

Folly Beach, South Carolina - June 6, 2006

The Folly Beach Wahine Classic took place this past weekend, June 3 & 4, in fun 2-3 ft surf at the Washout on Folly Beach. Over 90 women and girls participated, making this the largest contest in the event's 6 year history. Competition heats were held in shortboard, longboard, novice, bodyboard, and one design (a division where all competitors ride the same board - this year a 7'6 Blue Surfboard donated by Global Surf Industries). A new addition to this year's event was the Push and Surf Division where wahines under 12 could enjoy the waves with the help of a parent. The little ones eagerly surfed for the largest audience of the weekend and all received 1st place trophies for their efforts.

Documenting all the action from the beach was world renowned photographer Aaron Chang; his presence at the Folly Beach Wahine Classic made everyone involved feel like a star. Aaron added much to the spirit of the event by preparing a slideshow of Saturday's action for the competitors, sponsors, family, and friends to view at the Saturday night wahine party. He also shared an amazing slideshow entitled "Living in the Light" that inspired the crowd with beautiful images of life in action. Aaron took the time to sign autographs on the beach on Sunday. His efforts over the weekend were very much appreciated. To see Aaron's images from this weekend, please visit www.coveredimages.com.

Throughout the weekend, there was tons of action on the beach as well as in the water. Sponsor tents on the beach offered everything from samples of exotic teas by Teavana, surf clinics by Surf Diva, information from organizations like Surfrider and Surf Aid International, to giveaways of all kinds. The event raffle featured fabulous prizes like surfboards from Surftech, Liquid Shredder, and Kinetic, a month of free yoga with Jenny Brown from Island Yoga, an original painting by Moira Gil John, a gift pack from Surf Diva, and salon gift certificates from Elysium Salon in Charleston. As the surfing heats wrapped up on Sunday, the action on the beach heated up with a Capoeira demonstration by a group from Capoeira of Charleston that included local wahines Sarah Mitchell and Maria Dunlap. Their display of strength, beauty, and control was a wonderful compliment to a weekend dedicated to the soul of surfing.

Thanks to all who contributed to this really fun event!.

Girls Shortboard Final

- 1st Kristin Tanner
- 2nd Caitlin Lawson
- 3rd Annie O'Brien
- 4th Brook Burroughs
- 5th Megan Davis
- 6th Sally Walker

Women Shortboard Final

- 1st Cayce Patterson
- 2nd Moira Gil John
- 3rd Holly Nettles
- 4th Laura Butler Peirano
- 5th Katie Coryell
- 6th Veronica Bolus

Ladies Shortboard Final

- 1st Jenny Brown
- 2nd Valerie Rose
- 3rd Marty Mentzer
- 4th Barbara Corey
- 5th Alicia O'Connor
- 6th Tara Novit

Girls Longboard Final

- 1st Caitlin Lawson
- 2nd Kristin Tanner
- 3rd Annie O'Brien
- 4th Madison Wright
- 5th Kassie Huffstetler
- 6th Caitlyn Chimento

Women Longboard Final

- 1st Laura Butler Peirano
- 2nd Moira Gil John
- 3rd Karen DeMattio
- 4th Katie Coryell
- 5th Patti Noe
- 6th Katy Grant

Ladies Longboard Final

- 1st Jenny Brown
- 2nd Marty Mentzer
- 3rd Tara Novit
- 4th Jewel Napier
- 5th Barbara Corey
- 6th Cindy Good

Girls Novice Final

- 1st Cecilia Lipman
- 2nd MT Bourque
- 3rd Nancy Hagood
- 4th Evan Ann White

Women Novice Final

- 1st Megan Feight
- 2nd Courtney Reed
- 3rd Perng Chen
- 4th Natalie Hay
- 5th Melissa Hallman

Ladies Novice Final

- 1st Liz Sullivan
- 2nd Amy Perrin
- 3rd Nicole Pettinelli
- 4th Caroline Harbeson

Girls Bodyboard Final

- 1st Sydney Cox

Women Bodyboard Final

- 1st Jade Sevelow-Lee
- 2nd Audra Gibson
- 3rd Debbie Jeffrey
- 4th Pat Jones
- 5th Susan Yerry
- 6th Sue Hopkins

One Design Final

- 1st Caitlin Lawson
- 2nd Marty Mentzer
- 3rd Cayce Patterson
- 4th Veronica Bolus
- 5th Laura Butler Peirano
- 6th Megan Feight

Specialty Awards

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| 1st Entry Received | Katherine Lundy |
| Best Injury | Marty Mentzer |
| Best Envelope | Krista DeMattio |
| Youngest competitor | Codie Patterson (Age 4) |
| Sportsmanship Award | Sally Walker & Grace Muckenfuss |
| Contest Logo Design | Karen DeMattio |