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Surf's up at Point Mugu Navy base opens surfing contest to public

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Ventura County, Calif, Oct. 6, 2008 . . . Southern California's best kept secret is about to be revealed. The first ever surf contest is scheduled at Naval Base Ventura County, Point Mugu and everyone is invited.

Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC) surf contest will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25. It is open to the public to enter and to watch.

"Point Mugu is one of the best surfing spots in California so a lot of people want to come and surf on it," Kent Blankenship, NBVC Athletics Director said. "We are encouraging the public to either participate or come out and watch."

This particular stretch of ocean at Point Mugu is such a special spot because it faces in a south direction which gives it a unique wave. "Especially when there is a south swell coming the wave breaks different and a lot bigger than a lot of different beaches along the coast here," Blankenship said.

Todd Proctor, owner of Proctor Surfboards, agrees that Point Mugu provides a world class wave. He says everyone should come down and enjoy the ocean and socialize. "It's a contest to bring people together," he said. Proctor believes that a gap can form between the military and their community members. Opening Point Mugu will join two groups that both enjoy the same thing. .

"I think the motive is really cool," Proctor said. "To bridge that gap will be a really cool thing."

The contest will be broken up into six different divisions: open men and women, body board, military men and women, and junior men (17 and under). .Check in starts at 6:30 that morning and the competition begins at 7:30 a.m. It may run up until 3 or 4 p.m. depending on how long the heats are.

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Each heat lasts 20 minutes. There will be three heats per division and the top two people from each heat will then go to the finals for that division.

“It kind of makes for a long day, but it’s also fun for people watching the surf because we have a lot of great surfers out there,” Blankenship said.

In order to participate in the surfing competition, participants have to turn in a registration form. These forms are be available in the local Ventura County surf shops, or email Amanda Haskell at Amanda.haskell@navy.mil, or Fred Morgan at fred.w.morgan@navy.mil. The entry fee to participate is \$20 for military and \$25 for civilians, with a \$10 late fee for registration after Oct. 22.

If you would rather watch then participate, parking will be available at the beach for those who call ahead of time to get on the guard gate list. Call Amanda Haskell at 805-989-7378 by close of business Oct. 21 to get on the list. For those not on the list there will be a shuttle van that will take people from the front gate at Point Mugu to the beach and back. The van will run all day.

Proctor SurfBoards will award a custom board to the winner of the competition.

“We are also going to have a booth at the beach and be there to explain how boards are made,” Proctor said. “We are going to have two of our pros competing and two other guys that are ex pros.”

Two professional surfers that will be participating are Jarrah Tutton and Danny Estes.

The winners of the competition will be chosen on how well they follow the rules of the sport. “Surfers will be judged on the size of the wave, how long they ride and what the surfer does on the ride,” Blankenship said. The lead judge is Matt Malone.

All contestants will receive a special event t-shirt, and a first, second and third place winner will be chosen from each division. The winners will receive either plaques or trophies.

If you can’t participate this year, you may have another opportunity to surf this rare area. “We hope it will become an annual event but it might even become a two day event so we can get more people surfing and more people entered in it,” Blankenship said.

For more information call 805-989-7378 or (805) 982-3007.

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Point Mugu Surf Contest

OCTOBER 25, 2008

NBVC Point Mugu

For more Info please email

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Come Discover why "Surfer" & "Surfing" Magazines call this "SOCALS best kept secret"
Enter to win the raffle grand prize! Proctor sponsored Surf Board.

Official Entry Form

Please Mail completed entry form to: Commanding Officer, Naval Base Ventura County
MWR Department N92V, 311 Main RD. Suite 1
Point Mugu, CA 93042-3001

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MWR FUND Register after 10.22.08 add \$10

Military \$20 Command _____ Civilian \$25

Age as of December 31, 2008 _____

Shirt Size M L XL

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Day Phone _____ Eve. Phone _____

Email _____

Categories: Select only one per entry

Jr. men (17 and Under) Open Men Open Women

Military Men/Women Open Body Board

Hold Harmless & Waiver Agreement I understand that there are various inherent risks associated with the sport of surfing & my participation in the Point Mugu Surf Contest, including but not limited to injuries caused by terrain, weather, my personal physical condition, vehicles, other participants and lack of hydration. In consideration of the opportunity to participate in the Point Mugu Surf Contest, I hereby assume all risks associated with this event and here-by expressly waive release and forever discharge Naval Base Ventura County, its MWR Department, the US Navy, all sponsors and any other individuals or entities connected in any way with this event from any and all claims for damages and death, personal injury or property damage or actions of any kind which may hereafter accrue to me or to any other person as a result of my participation in this event. The waiver and release shall be binding on my heirs and assignees and shall run in favor of Naval Base Ventura County, the US Navy and any individuals or entities in any way connected with the aforementioned event. Naval Base Ventura County MWR.

Sign _____ Date _____

We will be accepting contest entries up to the start of the contest at 7:30am on the beach on Saturday, October 25 -- though we highly recommend that you pre-register to guarantee your entry!!

6:45 am - SURF CONTESTANTS CHECK-IN

7:30 am - SURF CONTEST HEATS START (will run all day)

11:00 am - FREE LUNCH FOR CONTESTANTS.

3:00 pm - Surf Heats End

3:30 pm - Awards presentation

HEAT ASSIGNMENTS & CHECK-IN INFO

1) FINAL HEAT ASSIGNMENTS: will be available Saturday, 10/25.

For any running updates or changes Listen to PA announcements.

2) CHECK-IN process:

A) Check in 30 minutes before your heat to hold your spot.

B) Check in 15 minutes prior to get your contest rash guard.

C) Please quickly return your contest rash guard after your heat to get your lunch ticket.