

Beach Fest Celebrates Santa Cruz Surf, Sun

A BEACH FESTIVAL - chock full of events celebrating Santa Cruz surf and sand - is scheduled for Saturday through August 15.

The festival is aimed at local residents, says Dee Herren, recreation supervisor at the Santa Cruz City Parks and Recreation Department.

The festival is built around the 10th annual rough water swim on August 14, a one-mile swim around the municipal wharf that draws some 400 people.

"People come from all over the state," says Herren. "It's so exciting. They're all screaming at the top of their lungs when they hit the water." Swimmers range from seven to 75 year olds.

Events being sponsored by local merchants and groups and the City Parks and Recreation Department include:

World Flying Disc Championship Saturday at 1 p.m. at Boardwalk Beach.

Junior Lifeguard Mexican Dinner Saturday at 3 p.m. at Harvey West Park Clubhouse.

Sailboard Race, Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. at the south end of the Municipal Wharf.

Hobie Cat Regatta, Sunday at 2 p.m. at Cowell Beach.

World Flying Disc Championship, Sunday at 10 a.m. At Cabrollo College. People will compete for \$8,000 in prize money in free style, distance, accuracy.

Fishing Derby, August 11-15, 7

a.m. to 9 p.m. at Municipal Wharf. Prizes will be awarded daily for the biggest fish caught from the wharf or from a boat launched from the wharf.

Lifeguard Competition, August 12 at 9 a.m., Boardwalk Beach

Surf movie and dance, August 12 at 7 p.m., Civic Auditorium.

Rough Water Swim, August 14, 10 a.m. at Boardwalk Beach.

Swim Awards Barbecue, August 14 at 1 p.m., Harvey West Park.

Junior Lifeguard Calamari Feast, August 14, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Cowell Beach. Beachgoers will be able to warm up to calamari stew and salad.

Surfing Contest, August 14-15 at 9 a.m. at the mouth of the San Lorenzo River.

Volleyball Tournament, August 14-15 at 9 a.m. at Boardwalk Beach near the Municipal Wharf.

Beach Games, August 15 at 10 a.m. at Boardwalk and Cowell's Beach. Games like beach flags, iron man, 100-yard dash, paddle race and run-swim-run, open to the public.

Sponsors include: World Flying Disc Championships, Junior Lifeguard Parents Club, Ski Shop Capitola, Hobie Fleet 240 and Oneill's Yacht Center, Santa Cruz Boat Rentals, Stagnaro Charters, Andy's Bait Shop, Wharf Association, Junior Lifeguard Parents Club, Santa Cruz City Parks and Recreation Department, Santa Cruz Surf Lifesaving Association, India Joze Restaurant, and Western Surfing Association.