

2011 NABS Club Of The Year

LABUE NEWS

Los Angeles Black Underwater Explorers

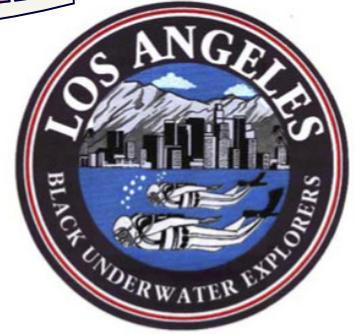


PHOTO OF THE MONTH

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Photographer: Richard Rice
Camera: Panasonic Lumix ZS7 in a Panasonic Housing, Sea & Sea YS90 Strobe
Medium: Digital
Location: Bequia Island, BWI
Subject: Bristle Worm

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FALL IS ALREADY HERE!

Fall is already here, but there are still more LABUE activities to come. Join us on Tuesday October 8th for our General Membership Meeting. Our annual LABUE warm water dive vacation to Malaysia is history, as well as our annual Dive-Camp Weekend to Leo Carrillo State Beach. Come, listen, learn, and enjoy as our members share their experiences and photos from these events. Get an update on the remaining LABUE events for 2013. As usual, we will be offering delicious refreshments, door prizes, and friendly member fellowship. See you there!



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DIVING TWO HARBORS

BY DEBORA EWING

On Saturday, August 17, 2013, George Linares, Bettye Linares and I set out for an underwater adventure. We left the port of San Pedro aboard the Catalina Express to the Two Harbors side of the Island. The water

sports shop is located just off the boat dock. I was easily able to rent a tank and weights for the dive. Not only does this shop rent scuba gear but also kayaks, paddle boards, and snorkeling gear. We

donned our gear at the shop and walked to our agreed upon entry point. The first thing I noticed was there was absolutely no surf whatsoever. For those of you who know my sister, Bettye, know this is very im-



portant. Yes, Bettye actually went diving from the beach! Upon descending into the great blue waters I noticed that the kelp forest was dense and healthy and there was almost no current. The water was

clear and not too cold at 66 degrees even at depth. There were large families of lobsters living in the rocky terrain. They seemed to be as curious of us as we were of them. Many of them came out of

their holes to check us out. Of course if we over stayed our welcome they would simply back themselves back into their holes. After diving we enjoyed lunch at the Harbor Reef Restaurant and also a leisurely stroll.

CHECK OUT THE LABUE STORE




Beautifully embroidered hats & polo shirts and silk screened long & short sleeve t-shirts with a front/back logo design layout!

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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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY: RICHARD RICE



The 5th Annual LABUE Photo Contest is now underway. Photography has been an excellent way for LABUE members to share their diving experiences with others, show off their photographic skills, and express their artistic talent. Over the last several years LABUE members, and friends participating in LABUE events, have shared many interesting and beautiful photographs documenting a wide range of LABUE activities and experi-

ences as reflected in our LABUE News *Photo of the Month* and in entries submitted for our annual photo contest.

One thing photographers desperately want to avoid is having all of their photos taken while on an expensive overseas vacation ruined. Many of our members have purchased and regularly use digital SLR (Single Lens Reflex) as well as advanced compact digital cameras to document surface and underwater scenes. Unlike film cameras that photographic record images based on a photo-chemical process; digital cameras capture images on an electronic sensor and record the image on a memory card. The most critical component of a digital camera is this sensor. If dust or any other contaminants gets on the sensor, all of the recorded digital photos can be ruined with noticeable spots or smears. Camera owner's manuals caution users to be careful when changing lenses to keep cameras in a dry clean space to prevent the sensor from getting dirty. Professional camera

shop sensor cleaning can cost from \$100 - \$150. These services may not be available in remote dive destinations. My recommendation is that serious photographers using a DSLR camera include a sensor cleaning kit in their camera accessories. This includes a dust blower, sensor cleaning solution and sterile cleaning swabs sized for their camera's sensor size.



This will allow you to clean your camera sensor in any location, if necessary. These kits also include lens cleaning accessories and are available at most large camera stores such as Sammy's Camera. Since cleaning a

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compact digital camera's sensor may be more difficult while traveling, those using them with underwater housings should consider purchasing an identical backup camera in case a sensor gets dirty or if their housing is accidentally flooded. You should also consider purchasing O-ring removal tool and silicon grease if you are using an underwater housing. If you have any comments or questions on this topic, please contact me.

Don't forget to register for the upcoming *Be The Match Walk and Run* fundraising event to be held on Saturday November 16th at the Shoreline Aquatic Park in Long Beach. This event benefits patients with life-threatening blood cancers like leukemia, lymphoma, and sickle cell. LABUE members, family and friends are invited to join us for this worthwhile cause by registering at **bethematchwalkrun.org** and selecting the LABUE Team for this event.

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.



2013 PHOTO CONTEST

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



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.

Oceans coffee table book and a digital photo frame. All winning photographs will be displayed on the LABUE website and in a LABUE News feature article on the contest. In addition, everyone submitting at least one photograph for the contest will receive 1 ticket for a special prize raffle.

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

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

DIVER NEWS

New or renewed Memberships

Eric Shepherd
Randy Tillery
Starletta DuPois
Sabrina Sparks
Sharlen Campbell

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Please notify Debora Ewing at [dewing@proskauer.com](mailto:dewing@proskauer.com) for member announcements.

## NEWSLETTER ADS

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

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

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

### PHOTO OF THE MONTH



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

## UPCOMING EVENTS 2013

**NOTICE:** Discover Scuba II which was scheduled for Saturday, September 7 had to be cancelled due to a calendar mix-up. This LABUE event will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

- October 4 - October 6 -- Dive and Camp Weekend, Leo Carrillo State Beach
- October 8, 2013 -- General Meeting - 7:00 PM
- October 22, 2013 -- Board Meeting
- November 12, 2013 -- General Meeting - 7:00 PM
- November 16, 2013 -- Be The Match, Be The One Run, Long Beach

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### Meetings

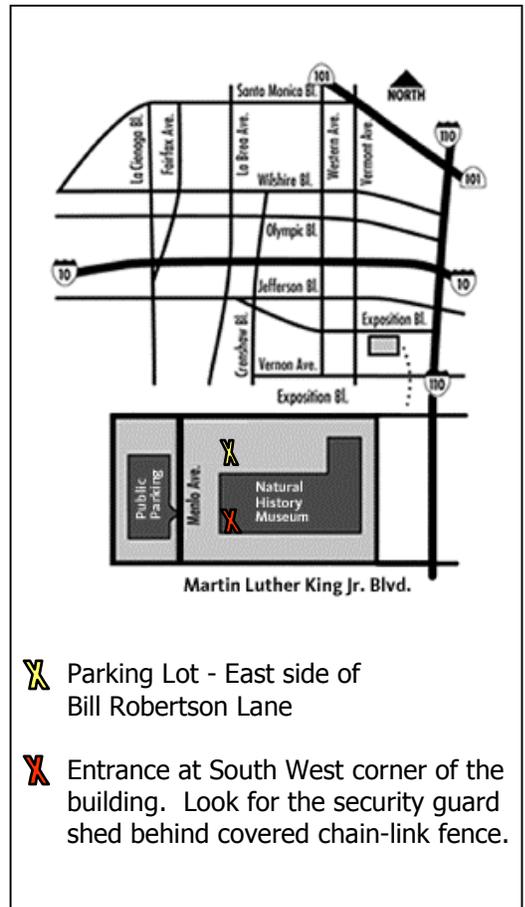
The LABUE meetings are held the second Tuesday of every Month at 7:00 PM in the Times Mirror Room at the Natural History Museum in Los Angeles.

### Directions

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

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

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



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

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

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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.**

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## 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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_