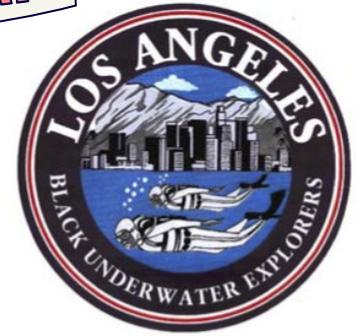


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LABUE NEWS

Los Angeles Black Underwater Explorers



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PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Photographer: DonCosta Seawell
Camera: Olympus C5060Z
Location: Bora Bora (French Polynesian Cruises)
Subject: Giant Clam

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.

MALAYSIA

Join us on Tuesday June 11th for our General Membership Meeting featuring a special presentation on Malaysia. Learn more about this interesting and exotic destination featuring superb world-class SCUBA diving, a beautifully diverse geography, and a rich cultural heritage. This program was originally announced for our May meeting, but was replaced by an exciting video presentation on diving with Nile crocodiles in Botswana. There are still spots available for our upcoming LABUE dive vacation to Malaysia, so it's not too late to join us. As usual, we will be offering great refreshments including some tasty Malaysian treats, great door prizes, along with LABUE updates and friendly member fellowship.

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

CHAMBER EVENING A SOLD OUT SUCCESS

BY: RICHARD RICE



Chamber. A total of \$125,393 was raised by the Chamber Day/Evening activities. LABUE members took advantage of a valuable club benefit, purchasing their Chamber Evening tickets at a \$20 discount and quickly

LABUE members were among the over 400 attendees supporting the 15th Annual Chamber Evening event held on May 1st at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach. Chamber Evening completed a full day of activities benefiting the Catalina Hyperbaric

selling out our sponsor table of 10. As usual, the highlight of the evening were the door prize raffles which included an ocean kayak, dive regulators, buoyancy compensators, wetsuits, UW

Camera equipment, artwork, jewelry and more. The grand prize was a full week of diving in Yap. After a delicious dinner, the evening was filled with excitement by all in anticipation of winning one of these great prizes. Luck passed us by however and we all went home empty handed and looking forward to next year's Chamber Evening.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY: RICHARD RICE



It's June already and we are almost halfway through 2013! The expanded LABUE Board and Committee members are working hard to promote LABUE's continued success and to facilitate the club's evolution into a growing, active, and self-sustaining dive club into the future. As the US economy continues to improve, LABUE continues to provide its members with affordable quality dive opportunities, educational resources, community out-

reach, and social activities.

After completing another very successful *Discover Scuba I Program* in April, LABUE members took advantage of a \$20 discount on tickets to the 15th Annual Chamber Evening event held in May at the Aquarium of the Pacific, selling out our sponsored table.

Just in time for the summer, the Beach Dive Committee continues to plan monthly beach dives throughout Southern California, as well as special events such as planned Catalina Dive Weekend, San Diego Dive Weekend, and the upcoming Dive/Camp Weekend to be held at Leo Carrillo State Beach in October. We still have spots available for our exciting warm water dive vacation to *Sipadan-Kapalai Dive Resort* in Malaysia, September 14-21st.

Members are also encouraged join us and participate in upcoming community outreach and social activities such as International *Coastal Cleanup Day* in September, our *Discover Scuba II Program*, *Be the One Run/Walk* in November benefiting the

Be the Match Bone Marrow Registry, and of course our exciting annual *LABUE Holiday Dinner* in December.

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 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.

DON'T FORGET THE SCUBA SHOW THIS WEEKEND JUNE 8-9th

The 26th Annual **SCUBA SHOW** will take place June 8-9th at the **Long Beach** Convention Center. This is the largest SCUBA Expo in the country and this year's event will feature over 230 exhibitors situated in over 76,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space. The **SCUBA SHOW** will feature new and revolutionary dive gear, representatives from dive resorts and live-aboards, photo and video exhibits and dozens of equipment dealers and manufacturer representatives. More than three-dozen seminars are scheduled to inform, entertain, and educate you. Dive experts will present detailed information on marine life, history, scuba travel, shipwrecks, photography and video techniques, dive medicine, dive safety and more. A continuous film festival will feature a nonstop showing of stunning marine imagery contributed by top professional videographers and talented enthusiasts from all over the world. Prize Drawings will be held each hour for your chance to win dive equipment and dive trips to destinations around the world.

Tickets are available online at www.ScubaShow.com or at the Long Beach convention Center. \$2 Discount coupons are available at our monthly LABUE membership meetings, by contacting us at www.labue@sbcglobal.net or by calling 323 299-3798.

DIVER NEWS

New and/or Renewing Members
 Rivers Jacques
 Trenton Whetstone
 Johnnie Davis

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Know of any member Certification announcements? Please notify Debora Ewing at [dewing@proskauer.com](mailto:dewing@proskauer.com)

**DISCOVER SCUBA I**

LABUE's Discover SCUBA was held on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Pacific Wilderness dive shop in San Pedro. After a brief overview and introduction to SCUBA diving and dive equipment, the twelve DSI participants donned dive gear and entered the dive shop's pool. Under the close supervision of instructor George Linares; with support from Bettye Linares, Joe Windolph, and new LABUE members Tiana and Lawrence Diggs, DSI participants overcame their initial apprehension and fear and successfully completed their underwater SCUBA experience. Our popular Discover Scuba program supports LABUE's mission of expanding the knowledge and enjoyment of SCUBA diving in our community, resulting in new OWI certified divers and new LABUE members. DSII is already being planned for Fall 2013.



**Discover Scuba I Participants:**

- Lekan Oladokun
- Venos Mason
- Mykal Mason
- Sylvia Oladokun
- Fred Davis
- Erick Davis
- Vania Peterson
- Chris Smith
- Matthew Eisenzimmer
- Timothy Littlefield
- Lisa Dione



**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. Check out the LABUE Store at www.labue.org to place your order, or you may purchase items at the monthly membership meeting.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2013

- June 8-9, 2013 -- Scuba Show - Long Beach Convention Center
- June 11, 2013 -- General Meeting - 7:00 PM
- June 25, 2013 -- Board Meeting
- July 9, 2013 -- General Meeting - 7:00 PM
- July 23, 2013 -- Board Meeting

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

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Meetings

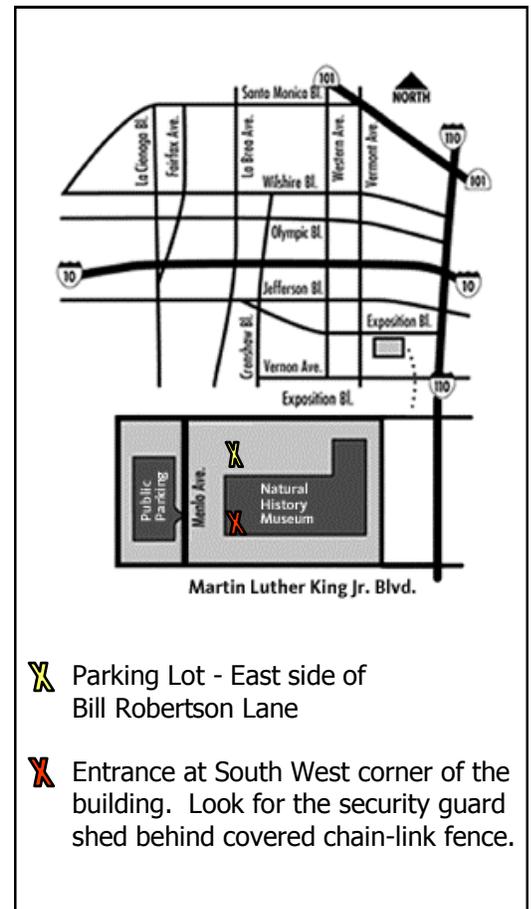
The LABUE meetings are held the second Tuesday of every Month at 7:00 PM in the Times Mirror Room at the Natural History Museum in Los Angeles.

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.



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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 [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) 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

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 dangers 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 their members and officers from any 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: _____