

Celebrating 25 Years

LABUE NEWS

Los Angeles Black Underwater Explorers



PHOTO OF THE MONTH

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Photographer: Sympharosa Williams
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Camera: Canon G16 with an Inon D2000 strobe



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- ◇ Dive n' Camp Weekend - October 6-8th
- ◇ General Membership Meeting - Saturday October 7th
- ◇ Magic Oceans Dive Resort, Philippines - October 20-28th
- ◇ Be the Match Run/Walk, Long Beach - Saturday November 18th
- ◇ Holiday Dinner at the Brownstone Bistro- Sunday December 3rd

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY: RICHARD RICE



Welcome to the Fall Edition of the LABUE News. We hope you enjoy the new expanded content format of our newsletter. We believe that our quarterly publication schedule will allow us to continue to offer additional expanded content providing additional informative articles and encouraging members to share their dive travel stories and photos with in future issues.

With three months left in our 25th Anniversary year, there are still plenty of great LABUE events and activities available for your participation including our Dive n' Camp Weekend & General Membership Meeting and our annual Warm Water Dive Vacation to the Magic Ocean Dive Resort in the Philippines this month, and our "Team LABUE" participation in the Be the Match Run/Walk fundraising event in November. We will be closing out the year with our Annual LABUE Holiday Dinner to be held again at the Brownstone Bistro on Sunday December 3rd featuring some exciting surprises you won't want to miss. Save the date, we will be announcing details soon.

Our April 2017 issue of the LABUE News featured the National Association of Black Scuba Divers (NABS). NABS was founded to foster camaraderie among African American divers, and to address the unique problems and concerns of the African-American dive community. LABUE has been a long time NABS member club and shares the goals and mission of NABS.

An important event taking place before the end of 2017 is the NABS elections. The NABS election process has started and will be completed by early November. I believe that these elections are critical to the future of all African American dive clubs across the country since they will determine the leaders responsible for addressing some of the important challenges LABUE and other clubs have been attempting to resolve over the last few years, especially attracting younger members to take over from an aging membership.

I encourage all of you to carefully review the NABS campaign platform flyers included in this issue and take the time to join NABS, or renew your NABS membership so that you can vote in these important elections. Join NABS (www.nabsdivers.org) and become an active member of this worthwhile organization. Membership is \$45 per year and a NABS Membership Application is included in this issue.

Join me in celebrating LABUE's 25th Anniversary throughout 2017. We encourage you to support your dedicated LABUE Officers and Board of Directors in closing out 2017 and planning for the challenges of 2018 with your active participation in LABUE. 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 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@sbcglocal.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.



DIVE N' CAMP WEEKEND & MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Grab your tent and sleeping bag! It's not too late to join us at LABUE's Dive 'n' Camp Weekend, October 6-8, 2017 at Sycamore Canyon Campground, Pt Mugu State Park. You won't want to miss this exciting annual end-of-summer LABUE event featuring 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 joining us on Saturday October 7th for our quarterly general membership meeting and potluck social event. We will be providing you with upcoming LABUE activities, dive trips, and treasurer's report updates. You will also enjoy one of the best potluck dinner and campfire gatherings you've ever experienced. Regardless of whether you go for the diving, the camping, the membership meeting, the beach or the camaraderie, this will be an informative, fun, and relaxing weekend for you, friends, and your family.

For additional details and campsite reservations contact Campmaster Randy Tillery at rtillery@gmail.com.



My Bucket List: Diving Cocos Island

By Symphorosa Williams



Diving Cocos Island has always been on my bucket list, especially since hammerheads eluded me both in the Red Sea and the Socorro Revillagigedo Islands. Therefore, although a bit intimidated by the advanced diving, strong currents and reports of thermoclines to the 60s, I jumped at the chance to go when invited by some friends. After a year and a half of planning, anticipation and payments, the time had finally come. I flew from San Diego to Phoenix to join my friends, then on to San Jose, Costa Rica. After an overnight stay in San Jose, we met the Undersea Hunter group representative and we were shuttled to Puntarenas in a Wi-Fi bus (lovely touch), with a brief stop for lunch and shopping.

Sitting at the pier in Puntarenas was our home for the next ten days, the MV Argo, truly the crown jewel of Cocos diving. Very well laid out, with large comfortable cabins and bathrooms, very organized dive deck and camera spaces, lovely sun deck and shared recreational spaces. They had two hard hulled skiffs with ladders for diving (no bouncing around on zodiacs), and they carry the deep sea submersible (Deep See), its tender



and three pilots. The food was amazing, the crew were extremely professional, affable and entertaining, and their sense of fun and camaraderie was palpable. Beer and sodas were included. Wine was available for purchase, but we also had two meals where it was included. No liquor for sale, but we were allowed to bring our own. After a rocky 39 hours open water transit from Puntarenas, we arrived at beautiful Cocos Island.

We were a group of 5 American, 3 German, 2 Luxembourgian, 3 Canadian and 5 British divers, ranging in age from 33 to 75. Each diver was given a safety package which included a Nautilus radio and GPS. After a check out dive in a quiet bay, the excitement started. Most dives involved being quickly dropped near a pinnacle or rock in the blue, with waves that could smash you against the rocks and avoiding that with a rapid negative descent. Once at depth, usually between 80 to 99 feet, you found a rock and held on to observe the cleaning stations. Fighting current, surge, avoiding sea urchins and angry damsel fish was not easy, but manageable. It became especially more exciting if handling one or two cameras. Several in the group were stung by the sea urchins and formed an urchin tattoo club.... I managed to avoid that. Gloves were essential... preferably with Kevlar or similar protection.

But once the scalloped hammerheads started coming, boy, did they parade.... In formation... schools and more schools moved across the sandy bottom of the cleaning stations or above us in the shallows. Several came close enough for pretty decent pictures and videos. Manuelita and Alcyone excelled for us for shark viewing. Mixed in with all

this action were bait balls, and a profusion of normal reef life, such as trumpet fish, bass, angelfish, boxfish, puffers, snappers, hogfish, angelfish, trigger fish, beautiful marble rays, mobula rays, eels, predators like trevally, jacks and huge tuna. White tip sharks were so commonplace we totally ignored them. Dolphins and humpback whales entertained us during surface transits and we had one dolphin infused safety stop. A few of us were lucky enough to see several Galapagos sharks, the resident tiger shark, a silver tip shark and a few silky sharks and eagle rays.



The night dives involved using lights to stimulate the jacks and white tip sharks to hunt, and it was truly awesome to see rivers of the white tip sharks flowing around the rocks, looking for prey. Visibility was average, about 60 feet for most dives. I suspect that while the currents were strong, we did not experience them at their worst. But we were certainly blown around like spaghetti attached to rocks.

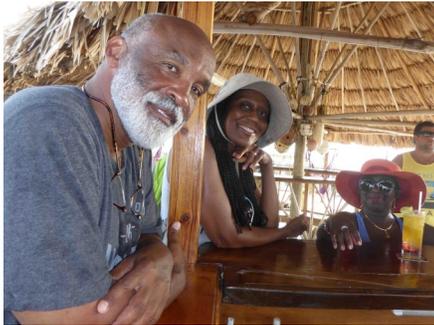
I decided to go deeper than most divers go by taking a ride in the submersible. All three pilots take you out, one in the submersible with two passengers, and the other two driving the tender and giving free diver support. We went to a depth of 305 meters or 1000 feet. There was no penetrable light, and it felt like being on the moon. While we were not deep

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WHALE SHARK(LESS) DIVING IN BELIZE

By Steve Scruggs



I once read that if the final leg of your flight is not on a twelve-seated island-hopper, it's not a real adventure. On May 6th, ten LABUE members and friends including Richard Rice, Pat & Clif Williams, Symphorosa Williams, Sylvia Williams, Paula Weathersby, and Rhoda Wagner, met in Palencia, Belize at Robert's Grove Beach Resort to begin a ten-day

sailing and diving adventure in search of the elusive whale sharks known to frequent the Plencia area this time of year. The final flight from Belize City to Palencia was not only on a twelve-seater, it made one quick landing in Dangriga for locals along the way. I mistakenly tried to get off. Fortunately, I'm fluent in broken English and remained on board for the final leg, seated next to the pilot. I had asked if I could sit next to him as a joke and he called my bluff. I won't do that again.

As adventures go, Belize is never one to disappoint. The diving and the sailing were equally advanced and challenged the skills of all participants, with dangerous shallow water reef sailing hazards and open ocean blue water diving in search for whale sharks. Sailing the thirty-eight foot Moorings catamarans within the second largest barrier reef in the world was a challenge well handled by our two able captains, Richard Rice and Bill Nelson. We safely sailed among the over 400 islands and cays that make up the reef beneath azure skies and blowing rain in between

stifling humidity and hungry mosquitoes and I'd do it again in a heartbeat. I even got to fly fish for 200 pound tarpon on a fly rod during which time I caught a lot of bonefish. No tarpon were harmed during this adventure but they know who I am.

Now let's talk about the whale sharks. Years ago on a LABUE trip to Utila, club members were fortunate enough to leave with the impression that when you go whale shark diving, you see a lot of whale sharks. That's not always the case. There were countless divers in Palencia from around the world who traveled specifically to see whale sharks. They searched all week only to hear the same phrase, "tomorrow's the day!". On this trip, tomorrow never came. But for our diverse group, we

enjoyed it all. Giant turtles that photobombed our group picture, porpoises that crashed our whale shark party and countless sparsely populated island bars with drink creations that needed tasting. Authentic Belizean cuisine was on the menu most nights and the island's well-deserved gastronomic reputation is still intact.

This was my first time sailing in Belize, my second time diving Belize and I've never been disappointed. My first trip included San Pedro, a Mayan jungle tour, lots of diving and the Blue Hole. On this trip I saw how vast Belize really is, being slightly larger than the state of Massachusetts. On this trip I saw more of what I liked my first time in Belize. The more I see, the more I like. Belize it!



COCOS ISLAND

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enough to see alien like creatures, and saw several species that do exist more shallow, like scorpion fish, groupers, anthias, crabs, coral, we also saw other species that generally only exist in the deep like a goose fish, prickly shark and a new eel species. It was truly an otherworldly experience.

Cocos Island above water also did not disappoint. There were breathtaking vistas with Jurassic like ferns and cascading waterfalls. Incredible bird life with three types of boobies, Asian white terns and several others. Interesting walk to the ranger station and historic pirate carved rocks. Truly beautiful.

But all too soon, the trip came to an end. A much smoother 36 hour transit was broken by viewings of dolphins, turtles, birds and a swim in the open ocean. I said goodbye to old and new friends and headed back to San Diego with another successful trip crossed off the bucket list.



Spread the Word about LABUE SCUBA Certification Scholarships

In support of our club mission to Expand the Knowledge and Enjoyment of SCUBA Diving in our community, LABUE offers Open Water I SCUBA Certification scholarships. LABUE's SCUBA Scholarship Program was introduced in 2014 and awards the Charles Heath Memorial Scholarship and Artie Williams Memorial Scholarship which pays the costs for Open Water I SCUBA certification for those who are selected. Take a look at the LABUE SCUBA Scholarship Program flyer in this issue for details. Contact labue@sbcglobal.net if you, or someone you know, are interested in applying.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIVER NEWS

New and Renewing Members:

Luster Ingram
Robert Dansby
Mike Dillard
Lendrear Freeman

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**Discover Scuba II Participants:**

Lendrear Freeman  
Elyssa Vernalde  
Kanioni Fletcher  
Koda Fletcher  
Robert Randolph  
Jose Ramirez  
Alfonso Ibanez  
David Hawthorn



### 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.

### LABUE ON FACEBOOK-EXPLORE THE UNDERWATER WORLD

For a peek into the underwater world of SCUBA, take a look at LABUE on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/LABUEDIVERS](http://www.facebook.com/LABUEDIVERS). 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. Check it out, you won't be disappointed.



### JOIN "TEAM LABUE" FOR THE BE THE MATCH WALK/RUN NOVEMBER 18th

LABUE members, family and friends are invited to join us on the LABUE team for the 2017 Be The Match Walk and Run fundraising event supporting Be the Match bone marrow registry helping patients with life-threatening blood cancers like leukemia, lymphoma, and sickle cell. They also provide financial grants to patients with uninsured treatment costs and support continued marrow transplant research. This is the sixth year that LABUE has participated in this worthwhile event. LABUE became involved after losing one of our long time club members, Charles Heath in 2010 due to leukemia. This year's event will take place starting at 7:30am on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at Marina Green: 386 E. Shoreline Drive, Long Beach, CA 90802. The event consists of a 5k, a 1k, and a short distance Tot Trot.

To register for the event, go to the Be The Match website, [bethematch-walkrun.org](http://bethematch-walkrun.org). Select "Long Beach, November 18, 2017", then "Register", then select "I want to join a team" and look for LABUE. As part of the event, LABUE will be raising money and encouraging donors supporting the Be The Match bone marrow registry uniting communities nationwide to help patients with these diseases. Come out, have fun, and help LABUE support Be the Match.



### IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO RE-NEW YOUR LABUE & NABS MEMBERSHIP

It's not too late to renew your LABUE and National Association of Black SCUBA Divers (NABS) memberships. Take advantage of LABUE member benefits and support the goals of our national SCUBA diving association by joining or renewing your membership. Remember, you will not be able to vote in the important November NABS elections if you are not a current NABS member.

Just complete the attached 2017 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 renew on PayPal at [paypal\\_membership@labue.org](mailto:paypal_membership@labue.org). To join or renew your NABS membership, just complete the attached 2017 NABS Membership Application and mail it to NABS President, Jeff Dooley, PO Box 60354, Phoenix, AZ 85082.



### Meet us on Meetup

Join LABUE's Meetup Community. Keep up with LABUE dive events and activities throughout the year 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. All you need to do is go to [www.meetup.com/LABUEDIVERS/](http://www.meetup.com/LABUEDIVERS/) and join our group. Don't be left out, join us today on Meetup.



## LABUE Lending Library: Dive Videos and Travel Guides

LABUE members are invited to take advantage of our **LABUE Lending Library** including DVDs 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 (Nutaaq Media)***
- ◆ ***White Wash (Trespass Productions)***

***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***
- ◆ ***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 Finnern)***
- ◆ ***Passage Through Deep Waters (David Finnern)***

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).



***LABUE 2017 Warm Water Dive Vacation  
Magic Oceans Dive Resort, Bohol, Philippines  
October 21 – 28, 2017***



LABUE is excited to announce our 2017 Warm Water Dive Vacation to the Magic Oceans Dive Resort in Bohol, Philippines, October 21-28, 2017! Why Magic Ocean? Several LABUE members have already enjoyed diving at their sister resort, Magic Island Dive Resort, on Cebu Island, Philippines. Magic Ocean is the newest resort in the franchise, opening in 2015, offering 5-star quality and exceptional diving at a price that cannot be beat. If you get tired of diving, you can also enjoy the waterfalls, jungle and canyon trekking, motorcycle tours, mountain bicycling, local Filipino markets, nightlife, and more.

**CHECK OUT MAGIC OCEANS WEBSITE:** [www.magicisland.nl/en/magicoceansinformation/](http://www.magicisland.nl/en/magicoceansinformation/)

**DATES:** October 21-28, 2017

**DIVER COST:** \$1650.00 (Includes Hotel (D/O)+R/T Ferry from Cebu to Bohol+All Meals+Unlimited Boat & Shore Dives)

**NON-DIVER COST:** \$1050.00 (Includes Hotel (D/O)+R/T Ferry from Cebu to Bohol+ All Meals)

**AIRFARES:** Airfare is not included in the above costs. Current RT Airfare Estimate from Los Angeles is \$720.00

**DEPOSIT:** \$400.00

**CONTACT FOR TRIP REGISTRATION INFORMATION:** [labue@sbcglobal.net](mailto:labue@sbcglobal.net)





# 2018 Dream Team

**Kamau  
Sadiki**  
for  
**NABS President**

**Kevin  
Dunham**  
for  
**NABS Vice President**

## “Advancing the NABS Legacy”

### ***Kamau Sadiki***

- NABS Lifetime member #180
- NABS Vice President (6 years)
- Member of Aqua Corps (4 years)
- PADI Dive Master (12 years)
- DWP Lead Instructor/NOAA Scientific Diver
- Youth Diving with a Purpose (5 years)

### ***Kevin Dunham***

- Former Safety Officer of NABS
- Aqua Corps (12 years)
- PADI Dive Master

### ***Our Mission***

**To develop NABS into THE PREMIER  
Global Scuba Diving Organization**

### ***Our Major Goals:***

- To invest in the future of NABS attracting and recruiting young adults
- To continue the NABS programs that create marine biologist divers for the future
- To initiate a viable communication structure within the NABS community that encourages solidarity



**VOTE  
SADIKI  
&  
DUNHAM**

### ***Five Point Plan***

- *Leadership Accountability*
- *20-20 Transparency*
- *Clear Communication*
- *Financial Sustainability*
- *Global Promotion*

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## Vote for The Next Evolution (NE) of NABS



**Anthony Ford**  
President



**Kim Yarbrough**  
Vice President



**Andrea Williams**  
Recording Secretary



**Christine Jackson**  
Corresponding Secretary



**Dwayne Johnson**  
Safety Officer

The *Next Evolution* (NE) is a group of dedicated members of NABS who are seeking to assist the organization in its next transition. As we converse with members across the country about their concerns regarding the future of NABS, we are hearing a consistent theme. A request for improved communication. An insistence on improved transparency. A mandate for increased accountability. A desire to expand the growth, marketability, and sustainability of the organization. In response to these concerns, we have developed a platform that we feel will address these problems moving forward.

**Communication.** Members of the Executive Board will be available to the membership on a consistent basis. Through social media outlets and other online platforms, the membership will have an opportunity to engage with the leadership regarding issues, concerns, or suggestions about NABS related events. Transparency will come about through financial and business disclosures and supportive interaction with member-led committees. It is our intent to make NABS a more inclusive organization.

**Membership.** The *Next Evolution* will aggressively pursue avenues to increase membership. We recognize that in order for NABS to grow and evolve it requires fresh ideas and new blood. The recruitment process should include younger members through an expanded youth program as well as enticing more established members to embrace us. We will also attempt to reengage our lifetime members and those who feel disenfranchised from NABS.

**Diver Education.** As a diving organization, the *Next Evolution* believes that there should be a focused and concerted effort made to increase the skill level and comfort of divers in the water. We can accomplish this at the local level by increasing the presence of our dive leaders within our community. We intend to make educational opportunities available at the Summit so that divers will have a chance to improve their in water skills and strengthen their academic knowledge of diving related events. This should encourage members to attend to become more educated about diving and give our dive leaders a chance to share their knowledge and experience with others.

**Marketing and Branding.** The strength of NABS lies in its uniqueness. We have the largest collection of diving talent in the country. It's time that everyone knew that. Through partnerships with other diving entities in the business, we can elevate our image and brand such that we should be an indispensable part of the future of diving. We will attempt to engage diving manufacturers, training organizations, and others to turn to us for their needs. It's important that we reach out to those who are shaping the future of diving.

The *Next Evolution* is poised and prepared to lead NABS through its next transition. We have established leaders who are motivated and will be attentive to the needs of the organization. Vote for the change that's needed and become part of the *Next Evolution* of NABS!!



## 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.)

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| <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

Return Application to:

**NABS**

**ATTN: Jeffrey Dooley**

**P.O. 60354**

**Phoenix, AZ 85082**

## 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).



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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.

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# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

For the Year 2018

## 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

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## 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: \_\_\_\_\_