

## Moonlight Beach Paddleboard Race

Presented by Waterman Applied Science and Maui Jim Sunglasses

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Thank you to all the athletes who came out to enjoy a great day at the Annual Moonlight Beach Paddleboard Race. Our 2 lap format made for an exciting day for participants and spectators alike. Encinitas locals got treated to some incredible athletic performances from the likes of San Clemente's Rob Rojas who dominated the field on his Stand-Up Paddleboard (SUP) followed closely by a hotly contested Unlimited race between Tyler Anderson and George Plsek. George narrowly lost his sprint to the finish, but it should be known that only an hour before he completed the Encinitas 5k Run which leaves Sunday's Sprint Triathlon and 1 mile Ocean Swim to complete the "MachoMan" competition. Others competing in all four of the Festival's events include Kate Major, Tom Hinds, Scott Tinley, Kim McDonald and Deon Lourens

The Stock SUP 6 mile race was a qualifier for this years Elite division of Rainbow Sandal's Battle of the Paddle. Following the Battle's format, our Stock SUP's had to surf to the beach and round a mark before completing their second lap. There was definitely some excitement as we witnessed the Surfing ability or lack of in between laps. Wally Emory, Scott Sanchez and Chris Fessenden all qualified.

Another fiercely contested race was between Jay Scheckman of Coronado and Jensen Hassett. I don't think there were ever more than 2 board lengths between them throughout the race. Jay led the way to the beach, but Jensen waited for a wave and made it a footrace up the sand. Congratulations Jay.

Winners today received Maui Jim's Sunglasses, T's and hats, Nixon Watches, Peet's Coffee, Rainbow sandals and had a chance at a myriad of Raffle Swag donated by our generous Sponsors. Special thanks to Waterman Applied Science, Maui Jim's Sunglasses, Nixon, H2Audio, GoPro, Honolua Surf Co., Kialoa Paddles, Quickblade Paddles, Graywhale Trading Co, Rogue SUP, Peet's Coffee and to Cardiff's own Pipes Café for providing tasty grinds for all the happy paddlers.