

San Clemente Lifeguard and Junior Lifeguard Foundation Fall 2018 Update



Greetings and welcome to fall! Yes, fall, which many of us think is absolutely the best time of year at the beach. It also seems like a great time to look back and see what's been happening with our San Clemente Lifeguards and Junior Lifeguards.

Our Lifeguards Were Busy

It was another fantastic summer on the beach in San Clemente. Great weather, warm water and large crowds of beachgoers kept our lifeguards busy. Here are just a few very impressive statistics.

- 1,948 rescues
- 1,146 medical aids
- 9,962 ordinance enforcements
- 31,028 preventative contacts
- 43,011 public education contacts



And most importantly, another summer of NO LIVES LOST!

Fantastic job, men and women of Station 56. Well done!

Congratulations, Lifeguard of the Year Taylor Mellinger

Taylor Mellinger has been voted by his peers Lifeguard of the Year. Taylor has been a San Clemente lifeguard for more than seven years and in addition to working on the beach, also serves as the Junior Lifeguard program coordinator. He has also participated in the peer exchange program with the New Zealand

Lifesaving Association. Taylor was honored by the City and the San Clemente Kiwanis Club at a luncheon in his honor on September 27, 2018. Rainbow Sandals and Conrad Realty also sponsored the event. Congratulations, Taylor!

Junior Lifeguards Rock!

Wow! We had more than 700 Junior Lifeguards this summer! They spent their days learning ocean safety and first aid, playing beach games, jumping off the pier and generally just having a fun time. Our Cadets visited Catalina Island, where they spent time with the LA County lifeguards and paramedics. Three of the Cadets



on the trip will be old enough and plan to try out to be a San Clemente City Lifeguard this coming spring! We finished the summer with our annual JKG awards night. This year, San Clemente Kiwanis and Slyde Handboards combined to recognize our JG of the year, Devlin Rowe. Thanks to our team of JG instructors for investing in our young people. Take a look at the 2018 Junior Lifeguard video at <https://youtu.be/OZWSTAlk-N8>.

Thank You, Positive Vibe Warriors!

On Sunday, September 16, the Positive Vibe Warrior Foundation held the 7th annual Stoke-O-Rama at T Street. Young surfers and their families spent the day at the beach, participating in fun surfing competition, beach activities and just generally being stoked on life. For the sixth year, the Positive Vibe Warriors donated \$10,000 to support our Junior Lifeguards and beach safety programs. Thanks so much, Gudauskas family!



An Inspiring Time with World Surfing Champion Shaun Tomson

The San Clemente Lifeguard and Junior Guard Foundation Sponsored two awesome events in August. On August 18, former world surfing champion, Shaun Tomson, spoke to more than 200 young JGs, surfers and their parents. The event was co-hosted with the Surfing Heritage & Culture Center (SHACC). Through personal stories and images from his surfing career,



Shaun shared his life experiences and talked about the power of promises we make to ourselves. It was a tremendous opportunity for attendees to hear a powerful message from Shaun about the power of commitment, resilience and setting goals for one's life's course. The event also included a raffle for a new Channel Islands "The Code" surfboard. The Code – The Power of I Will,"

A Fantastic Surf Contest

On Sunday, August 26, our lifeguards and JGs competed in teams for prizes and bragging rights in the first annual San Clemente Lifeguard & Junior Guard Team Surf Contest. Our eight teams were The White Wash Warriors, Team Sharknados, Team Shred Some Gnar, The Sharks, Team Barrell Doggies, Team Ocean Master Flex, The Gnarly Shredders and our winners, The Shredders. Congratulations to all the surfers. Kudos to our JG families for raising such awesome kids.



You can read all about the event at

<https://www.ocregister.com/2018/08/26/unique-surf-contest-in-san-clemente-brings-team-format-for-lifeguards-junior-guards/>. Special thanks to Stance, Electric and eBodyboarding for your support!

Become a Foundation Supporter

For just \$10 per year, you can join us in supporting our lifeguard and Junior Lifeguard programs. All donations are used to provide supplies and scholarships for San Clemente Jr. Lifeguards and to support San Clemente Lifeguards. Recent support included:

- Scholarships for those who needed financial help to participate in Junior Lifeguards
- Sponsored Cadet Jr. Guards end of summer training trip to Catalina
- Sponsored Jr. Guard competition team for the Regional Championships in July
- Donated a new GoPro Hero5 used for training and annual Jr. Guard Awards Event
- Donated a new Tug of War rope for Jr. Lifeguards
- Donated three security monitors that display live video feeds in the Lifeguard dispatch from the beach cameras used to monitor beach and swimmer activity

To become a Foundation member, visit <https://scljgfoundation.com/join-us>. Thank you for your support!

