3.

Please visit the Museum website for more information at [www.nhm.org](http://www.nhm.org).



**X** Parking Lot - East side of Bill Robertson Lane

**X** Entrance at South West corner of the building. Look for the security guard shed behind covered chain-link fence.

## Contact Us:

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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.**

## Sipadan – Kapalai Dive Resort



### Mabul Malaysia Registration Form September 14 – 21, 2013

#### Pricing Information

The Los Angeles Black Underwater Explorers (LABUE) has scheduled its 2013 club dive trip to Mabul, Malaysia – Sipadan Kapalai Resort from September 14 – 21, 2013. This form is to be completed by everyone participating in what will be another exciting LABUE Dive Vacation. Please check ALL of the options applicable.

Dive Package Includes: 7 nights Chalet accommodations w/private sundeck, taxes, round-trip land and boat transfers from Tawau Airport, all food and beverages while at resort (excluding alcoholic, juice and/or carbonated soft drinks), 3 boat dives per day (Sipadan, Mabul or Kapalai Island), unlimited house reef diving, Sipadan permit fee and LABUE fee. **Each traveler is required to secure his/her own airfare from the USA to Tawau, however Mario Cabading from Scuba Travel Ventures can secure your airline reservations at an reasonable rate by contacting him via email at [mario@stv.travel](mailto:mario@stv.travel) [NOTE: To arrive on Saturday, Sept. 14th, you need to leave USA on Thursday, Sept. 12th.]**

| OPTIONS                    | Kapalai Resort | Early Registration | NOTES                                                                                  |
|----------------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Double Occupancy Diver     | \$2200 _____   | \$2150 _____       | Deposit MUST be received by September 30, 2012 to be eligible for the \$50.00 discount |
| Double Occupancy Non-Diver | \$1775 _____   | \$1725 _____       |                                                                                        |
| Single Occupancy Diver     | \$3260 _____   | \$3210 _____       |                                                                                        |
| Single Occupancy Non-Diver | \$2826 _____   | \$2776 _____       |                                                                                        |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

## TERMS AND CONDI- TIONS

**Membership Requirements:** The prices quoted in this form apply to divers who are members of LABUE, LABUE Sister Clubs, and members of NABS affiliated dive clubs only. The prices quoted also apply to non-divers. For those LABUE members who have not paid their dues, their trip invoice will include an additional membership renewal fee. DIVERS ONLY who are not LABUE or LABUE Sister club members and who are not members of a NABS affiliated dive club will be charged an additional \$50 non-member fee. Individuals wishing to participate in this trip are welcome to join LABUE and may do so by completing a LABUE Membership Application (available on-line at [www.labue.org](http://www.labue.org)) and submitting it along with this Registration Form and \$30 annual membership dues.

**Package Rates:** The final package price will depend on varying individual selections. Once this Form is completed and a **\$400 deposit received (\$200 deposit for non-diver participants)**, the quoted rates in effect at that time will be guaranteed. The rates quoted in this Form are guaranteed until **April 4, 2013**. Individuals submitting their deposits subsequent to that date will be subject to rates in effect at that time. After **April 5, 2013**, every effort will be made to renew LABUE's contracts with the tour operators at the original prices, however, there may be changes. To ensure the lowest possible guaranteed price, individuals are advised to confirm their reservations immediately.

**Payment:** To confirm your reservation, everyone must submit a **signed Registration Form** and a minimum deposit of **\$400 (\$200 deposit for non-diver participants)**. The final payment is due **July 2, 2013**. Your reservation is subject to cancellation if the final payment is not made on or before **July 2, 2013**. The initial deposit must be paid to LABUE via a personal check, cashier's check, money order, PayPal or cash. When using PayPal, please add 3% percent to your payment to cover the PayPal fee charged to LABUE. When paying by *PayPal*, send payment(s) to: **paypal\_membership@labue.org**

**Diver Requirements:** Divers participating in LABUE organized Dive Vacations must be certified by a recognized SCUBA diving certification agency (NAUI, PADI, SSI, etc.). In addition, divers must have current dive insurance (Divers Alert Network (DAN) or equivalent Dive Insurance). LABUE requires that you provide the following information as part of your Registration:

SCUBA Diving Certification Agency:

C-Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Certification level: OW, AOW,

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Dive Club Affiliation: (LABUE, LABUE Sister Club, NABS Club, Other):

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Current SCUBA diving insurance is required for participation in LABUE Trips.**

Dive Insurance Carrier:

Policy/Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cancellation Policy:** Requests for cancellation **MUST BE** in writing and mailed to The Los Angeles Black Underwater Explorers, P.O. Box 90069, Los Angeles, California 90009. **A \$50 fee will be charged for cancellation January 1 – April 1, 2013; 30% fee will be charged for cancellation July 14 – August 13, 2013; 50% fee will be charged for cancellation August 14 – August 31, 2013 and September 1, 2013 and after, 75% cancellation fee applies.** No refunds will be given to “no shows” on the date of departure or for any unused portion of the package. It is **strongly recommended** that you purchase Travelers Insurance to minimize the loss in the event of an unexpected cancellation.

**Roommates:** After the initial registration sign-up period (thru January 1, 2013), each individual traveler may be assigned a roommate *if available*, unless two travelers specify that they will be rooming with each other and both have already paid the \$400 deposit. If you wish to have a particular roommate, it is imperative that the deposits for both individuals be made early in the reservation process. No one individual will be allowed to 'hold a room' unless \$800 in deposits for two individuals have been made. Roommate assignments will be determined by a combination of factors including the date the initial deposit was received. The Trip Planning Committee will make an effort to accommodate special requests, however it is not guaranteed. If this is a concern, those interested can sign up for a single supplement. Single person supplement rates are available for individuals not wishing to have a roommate. You will be kept informed via periodic E-mails of individuals whom have signed up for the trip, as well as room availability. It is anticipated that the currently available rooms at the resort will eventually be sold out prior to the club trip.

**Responsibility:** LABUE and its Officers act only in the capacity of coordinator for the trip participants and are not liable for injury, damage or loss occasioned by neglect or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the tour, or any hotel proprietor, dive operator or other persons supplying services or materials in connection with the tour. LABUE and its Officers do not accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, acts of God or other causes beyond its control. Furthermore, LABUE and its Officers acknowledge that there are risks inherent in scuba diving and they cannot be held liable for any injuries or death.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Requested Room-**  
**mate:** \_\_\_\_\_

I read and understand the Terms and Conditions of this 3-page document and agree to comply with each of them in their entirety.

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

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

P.O. BOX 90069, LOS ANGELES, CA 90009  
(323) 299-3798 (Phone and Fax)

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

For the Year \_\_\_\_\_

### General Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Referred By: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Certification Information:

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

### Agency Certification

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Amount: \$30.00 o Individual Membership o New o Renewal

\$45.00 o Family Membership o New o Renewal

\$300.00 o Lifetime Individual

\$450.00 o Lifetime Family

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

### WAIVER

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