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UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- ◇ 2019 Discover SCUBA – Schedule To Be Announced
- ◇ Coastal Cleanup Day – September 21st
- ◇ Third Quarter LABUE Membership Meeting – To Be Announced
- ◇ Dive n' Camp Weekend – October 18-21st
- ◇ NABS Dive Summit - November 2 -12th
- ◇ LABUE Holiday Dinner & House Party – December 14th

Join our LABUE Meetup Group at: www.Meetup.com/LABUEDIVERS/ providing an easy way to stay up to date on all of our upcoming events and dive activities.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY: RICHARD RICE



The Millennial challenge and the future of LABUE. This was among the important issues discussed at the NABS President's Meeting I attended April 6&7 in Maryland. It was also the main topic of discussion at our LABUE General Membership Meeting held on May 29th during our Warm Water Dive Vacation to Yap. The challenge of attracting younger divers into our dive clubs and transitioning them into leadership positions is an issue that LABUE members and the LABUE Board of Directors has been struggling with for nearly a decade.

LABUE was started in 1992 as a loosely structured group of dive buddies interested primarily in beach diving. Starting in 1996 with Bob Simmons as President, LABUE evolved into a tightly structured, well organized dive club with bylaws, monthly meetings, regular boat & beach dives, annual warm water dive trips, a monthly newsletter, and many social events. This club model successfully served the many in their 20s, 30s, and 40s who were attracted to LABUE and the sport. By the time Bob stepped down after 13 years as President, our declining membership base was in their 40s, 50s, and 60s with many winding down their active SCUBA participation.

Recognizing that LABUE still had a core group of members who were active divers and still enjoyed the camaraderie of LABUE, I agreed to take

over as President in 2010 with the LABUE Board supporting me in a progressive agenda including expanding the Board to create a larger pool for future club leadership opportunities, using video teleconferencing to conduct Board Meetings enabling participation by members living outside LA, expanding and enhancing the LABUE News newsletter, expanding social media outreach, resuming meaningful monthly meeting speakers and dive related programs, expanding member participation in selecting and organizing our warm water dive vacations, increasing LABUE membership, and actively seeking out and recruiting millennial to take over club leadership positions.

I had expected to serve as President for no more than 2 years until a transition to younger leadership could take place. That was nearly 10 years ago! While we have been very successful in nearly all of these agenda goals, we have made little significant progress in attracting millennials and grooming them for leadership roles; despite our strategies to make LABUE more attractive to them including free Discover Scuba, SCUBA OW1 certification scholarships, proposed dive equipment lending program, and less formal membership meetings.

Our membership base is now in their 50s, 60s, and 70s and LABUE's future is at risk. LABUE is the only remaining active NABS Western Region club. Most older Southern California dive clubs and NABS regional clubs are facing the same challenges, with once successful independent dive clubs declining and disbanding as their Baby Boomer members age-out of the sport. Keep in mind that SCUBA diving is not declining as a sport; demographic data show that over 80% of active divers are millennials. Baby Boomers represent less than 3% of those still active. It has become clear that the traditional

highly structured and organized dive club structures do not appeal to the majority of millennial divers and that clubs will need to change if they are to survive.

The LABUE Board is continuing to address this critical issue and consider whether it is time to substantially reorganize and drastically change the club model of LABUE, or disband LABUE completely. LABUE is at a crossroads and I would like to hear your thoughts and opinions on this issue.

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) 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 MICRONESIAN DIVE ADVENTURE

By: Richard Rice

May 26 – June 2 twenty four LABUE members and friends enjoyed a special diving experience in Micronesia. Our home for this annual LABUE Warm Water Dive Vacation was the Manta Ray Bay Resort. The Manta Ray Bay Resort & Yap Divers is a small, family-owned, luxury hotel on the pristine island of Yap in the western Pacific Ocean. Just getting to Yap presented major challenges since all flights to Yap leave from Guam. We learned that the cost effective way to get to Guam was to fly there from Manila, Philippines, saving over \$1,000.00 each in total airfare. We all gathered in Manila, leaving for Guam on May 25th where we all relaxed in the three apartments we reserved, dined, and toured Guam during our 17 hour layover there (and 12 hour layover on the way back to Manila). We left early am for one of the two flights per week to Yap where we finally arrived at the Manta Ray Bay Resort on May 26th.

Accommodations at the resort included spacious and comfortably furnished air conditioned rooms. The resort offered us VIP service, spa treatments, home brewed beer, and a unique experience onboard a 100+ year old Indonesian Schooner (the Mnuw) moored in front of the resort which served as a restaurant and bar. The restaurant offered a wide range of delicious local seafood dishes mixed with other Asian style and western dishes. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner were included as part of our trip. The Mnuw also served as a gathering place for nighttime LABUE videos, nightly card games, and our "white night" dinner.

Serving only 1,000 divers a year, Yap Divers offered us crowd-free dive sites with plenty of room on the four dive boats we occupied. Our schedule included daily three-tank boat dives to a variety of sites featuring walls, colorful reefs, manta ray cleaning stations, and shark hangouts. It

also offered optional night dives, mandarin fish dives, and shark feeding dives. Yap has a resident population of manta rays and several shallow cleaning stations where divers can expect to see mantas year-round. However, during our trip our expectations were not met since no one saw these magnificent creatures during our dives. We had to be satisfied with diving the brilliant walls and coral reefs with macro fauna, swim-throughs, and caverns featuring a variety of clownfish, moray eels, turtles, sharks, bump head parrotfish, nudibranch, and more. Weather and dive conditions were good with 60-100+ foot visibility during our visit and minimal rain.

The friendly resort, restaurant, and dive staff made our trip even more enjoyable. Saturday June 1st was our non-dive day and we toured the island of Yap. We learned about the islands people and rich culture that included their famous "stone money" representing wealth in their culture. We also visited numerous WWII Japanese and US airplane crash sites and wreckage highlighting the island's role in the war.

We managed our trip budget well and were able to cover an unexpected increase in airfares from Manila to Yap which was included in the total trip price. This was a very difficult trip to plan due to the limited flights and layover options necessary to travel to Yap. Many thanks our trip planner DonCosta Seawell for ensuring that this trip went smoothly and organizing another memorable LABUE Warm Water Dive Vacation.



MAY 1st CHAMBER DAY/ EVENING EVENTS RAISE \$124,587!

LABUE members showed their support for the Catalina Hyperbaric chamber by selling out our table at the May 1st Chamber Evening event held at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach.

2019 marks our Chamber's 45th year of critical service to the Southern California diving community. While our Chamber still gets about half of its funding from the L.A. County, Chamber Day & Eve have become the major source of funds to keep our Chamber available to us. This year's events raised \$124,587.

This year's event featured a fully catered dinner as well as access to all of the aquarium's exhibits and attractions. Thousands of dollars in valuable door prizes were raffled off including regulators, dive computers, buoyancy compensators, cameras, wet suits, mask & fins, and other dive related gear. This year's Grand Prize raffle was a nine-day trip to Manado, Indonesia, with Murex Dive Resort & Lembeh Resort. Unfortunately, LABUE members in attendance struck out on winning the big raffle prizes, looking for better luck at next year's Chamber Evening event. We invite you to join us next year for the 2020 Chamber Day/Evening events to ensure our Chamber's future.

2019 Manta Ray Bay Resort - Yap Micronesia



EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE FOR DIVE n' CAMP WEEKEND

LABUE's annual Dive n' Camp Weekend will be held October 18th -21st at Sycamore Canyon Campground, Pt Mugu State Park. You won't want to miss this exciting annual end-of-summer LABUE event featuring great beach diving, a fabulous outdoor dining feast, and campfire camaraderie while camping at this beautiful beach side location. If you can't join us for camping or diving, we're still looking forward to you coming because Saturday afternoon and evening we all bring a potluck item for a campfire gathering. It is one of the best potluck dinner and campfire gatherings you've ever seen. Regardless of whether you go for the diving, the camping, the beach, or the camaraderie, this will be a fun and relaxing weekend for you, friends, and your family. Camp master Randy Tillery will be providing additional details and updates as the date approaches. If you are interested in attending or assisting Randy in organizing this event, contact him at rtillery@gmail.com.



SAVE THE DATE FOR LABUE'S HOLIDAY DINNER

Get ready to get your party on at LABUE's Annual Holiday Dinner on Saturday December 14th from 6pm - Midnight.

This year, LABUE will be hosting an Old Fashion House Party & Holiday Celebration featuring a great Holiday meal, DJ and dancing in an exquisite house party venue. Mark your calendar and spread the word to friends and relatives about this exciting upcoming LABUE event.

Additional information and ticket price will be announced soon. We also invite you to share your expertise and talents in planning this great event. Contact us at labue@sbcglobal.net if you would like to join our Holiday Dinner Planning Committee.



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. Let us know if you have any questions and we look forward to seeing your photos or articles in the LABUE News.

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/ 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 with your trip details and he will convey that information to the club so that anyone who desires to join you will be aware.

DIVE INTO LABUE 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. Check it out, you won't be disappointed.



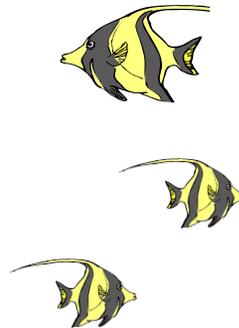
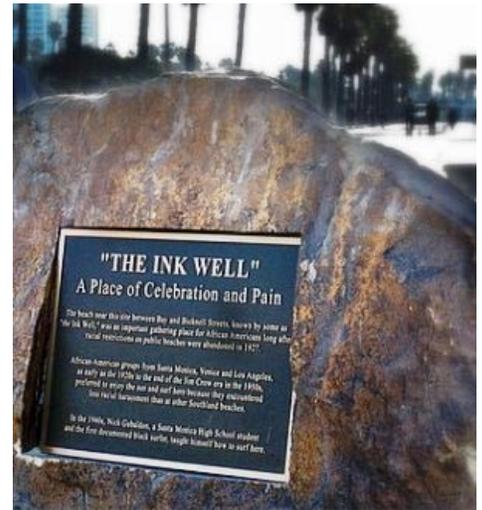
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JOIN LABUE AT THE INKWELL FOR INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP DAY – SEPTEMBER 21st

Join LABUE and other community organizations in cleaning up the beach during International Coastal Cleanup Day. International Coastal Cleanup Day is the world’s largest volunteer day to protect our environment. Heal the Bay organizes efforts in L.A. County. In coordination with a statewide and global movement of approximately half a million people, together we’ll make a big dent in removing trash and debris from local beaches and marine habitats. There’s truly power in numbers.

On Saturday, September 21st from 9am to noon, LABUE’s participation in this year’s International Coastal Cleanup Day will again take place at the historic Jim Crow-Era African American beach site sometimes known as the “Ink Well”. From the 1920s to the 1950s, Santa Monica beaches as well as most Southern California beaches were segregated. The Ink Well, located at the western end of Bay Street and Santa Monica beach, was the only place where African Americans were permitted to swim and enjoy the beach without being harassed.

For more information, contact us at labue@sbcglobal.net.



RENEW YOUR LABUE MEMBERSHIP NOW

Support LABUE’s mission to expand the knowledge and enjoyment of SCUBA Diving in our communities by renewing your LABUE Membership for 2019. 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:

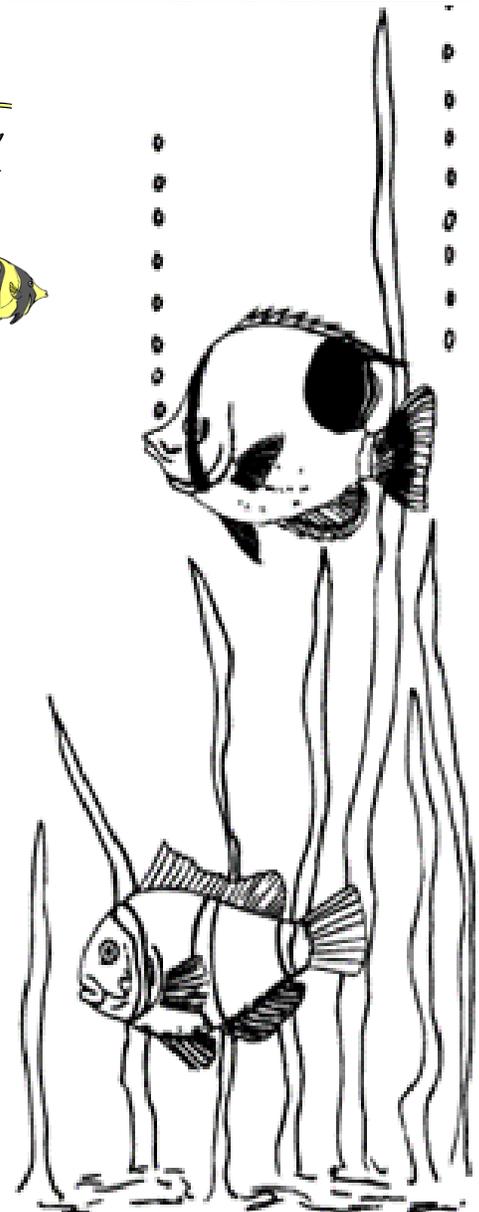
- Miles Maxey
- Choca Lee Mathieu
- Christine Jackson
- Pam McField
- Pat and Clifton Williams
- Denise Barker
- Kathleen Jean
- Starletta DuPois
- Luster Ingram
- Matthew McFollins
- Stephen Scruggs

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)



## 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 (Nutaq 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 Finfern)*
- *Passage Through Deep Waters (David Finfern)*
- *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 2020 French Polynesia Cruise & Dive Adventure***

**October 15, 2020 through October 25, 2020**



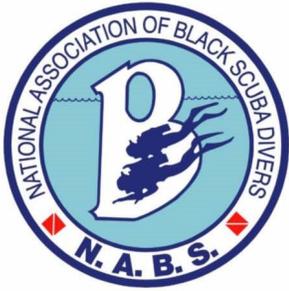
**The Los Angeles Black Underwater Explorers (LABUE) is pleased to announce our 2020 Warm Water Dive Vacation to French Polynesia October 15<sup>th</sup> through October 25<sup>th</sup> aboard the *Princess Cruise Line's Pacific Princess*. This exciting 10 day cruise and dive adventure will include the islands of Tahiti, Moorea, Bora Bora, Raiatea, Huahine, and Rangiroa.**

This 10 day cruise and dive vacation is the trip of a lifetime to legendary islands of French Polynesia. There are a limited number of inside cabins, ocean view cabins, and balcony cabins available aboard the Pacific Princess cruise ship. Prices range from \$2358 pp to \$3138 pp. There are also a limited number of mini-suites available with prices upon request. Airfare is not included and each participant will have to arrange his/her round trip airfare individually. The trip is open to divers and non-divers with provisions for single, double, triple or quad occupancy staterooms. From Moorea to Bora Bora to Rangiroa, the atolls and steep green mountains and waterfalls of the French Polynesia and the Cook Islands, you are never going to be far from some spectacular diving. We are currently putting together an optional dive package that will include a sample of the best diving in French Polynesia.

**This trip is selling out very fast. You must reserve your spot by Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup> to guarantee a cabin. You can contact Princess Cruises directly to make your deposit and reserve your cabin by contacting Lea Wilson at [leawilson@princesscruises.com](mailto:leawilson@princesscruises.com) or by phone at 1-800-901-1172 ext. 21738.**

**Contact LABUE Trip Coordinator, DonCosta Seawell at [doncosta1@msn.com](mailto:doncosta1@msn.com) if you have any other questions regarding this trip.**





# NABS 2019 Summit

## Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt

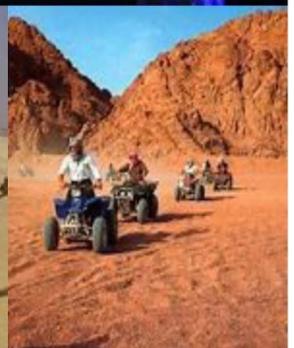
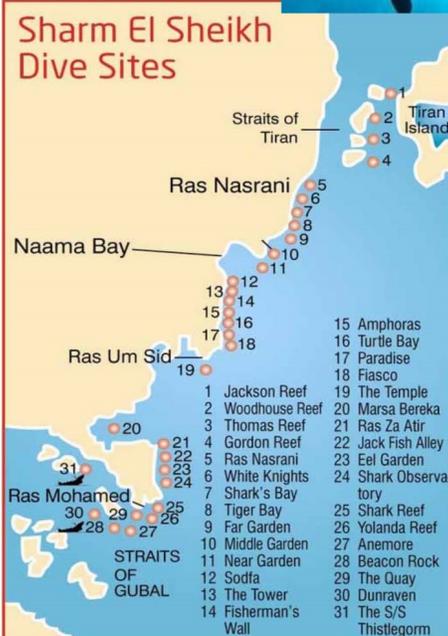


NOVEMBER 2-12, 2019

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/>



**JOIN MASK (MICHIGAN AFRICAN-AMERICAN SCUBA KLUB)**  
**and DIVE the JARDINES DE LA REINACUBA**  
**(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 dew-  
ing@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.**

### Contact Us:

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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  for Individual Membership  New  Renewal

\$45.00  for Family Membership  New  Renewal

\$300.00  for Lifetime Individual \$450.00  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.

- New Member  
 Renewal

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

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| 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 |                                              |                                          |                                      |           |
| <i>Note: If you do not indicate your preference Email is the default.</i>                                 |                                              |                                          |                                      |           |
| Profession:                                                                                               |                                              |                                          |                                      |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting/Finance                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering         | <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal       |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/Marketing/Sales                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment       | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical         | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired     |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Customer Service                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources     | <input type="checkbox"/> Military        | <input type="checkbox"/> Student     |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education                                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Info Sys/Technology | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |           |

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

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

### Section III: Club Information

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| 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 |
|---------|--------------|--------|--------------------------------------|---------|
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Relationship: SP=Spouse, CH=Child

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

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
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](mailto:Membership@nabsdivers.org)