

San Clemente Lifeguard and Junior Guard Foundation Summer 2019 Update



Happy summer, everyone! The ocean temp finally hit 70 degrees, which means summer is finally here. South swells, beach crowds, Junior Lifeguards, and long days are what we wait all year for. Here's what's been happening and a few things on the horizon.

Thank you for your continued support of our San Clemente lifeguards, Junior Lifeguards, and our Foundation. Have a fantastic summer!

A Word from the Chief

As summer approaches, I am reminded of what an honor and privilege it is to serve you and to work with such a wonderful community and our outstanding lifeguard staff. I am so proud to be part of this noble profession. I am reminded daily of how blessed I am as I watch rescues being performed, and lives being saved, by the dedicated men and women here at Station 56. As a supporter of ocean safety, I hope you are equally proud of your role in helping us keep our ocean safe.

On behalf of our team at Station 56, here is a huge THANK YOU for your support! You are truly making a difference in the lives of others.

Sincerely,

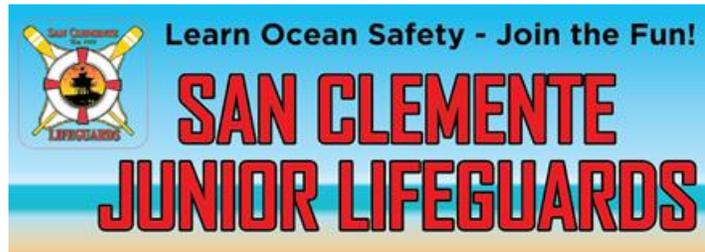
Bill Humphreys
Marine Safety Chief

Welcome Our Rookie Guards

Our Marine Safety Department recently concluded its 2019 Rookie Lifeguard Academy, adding nine new lifeguards. Please join us in welcoming **Tyler Douglas, Reece Encinas, Jack Finnerty, TJ Gerardo, Jonas Hawbecker, Alex Higginson, Maverick Moore, Keaton Rose and Wade Wilson** to Station 56. The Foundation surprised the rookies with a pair of binoculars, a great way to say congratulations and to wish them all the best as they watch over our beach and water to keep us all safe.

Our Junior Lifeguard Program is Stronger than Ever

The 2019 Junior Lifeguard Program kicked off an incredible summer on June 10th. Participants receive education and experience in ocean safety, first aid, rescue techniques, body surfing, board surfing, body boarding, physical fitness, and Marine Safety operations. The program this year will teach and train 840 of our community kids. Our hope is that these junior lifeguards will share that information with their family and friends to make our beaches safer than ever!



Foundation Grants Support Our Lifeguards and Junior Guards

Each year, due to the generosity of the Positive Vibe Warriors and others, our Foundation is able to provide support for our lifeguard and Junior Guard programs. This year, the Foundation approved several grants and equipment donations to the department, including:

- Funding for a Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) Thermal Imaging Monocular to aid lifeguards in low light / night time rescue response.
- JG scholarships and equipment for 30 participants
- Sponsored Junior Guard Cadets end of summer training trip to Catalina Island.
- Sponsored Junior Guard competition team for the Regional Championships
- Hydration bottles for all Station 56 lifeguards
- Binoculars for all rookie lifeguards
- Rash guards for all JG cadets
- Fees, supplies, and awards for the second annual Lifeguard/JG Surf Contest

Preserving Our Heritage

We've begun a project to preserve the heritage of Station 56 by archiving historical photos and capturing memories of our experiences as lifeguards and junior guards. Check out our website at www.scljgfoundation.com. There you will find Gallery and Storyboard pages that will take you back in time. Worth checking out!



Summer Role Model Series

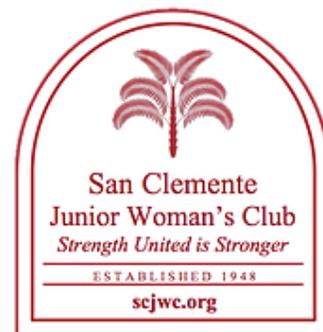
This summer, we are again partnering with the Surfing Heritage & Culture Center to provide community ocean awareness and safety programs. We have put together a three-event “Role Model” series where our young watermen and waterwomen will meet and hear positive messages from ocean lifestyle role models – lifeguards, top-ranked amateur and professional surfers, big wave chargers, SUP and paddleboard champions, ocean lifestyle ambassadors, environmental activists and local “legends.” Our first event on June 22 was titled Safety First! The event was a huge success. Upcoming topics include “Let’s All Share the Stoke!” on July 20 and “Girl Power in the Ocean!” On August 10. Many thanks to our sponsors, Bemus Landscaping, Kramer Orthopedics, South Coast Distributors, Dana Innovations and Stance. You can get more information and register to attend at www.shacc.org/events.



Thank You, Positive Vibe Warriors and San Clemente Junior Women’s Club!

Thank you again this year to the Positive Vibe Warrior Foundation for a \$10,000 donation to support our lifeguard and Junior Guard programs. The Gudauskas family was recently honored as Citizen of the Year by the San Clemente Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations! www.positivevibewarriors.com.

This spring the Foundation received an \$800.00 donation from the San Clemente Junior Women’s Club. These funds will support our goal of increasing public education in ocean safety. Thank you! www.scjwc.org.



Safety Messages for Beachgoers

Public education is a big part of keeping our beach and ocean safe. This summer, our Foundation has teamed with the City of San Clemente and Metrolink to get the word out about water safety. Each of the City's trolleys has been outfitted with a public safety poster. Metrolink conductors announce a safety message on all Metrolink trains arriving in San Clemente. Additionally, the City has placed table top ocean safety displays at restaurants and hotels in town.



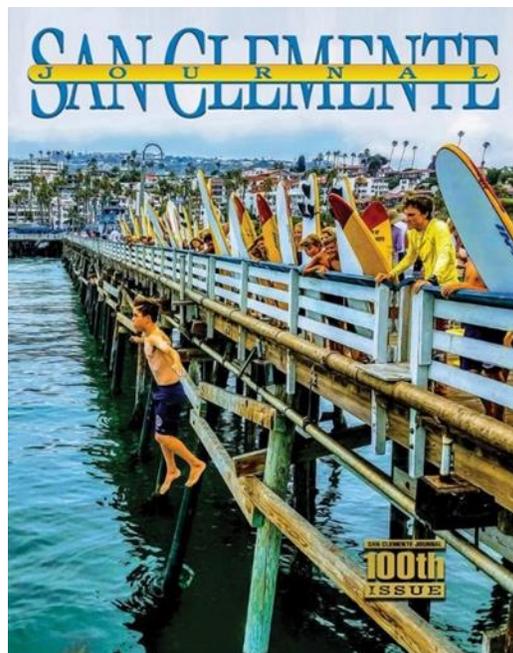
Foundation Featured in the San Clemente Journal

The San Clemente Journal recently ran an article on our Foundation. You can read it at <http://www.sanclementejournal.com/2019/06/27/202458/helping-keep-our-beach-safe>

Upcoming Events

Don't miss these great upcoming events!

- **Role Model Series – Let's All Share the Stoke!** – July 20, Surfing Heritage and Culture Center, San Clemente
- **San Clemente Ocean Festival** – July 20/21, San Clemente Pier
- **Role Model Series – Girl Power in the Ocean!** – August 10, Surfing Heritage Culture Center, San Clemente
- **San Clemente Lifeguard/JG Surf Contest** August 25, San Clemente Pier



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New City and Surfline HD Beach Cameras

The City has a great new HD beach camera. You can check out the panoramic view from the clock tower at <https://www.san-clemente.org/about-us/city-information/beach-surf-weather/beach-camera-live-weather>.

Surfline has also installed new HD cameras on the Fisherman's restaurant. Now you can check the surf at <https://www.surfline.com/surf-report/san-clemente-pier-northside>.

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

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SAN CLEMENTE LIFEGUARD AND JUNIOR GUARD FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT

The San Clemente Lifeguard & Junior Lifeguard Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the safety and well-being of visitors to the beach through education, developing and building community partnerships, and obtaining resources to directly support the San Clemente Marine Safety Division's Lifeguard and Junior Lifeguard programs.