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Los Angeles Black Underwater Explorers

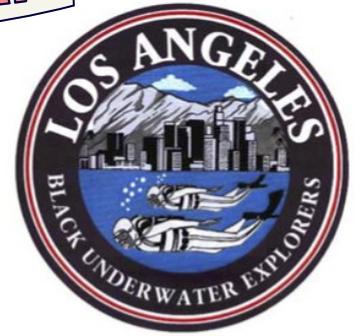


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LET'S GET READY FOR SOME SUMMER DIVING

Join us on Tuesday, May 10th for our General Membership meeting at the Natural History Museum, 2nd floor Learning Classroom. Summer is almost here, so get the latest updates on upcoming beach dives, boat dives, Scuba Show, our Catalina Casino Point dive, 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/, 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

DON'T MISS AMERICA'S LARGEST DIVE EXPO JUNE 4-5th

The 29th Annual SCUBA SHOW will take place June 4-5th at the Long Beach Convention Center. This is the largest SCUBA Expo in the country and this year's event will feature over 280 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.

In addition, there will be seminars where dive industry 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 totaling in excess of \$40,000 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. LABUE is offering discount capons for \$2 off the regular \$12 ticket price for this annual event. You can pick up your discount coupon at the May LABUE Membership Meeting or by contacting labue@sbcglobal.net.

DIVER NEWS

New and Renewing Members:

Alvin Beudreau
Symphorosa Williams
Randy Tillery
Denise Barker and
Mark and Stephen
James Wiley and Cheryl Brock

Discover Scuba 1

Janelle Brown
Latasha Parks
Elvira Della
Joanne Della
Mark Della
Jesse Bradshaw
Frederick Muhammad
David Vance



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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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY: RICHARD RICE



Let's go (Beach) Diving! It's that time of year, Spring is here and Summer is a month away. With the great variety of Beach Dive locations from Santa Barbara to San Diego, Southern California is the perfect place to be for SCUBA divers. Money tight? Economy got you down? For the cost of an air fill, you can polish your dive skills and enjoy the underwater beauty and enjoyment your sport provides. LABUE has always had a dedicated core

group of regular beach divers since we started nearly 25 years ago. Beach Dive Committee chairperson Joe Windolph has worked hard to expand our regular group of beach divers by encouraging our membership to take advantage of the variety of easily accessible and diverse beach dive options just a short drive away, making the Southern California coastline the Beach Dive Capital of the US. Joe has also developed a Beach Dive schedule that provides attractive and interesting local dive sites offering good dive conditions. Some of our favorite Los Angeles County beach dive sites include the Redondo Submarine Canyon, Malaga Cove, White Point, Old Marineland, and Casino Point on Catalina Island. Orange County sites include Shaw's Cove, Fisherman's Cove, Picnic Beach, and Wood's Cove. Favorite San Diego dive sites include La Jolla Cove, the La Jolla Marine Canyon, and Children's Pool.

Our condition based dive schedule-

ing instituted by Joe a few years ago has been very successful. Instead of having a rigid fixed schedule of local beach dive sites and dates selected at the beginning of each year, most of our monthly weekend dive dates are selected based on forecasts of good dive conditions at specific dive sites. LABUE members and our Meetup Group members are notified a few days prior to the weekend of the selected dive site's forecasted conditions and meeting time. This provides a flexible scheduling option that improves the chances that the date chosen for the selected dive site will offer good dive conditions, ensuring that LABUE divers will actually show up and participate in the dives.

In addition to our usual local beach dive sites, we are looking forward to a Catalina Island, Casino Point, trip this summer, participation in annual Coastal Cleanup Day dive activities in September, and of course our popular LABUE Dive-Camp Weekend to be held

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October 7-9th at Leo Carrillo State



Beach in Malibu.

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

- **Get in Shape:** Physical conditioning is important for Beach Diving. Many popular dive sites require you to climb stairs, hike down steep coastal trails, make long surface swims, and hike back to your vehicle following the dive while wearing all of your dive gear.
- **Check your Dive Gear:** Make sure that your dive equipment is functional and well maintained. Check to make sure that your tank is full before you leave home. Be sure to bring the LABUE Dive Float and DAN O2 Kit to be prepared for dive emergencies.
- **Pre-Dive Planning:** Call for a surf and dive report for area to get an idea of what to expect on arriving at the beach. Try to plan dives in

the mornings when the seas tend to be calmer, beaches less crowded, and parking more available (be sure to bring plenty of quarters for parking meters in some locations). Upon arrival at the beach, take some time to observe the conditions; identifying suitable entry and exit points, and timing wave sets to better plan surf entries.

- Practice your surf and rocky beach



entry and exit skills. Have your gear in place before entering the water and know your skill limitations.

Interested in finding out more about an upcoming LABUE Beach Dive? Contact Joe Windolph at joseph.windolph@gmail.com. If you are interested in lending your labor, experience, or organizational 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 it 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.



SAVE THE DATE FOR JULY 30TH DISCOVER SCUBA II

We had a full pool for our March 26th Discover SCUBA at the Pacific Wilderness dive shop in San Pedro. Discover SCUBA II has been scheduled for July 30th. 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. For additional details and registration information, email LABUE at labue@sbcglobal.net or call George Linares at 661 729-6626.



Join the National Association of Black Scuba Divers (NABS)

The National Association of Black SCUBA Divers (NABS) was established in 1991 by Dr. A. Jose Jones and former LA resident Ric Powell, two of the earliest African-Americans to become certified divers. Their collaboration resulted in the creation of NABS which purpose was to foster camaraderie among African American divers, and to address the unique problems and concerns of the African-American community. NABS mission is to create a network of people and resources that provide educational experiences that enhance and promote an appreciation of diving and an awareness of the aquatic environment. This network is intended to build unity and camaraderie to transfer the legacy to future generations. LABUE has been a long time NABS member club and was selected as NABS "Club of the Year" in 1999 and again in 2011. LABUE members have enjoyed participating in many NABS events over the years, including annual NABS Dive Summits bringing together divers from across the US country to some of the world's best dive destinations. This year's Annual NABS Dive Summit will take place in Aruba, November 5 -12th LABUE members are encouraged to check out NABS (www.nabsdivers.org) and join this worthwhile organization. Membership is \$45 per year and a NABS Membership Application is included in this issue.



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.

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 beachside 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.



Discover Scuba I

On Saturday, March 26 Discover Scuba I took place at Pacific Wilderness. What a great group of folks! This event was very well attended. The participants were Janelle Brown, Latasha Parks, Elvira Della, Jesse Bradshaw, Joanne Della, Frederick Muhammad, Mark Della and David Vance. George Linares was the instructor and his dive masters with Mike Dillard and DonCosta Seawell. The Teaching Assistant in the shallow water was Debora Ewing and former students Al Gray and Ayanna Boddie were also on deck rendering assistance. Of course George's lovely wife Bettye was on hand to assist as needed. Richard Rice was on hand to give the opening remarks and was also the photographer. If your friends or family missed out on Discover Scuba I, Discover Scuba II is on Saturday, July 30, 2016.

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.



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:

Saba Tourism Board website: www.sabatourism.com

Saba Videos: www.youtube.com/watch?v=8D8wOkc42Zs and
www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dgj8LDu7iuQ

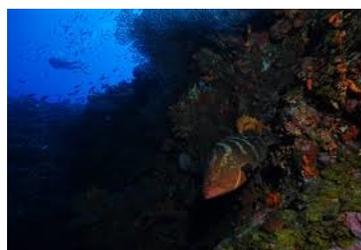
DATES: November 13 – 20, 2016

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





National Association of Black Scuba Divers 2016 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.)

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

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

* NABS recommends that all divers carry dive insurance.

Section III: Club Information

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

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

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

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

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

Relationship: SP=Spouse, CH=Child

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

Signature

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

Make Checks Payable to NABS

Return Application to:

NABS

ATTN: William P. Landers

887 Belle Ave

Teaneck, NJ 07666

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 **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 1st 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS 2016

- May 4, 2016 -- Chamber Evening - Aquarium of the Pacific
- May 10, 2016 -- LABUE General Membership Meeting - 7:00 PM
- May 24, 2016 -- LABUE Board Meeting
- June 14, 2016 -- LABUE General Membership Meeting - 7:00 PM
- June 28, 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: _____