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SCUBA LAB BC TESTING RESULTS

SCUBA LAB TESTS 20 NEW AND IMPROVED MODELS IN WHAT MIGHT BE THE BEST YEAR EVER FOR BC'S. A sluggish economy apparently didn't detract engineers from coming up with a bunch of entirely new BC designs, as well as some very cool improvements to existing models. After sending out a call for gear to diver manufacturers, 20 new or upgraded BCs showed up on Scuba Lab's doorstep: 10 jacket-style, nine back buoyancy and one hybrid. With so many BCs to test and dive, clearly it was time to set down our coffee mugs and get busy. Scuba Lab tests BCs based on a rigorous three phase test regimen. And for this test, we boarded the Body Glove dive boat with our test team in Redondo Beach, California, and headed out to a primo dive site evaluate the BCs' real-world performance.

SHERWOOD LUNA

The Luna's air cell, shoulders and depth-compensating cummerbund are cut to conform to female curves. And the wrap around air cell created a snug and secure feel. Sherwood's unique Halfpac tank backpack - which combines the versatility of a soft pack with the stability of a hard pack - held the tank solidly, contributing to its excellent stability at depth. The power inflator was compact and fit perfectly into a female hand. The BC doesn't come with a right shoulder exhaust valve; in spite of that, test divers were able to maintain efficient buoyancy control using the existing valve system. The CQR-2 weight pouches are set back from center line, but not so much to create problems when loading or ditching weights. The bottom line is that the Luna was our female test divers' favorite women's BC.

