

Ventura Surf Club
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*The Ventura Surf Club exists to preserve,
promote and perpetuate the values, beliefs
and essence of surfing.*

Presidents Message

Wow, September already! That means our annual C Street Longboard Classic! This event is now 100% Ventura Surf Club! That means any proceeds go to the club and help us continue into the future. How can you help? In addition to surfing in the contest, purchasing merchandise and volunteering, you can also just come out and show your support for your local surf club!

In addition our big local event, there are other events happening in September and October. Please check the web site calendar for the latest dates and times. Our next intra-club contest is October 11 at Middles. These club contests provide a great opportunity to improve your skills in a low key, always fun atmosphere. We also have our Halloween costume surf and camp out with the Santa Barbara Surf Club at Hobson's campground the last weekend in October. Additionally, our team captain, Mr. Jimmy Gray will be organizing our club team for the MSA Classic (Sept) and Swami's (Oct) Coalition contests. Contact Jimmy if you would like to surf in these events.

I hope everyone is getting time to surf and enjoying this beautiful place we are all so fortunate to live in!

See you in the water!

Michael Mariani



Got Islands?

How's that for a view? This is the view from the hotel room where Joe and Jeannette Ramieri stay when they visit Oahu. The view allows them to see most of the South facing surf spots. Joe and Jeannette visit Hawaii at least two times a year and have been doing it for so many years, they have it down to a science! Ahhh paradise!



Intra-Club Events

Date	Day	Event	Host / Location
September		No Intra-Club this month due to C Street Longboard Classic and Malibu Classic (MSA)	
10/11/09	Sun	Intra-Club Contest	Middles
10/31/09- 11/01/09	Sat/Sun	Hobson Camp-out with SBSC Costume Surf Contest	Hobson
11/08/09	Sun	Final Intra-Club Contest	Solimar
11/22/09	Sun	End Of The Year Luau	TBD

Intra-club contests start at 7 a.m. - Please arrive 30 minutes early.
Intra-club contests are open to all current members. Entrant fee: \$5.
Points earned accumulate towards members annual totals for trophies.

Coalition and Other Events

Date	Day	Event	Host / Location
09/12/09- 09/13/09	Sat/Sun	MSA Malibu Classic Contact Jimmy Gray (805)643-5869 for sign-up	Malibu
09/19/09- 09/20/09	Sat/Sun	The annual C Street Longboard Classic www.cstreetlongboard.com This event is open to all surfers	C Street
10/3/09 - 10/04/09	Sat/Sun	Swami's Surfing Association Contest	Cardiff

For the most up to date calendar information, visit www.venturasurfclub.org
Coalition events require sign-up and prepayment. Contact Jimmy Gray, VSC away contest coordinator.



Pt. Mugu Surf Contest A Success!

By all accounts, the 2nd annual Pt. Mugu Pro/Am surf contest was a success. The crowd was reported at over 5,000. The waves, while a little rough on Saturday, cleaned up nicely on Sunday and provided some crowd pleasing rides! If you have not yet made it to this contest, you will have another chance, since the organizer indicate there will definitely be a third annual!

Ventura County Star Article:

<http://www.venturacountystar.com/news/2009/aug/24/Nxxfcmugusurf24/>

Jim Beam Surftag U.S.

A four event surf club/team shortboard competition, has opened registration. Teams of 5 representing clubs or local breaks can sign-up on line at JimBeamsurftag.com.

Extremely popular in Australia, Jim Beam Surftag features a unique tag team format - In relay style each surfer catches three waves and then returns to the beach to tag their team's next participant.

A \$5,000 prize purse will be offered at each of the first three events and \$10,000 will be offered for the final contest. Up to 16 teams - entered on a first come/first serve basis - will participate in each qualifying event.

There is no entry fee and one member can register for the entire team (must list all the team members during registration). All contestants must be 21-years-old on the day of competition.

Jim Beam Surftag will kick off its inaugural season with an exhibition at the Malibu Surf Classic on September 12. Qualifying events begin with Manhattan Beach on September 19 and then travel to Ventura on September 26. Oceanside will host a contest on October 11 with the finals taking place November 13-14 in Huntington Beach, CA.

Surf Films in Ventura

The Ventura Film Society will be showing several films in September, including two surf films:

SEPT 24 (Thursday) – A double-bill of “Surf Dramas” sponsored by wetSand Surfshop.

“**BETWEEN THE LINES**” (USA 2008) Definitive and dramatic history of surfing during the Vietnam War, told by the men who lived it. Narrated by John Milius ("Apocalypse Now", "Big Wednesday").

“**SURFWISE**” (USA 2007) A uniquely American take on surf obsession. The tumultuous story of 85-year old surfer, health advocate and sex guru, Dr. Dorian "Doc" Paskowitz, his wife Juliette, and their nine children who were all home-schooled and raised in a small camper on the beaches of California, Mexico and Hawaii. Under Doc's intensely paternalism, everyone surfed or else, adhering to the strict diet and lifestyle of animals in the wild.

7 p.m. @ The Elks Lodge, 11 South Ash Street Ventura
Visit www.venturafilmsociety.com for more information

VSC member publishes new book

VSC member Ken Mcalpine has published a new book, *Islands Apart*. In writing the book, Ken spent time alone on each of the Channel Islands and contrasts this with time spent on the mainland and our every busy lives.

Editors Note: I found Ken's book entertaining and thought provoking. It includes beautiful descriptions of the islands and some great people stories.