

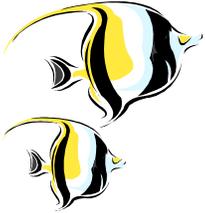
LABUE NEWS

Los Angeles Black Underwater Explorers

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Jook Joint Opens for Business

The LABUE Jook Joint is set to open for business on July 17th for one night and for one night only with live entertainment, dancing, a four course soul food dinner (fried catfish, baked chicken, BBQ links, red beans/rice, greens, yams, mac/cheese, peach cobbler) and games (bid whist, dominoes, etc.) all wrapped up in an authentic Jook Joint atmosphere. Some of the greatest minds in LABUE have been working through their weekends to recreate a 1930's backroom, broken down, funky, sexy, bluesy Jook Joint just like the ones our parents were warned to stay away from by *their* parents.

Just as LABUE brought you a piece of Jamaica, and a taste of Hawaii, we're gonna take you down home to your roots. To help in this transformation many attendees will be wearing authentic apparel from that 1930's era that was either found in the closet or rented from one of the many costume shops in this city of make believe. And as always, we present this opportunity for you to have so much fun that you don't even realize that your \$25 donation is supporting a great organization that is in need of your support.

The LABUE Jook Joint will be located at 3745 Don Felipe Drive (three blocks west of Crenshaw off Stocker) and the door will be open and the lights will be dim.

This joint starts jumpin at 7:00 and the cops will raid the place at midnight cause Jook Joints are illegal and we ain't got no license. The food will be put out at 7:30 and will be put back in the icebox at 9:00 so if you want more than a bone to suck on, don't come sniffin around the kitchen at 9:05. If you have questions call Jook at 310-334-0567 or 323-815-0099 and he'll tell you where you can go. If you cannot find something to wear, just come as you are. Everyone is welcomed, costume or not. Don't miss this one because you don't have 1930's apparel. And, oh yeah, tickets will not be sold at the door.



President's Message

Every even numbered year, LABUE holds elections of Board members and officers. The elections for 2004 will be held at the General Membership Meeting in November, as required by the club bylaws. The positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary along with three at large positions will be available to any club member in good standing who meets the requirements as identified in the bylaws. Our club has been very successful over the past several years...far more successful than any of us could ever have imagined. We have achieved this level of success because of the shared participation of many club members and sponsors. Despite this success, there is always the opportunity for fresh ideas and thoughts. I know that there are several club members who would make excellent Board members and who have a wealth

of talent to share with the club. If you are one of these people and would like to get involved in the highest level of club 'management', now is your chance. According to the bylaws, the President shall appoint an Election Committee to conduct the election process, including the acceptance of nominees. I will announce the chairperson of this committee in August. Members interested in running for an office should read the August newsletter for instructions on how to proceed.



Bob Simmons

Beach Dive

The next club beach dive is scheduled for Sunday, August 1 at Deer Creek in Malibu. George Linares will give the dive briefing at 8:00am. The Beach Dive 'regulars' always have a great time when they get together and dive (and then have lunch, of course). LABUE was originally founded based on regular beach dives. Although the club has expanded its breadth of activities, the beach dives remain an important, and impressive, part of the program. These dives also represent an economical opportunity to practice dive skills and to learn from some of the club's best divers. If you have not participated in one of the club beach dives, you don't know what you are missing. Contact George or Bettye Linares at (661) 547-4010 to sign up. Although these dives are free, Bettye and George need to know whom to contact if the conditions force the group to relocate to another location.

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Dive & Camp Weekend

LABUE will host its first **DIVE & CAMP WEEKEND** – October 15, 16, 17 at Refugio State Park & Beach (near Santa Barbara). Refugio is a beautiful beach with excellent picnic grounds and restrooms and showers facilities. There's an itinerary planned for the entire weekend that will appeal to divers and non-divers alike. Emphasis is on 'dive & camp'. Therefore, there will also be a 'Pitch-A-Tent' seminar to take place on Saturday, August 28, 2004 (11:00am) at the Del Aire Park in Hawthorne. Here you can ask 'Mr. Campman' – Quinal Johnson, all your questions about camping – equipment needed, the costs involved for this weekend, as well as what's on the menu. Flyers with details will be distributed at the upcoming club meeting. There is a \$35.00 per person registration fee. We're requesting RSVPs by Sept. 8. So, look at your schedules now and plan to join us for some more exciting and different kind of fun with your LABUE Buddies.

Club Charter by Steve Scruggs

LABUE has a lot of new members in the club who have yet to be a part of one of the best boat dive experiences our club has to offer and it's taking place on September 11th when LABUE will charter one of the largest dive boats in Southern California, the Great Escape, for three dives at Catalina Island. This trip is designed to appeal to all diver skill levels from beginner to advance. Great food, great diving and a great day with friends on our own private boat with sleeping bunks, staterooms, hot showers and all familiar faces because it's OUR boat. I think I can safely say there are few clubs in existence that can charter their own dive boat or regularly fill a boat with its own membership but this is a testament to the success of this club and it's a fact we can take pride in. And best of all, the price is a fraction of what this trip would normally. So mark you calendars and keep this date open. More details will be available in the coming weeks.

Next Meeting

The next regular General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13. George Linares, instructor, will lead a discussion on two topics which are particularly relevant for diving in Southern California: surf entries and exits and limited visibility diving. Virtually all certification courses include one or two beach dive sessions. However, for many divers extra practice is needed, but rarely acquired. George (assisted by TA Debora Ewing) will review the basic concepts of entering and exiting thru surf as well as handling low visibility conditions. The meeting will be held in the Times Mirror Conference Room at the Museum of Natural History in Exposition Park on Exposition Blvd between Vermont and Figueroa. Parking is available in the Staff Parking lot immediately adjacent to the two large dinosaurs in front of the building. The meeting will begin at 7pm. Plan now to attend.

Tortola

LABUE's annual club trip for 2005 will be held on the island of Tortola in the fabulous British Virgin Islands. The BVI's consist of 60+ islands, islets and cays of virtually untouched splendor. Experience world class warm water diving at a reasonable rate. The reefs surrounding these islands are simply fantastic and a joy to dive. The highlight of the trip will be diving the wreck of the Rhone, the most famous, most photographed and most frequently dived shipwreck in the world! (Remember "The Deep"?). The Prospect Reef Resort will be the headquarters for 8 days and 7 nights. This Resort is a first rate facility with all the amenities including tennis, swimming pool, fitness center, Jacuzzi and refrigerators or mini-bars. St Thomas with its world famous shopping and beaches is just a 30 minute ferry ride away. The trip will be in April of next year. Once air fares are available, the total price will be announced and the trip will be opened for signups.



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7:00 p.m. until Midnight

Dinner—7:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

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Beach Dive Committee

Calendar of Events

UTILA 2004

JULY

- 13 7:00 PM – General Meeting
- 17 Summer Event—”Jook Joint”
- 27 6:30 PM – Board Meeting

AUGUST

- 01 Beach Dive—Deer Creek (Malibu)
- 01 Festival at Sea – Hawaiian Islands
- 10 7:00 PM – General Meeting
- 24 06:30 PM – Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER

- 14 7:00 PM – General Meeting
- 11 Club Charter—Great Escape Boat Dive
- 28 6:30 PM – Board Meeting
- 30 Club Trip to Fiji

OCTOBER

- 12 7:00 PM – General Meeting
- 15 Beach Dive—Refugio Santa Barbara Campout Dive
- 26 6:30 PM – Board Meeting

NOVEMBER

- 06 Beach Dive—Shaw’s Cove
- 09 7:00 PM – General Meeting
- 23 6:30 PM – Board Meeting

DECEMBER

- 05 Beach Dive—Redondo
- 11 Holiday Gala & Awards Banquet
- 14 7:00 PM – General Meeting



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Reminders:

- ** **General Membership Meeting—7/13/04**
- ** **Jook Joint Opens—7/17/04**
- ** **Group Beach Dive—8/1/04**