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# LABUE NEWS

Los Angeles Black Underwater Explorers



## PHOTO OF THE MONTH

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## SUMMER DIVING - TIME TO "GET WET"

Join us on Tuesday, June 14th for our General Membership meeting at the Natural History Museum, 2nd floor Learning Classroom. Get the latest updates on upcoming beach dives, boat dives, our Catalina Casino Point dive, LA County's Advanced Diver Program, FREE Rocks-Rips-Reefs training, and our FREE summer Discover Scuba II. Catch up with old friends and meet new members. Enjoy our delicious meeting refreshments, door prizes, and friendly member fellowship. Don't forget to join our Meetup Group dive community at [www.Meetup.com/LABUEDIVERS/](http://www.Meetup.com/LABUEDIVERS/), providing an easy way to keep up to date on all of our 2016 dive events and activities.

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

## SAVE THE DATE FOR LABUE DIVE-CAMP WEEKEND OCTOBER 7-9th

LABUE's 2016 Dive-Camp Weekend, will be held October 7-9th at Leo Carrillo State Beach in Malibu. 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. Campmaster Randy Tillery will be providing additional details and updates as the date approaches. If you are interested in assisting Randy in organizing this event, contact him at [rtillery@gmail.com](mailto:rtillery@gmail.com).



### CHECK OUT THE LABUE STORE



Our hats and polo shirts are beautifully embroidered!



Makes a great gift!!

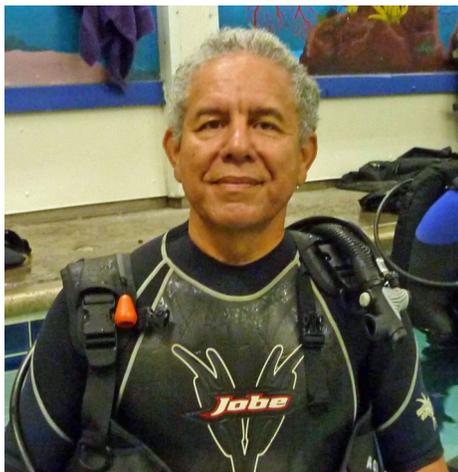
We also have long and short sleeve t-shirts have the same front/back design layout!

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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](http://www.labue.org) to place your order, or you may purchase items at the monthly membership meeting.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY: RICHARD RICE



Enhance your SCUBA Diving skills and knowledge at LA County's Advanced Diver Program starting July 9th. Every summer, Los Angeles County offers this intensive 10 week program for the development of divers to a more competent level. Participants are exposed to many facets of diving curriculum including deep diving, wreck diving, night diving, commercial diving, and much more. ADP's mission is to increase diving, safety,

and education to the general diving public through advanced workshops, seminars and instruction.

ADP has much to offer for all levels of divers. For the newer diver, ADP introduces the varied diving environments along the California coast and covers specialized topics that basic OW training does not include. New divers learn about dive planning and rescue skills and will have the opportunity to meet leaders of the Southern California dive community who serve as ADP lecturers. For the more experienced diver, ADP is a chance to elevate diving skills to the next level. Experienced divers will expand their dive knowledge, learn new techniques, and be introduced to new and challenging dive sites. Regardless of your experience level upon entry to ADP, you will emerge as an advanced diver with a greater practical knowledge of the Southern California coast.

ADP instruction is split between lecture, pool training, and open wa-

ter dives. The schedule this year calls for 2 boat dive trips, 4 beach dive sessions, 1 high altitude lake dive session, in addition to pool sessions over the 10-week course. The in-water training topics are just as varied as the dive sites, including search and salvage techniques, underwater mapping, and rescue/first-aid training; the usual advanced dive topics (deep dive, night dive, and navigation) are covered as well. In the lecture portion of the class, divers learn about a wide range of topics including oceanography, dive physiology, dive emergency management, decompression theory, and marine life identification. The class schedule usually alternates between a lecture weekend and a dive weekend. This way, divers have the chance to apply what they've learned in an open water scenario shortly after the topic is discussed, which helps with understanding and retention.

The LA County ADP has been the most well-respected recreational dive

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training program in the country since its inception in 1964. Upon completing the program, students receive an LA County ADP Scuba C-card, and are qualified to receive certifications as NAUI Rescue Diver, NAUI Nitrox Diver, and NAUI Master Diver.



### You might experience nitrogen narcosis in a Hyperbaric Chamber...

Most LABUE divers will find that they meet the eligibility requirements for ADP. This is a serious training program, requiring a serious time commitment to complete the 100+ hours of training over the 10-week course schedule. Additional time for studying and homework is also necessary. The cost of ADP is without question the best dive training bargain around. The \$595 tuition includes all instruction as well as the 2 boat dives. This year's program begins on Saturday July 9th. Check out ADP at [http://www.lacscuba.com/?page\\_id=12](http://www.lacscuba.com/?page_id=12) for all the forms, dates, and information you will need to apply.



### ...or maybe get to try on some commercial diving equipment

If you are interested in lending your labor, experience, or organiza-

tional skills to LABUE on any of our committees, your participation would be more than welcomed. If you would like to recommend an activity or event that would benefit the community, our members, or help fulfill our 2016 mission, please share your ideas 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.



### DISCOVER SCUBA II - SAVE THE DATE: JULY 30, 2016

Discover SCUBA II has been scheduled for July 30th at Pacific Wilderness dive shop in San Pedro. Get the word out to your friends, relatives, and co-workers that the public is invited to participate in one of LABUE's most popular activities, which is designed to introduce adults and young people to the exciting sport of SCUBA diving. Participants will learn about SCUBA during a brief classroom session followed by an opportunity try out SCUBA equipment on an optional shallow dive in a swimming pool under the close supervision of a dive instructor. A refundable \$20 deposit is required for registration. For additional details and registration information, email LABUE at [labue@sbcglobal.net](mailto:labue@sbcglobal.net) or call George Linares at 661 729-6626.

### The Best Underwater Compact Cameras for 2016

Are you thinking about buying a new underwater digital camera setup or upgrading your current equipment? Backscatter Underwater Video & Photo Store has published their latest underwater camera reviews, updated in March 2016! They reviewed dozens of the current options and picked the best cameras suited for underwater photography. Check out the latest reviews and recommendations detailed in the Backscatter UW Camera Review: <http://www.backscatter.com/learn/article/article.php?ID=57>.



### BOAT DIVING?

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

## DIVER NEWS

### New and Renewing Members:

- Carolyn Dawson
- Debora Ewing
- Johnnie Davis
- Eric Shepherd
- Barbarosa and Virginia Johnson

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

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



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

**SOLD OUT!!**

Saba Tourism Board website: [www.sabatourism.com](http://www.sabatourism.com)

Saba Videos: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=8D8wOkc42Zs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8D8wOkc42Zs) and  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dgj8LDu7iuQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dgj8LDu7iuQ)

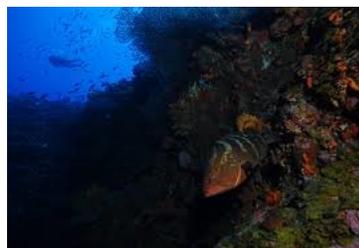
**DATES: November 13 – 20, 2016**

**DIVER COST: \$1400.00 Including hotel (double occupancy)+ferry to Saba+welcome&farewell banquets+daily breakfasts + dive package (11 dives).**

**NON-DIVER COST: \$750.00 Including hotel (double occupancy) + ferry to Saba +welcome&farewellbanquets + daily breakfasts.**

**DEPOSIT: \$200.00**

**CONTACT: labue @sbglobal.net**





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

## DISCOVER SCUBA II



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 (this is not a certification program). Certified divers will be available to answer questions and provide support throughout the entire Program. Featured components are:

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

**WHEN: Saturday, July 30, 2016 @ 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.**

**WHERE: PACIFIC WILDERNESS 1719 So Pacific Ave.; San Pedro 90731**

**COST: FREE to LABUE Members, LABUE Meetup Group Members and referrals.  
Refundable \$20.00 advance deposit is required to register**

To sign-up call George Linares at 661 729 6626

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### SCUBA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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

#### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## NEWSLETTER ADS

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

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

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

### PHOTO OF THE MONTH



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



## UPCOMING EVENTS 2016

- June 14, 2016 -- LABUE General Membership Meeting - 7:00 PM
- June 28, 2016 -- LABUE Board Meeting
- July 9, 2016 -- LA County ADP Start Date
- July 12, 2016 -- LABUE General Membership Meeting - 7:00 PM
- July 26, 2016 -- LABUE Board Meeting
- July 30, 2016 -- Discover Scuba II - Pacific Wilderness Dive Shop
- October 7-8, 2016 -- LABUE Dive-Camp Weekend
- November 13-20, 2016 -- Saba Dive Trip

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### Meetings

The LABUE meetings are held the second Tuesday of every Month at 7:00 PM in the 2nd floor Education Classroom at the Natural History Museum in Los Angeles.

### NEW MEETING LOCATION!

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

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



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

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

For the Year 2016

## General Information:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Emergency Contact Name and Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Certification Information:

Year First Certified: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Dives: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Last Dive: \_\_\_\_\_ Warm Water  Beach  Boat

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

Diving Preferences:  Beach Dives  Boat Dives  Warm Water Dives

## Membership Category:

Amount: \$30.00  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: \_\_\_\_\_