Surf Jam Had It All

By James Stone

The judges were members of the Surf Committee. Seated: David Markle, James Stone, Kaili Chun. Standing: Brendan Bradley and Joe Dubiel.

The Groms: Kaoi Blaisdell-Higa, Jack Lyons, Lev Van Deldon, Sean Wilbur and Ford Lyons.

The Open Men: Todd Bradley, Dolan Eversole, Bill Pratt and Guy Steele.

The Women: Anella Borges, Amy Lawson, Kaili Chun, Ali Rigg and Jenna Frowein.

The inaugural OCC Surf Jam held on Saturday June 23 was blessed with consistent fun, shoulder high to occasionally overhead waves at Sand Bar and Old Man's courtesy of a week-long south swell that provided a full day of surfing events. From kayak/surfski to surfing, tandem, stand-up to canoe surfing the Surf Jam had it all.

Participants of all ages turned up to share waves with one another for 30-minute heats. Doug Ostrem took the win in the kayak/surfski division early in the morning followed by Jack Lyons claiming first place in our Groms Division, Boys 10-14.

A low tide in the morning helped create steeper wave faces that allowed for the kayak/surfski participants to take some close rides through the reef and give the groms some lips to smash.

The Women's Division had non-stop waves their entire heat and Amy Lawson came out on top with a couple long rides and in the lip maneuvers. Masters and Wise Men Divisions followed suit. In one of the more back and forth heats of the morning, Marc Haine took the win in the Master's Men and Rich Ray the win for the Wise Men.

The Junior Men surfed before lunch with the impending "king tide" looming in the afternoon, the waves were beginning to feel the extra water on the reef and participants had to adjust accordingly. Brendan Bradley came out on top with a series of liplines and critical wraps on the lefts at Sand Bar.

After a quick lunch break the Surf Jam kicked back into action with the Tandem Division that enjoyed the "king tide" as participants hoisted each other, wheelbarrowed or cockaroached their way to the inside. Team Towel, Billy Pratt and Jenna Frowein, took the win. The SUP and Canoe Divisions took advantage of one of the highest tides of the year and rode waves through and over the reef.

The Canoe Division was stacked with four separate heats and being the final event of the day, the spectators thickened and the excitement as crews trimmed past the windsock or past the swim buoy, sometimes all the way to the beach, was infectious.

Arguably the most competitive division of the Surf Jam and with a couple long, critical waves all the way through the boats, Heath Hemmings & Crew took out the coveted first place beating defending champions, Sam Clemens and Team Beach Services.

In the end everyone walked away with some swag and a smile from a full day of surfing and activities at the Club. See you all next year at the 2nd Annual OCC Surf Jam!

Wise Men: Joe Dubiel and Richard Ray.

Kayak/Surfski: Doug Ostrem and David Buck.

Masters Men: Marc Haine, Jon Steiner and George Puder.

Junior Men: Tai Sunnland, Christian Bradley, Brendan Bradley.

OCC Surf Jam
June 24, 2017
Results

Kayak/SurfSki
1. Doug Ostrem
2. David Buck
3. Dolan Eversole

Groms 10-14 Years
1. Jack Lyons
2. Sean Wilbur
3. Lev VanDeldon

Open Men
1. Dolan Eversole
2. Billy Pratt
3. Todd Bradley

Women
1. Amy Lawson
2. Kaili Chun
3. Ali Rigg

Junior Men
1. Brendan Bradley
2. Tai Sunnland
3. Christian Bradley

Masters Men
1. Marc Haine
2. Jon Steiner
3. George Puder

Wise Men
1. Rich Ray
2. Joe "Flash" Dubiel

Tandem
1. Team Towel, Billy Pratt and Jenna Frowein
2. Team Dolan, Dolan and Kainoa Eversole
3. Team Golden Doodles, Christian Bradley and David Markle

Open SUP
1. Dolan Eversole
2. Billy Pratt
3. Bill Lawson

Canoe
1. Heath Hemings & Crew
2. Team Beach Services, Sam Clemens & Beach Service Crew
3. Marc Haine & Crew