



**TEAM REEF CRUSHES THE COMPETITION TO WIN THE JIM BEAM
SURFTAG U.S. SERIES FINAL QUALIFYING ROUND AT OCEANSIDE
HARBOR, CA**

“Kyle Knox Scores a Perfect Ten and Wins the \$125 Bonus for Best Powerwave”

OCEANSIDE HARBOR, CA October 11, 2009 — The Jim Beam Surftag U.S. Series 3rd and final qualifying round was dominated by Team Reef as they earned a taste of sweet redemption against “Happy Endings,” who has won the last two events.

Every heat was a victim of sluggish waves and inconsistent sets, however the competition did not let down. Each team was surfing aggressively and making the most out of their second wave to score double points, which is appropriately named their “Powerwave.” Kyle Knox from Team FCS Chargers, capitalized off the bonus points and ripped a score of a perfect ten (20 points total) to take \$125 for the best Powerwave of the event.

Team Reef stomped into the 3rd round to prove that they weren’t going to lose another final and fall short in second place. Happy Endings, FCS Chargers, and Man Sandwich had issues keeping up with Team Reef’s pace and failed to get their fifth and final surfers to complete all three waves.

In the end, Team Reef hammered the competition, leaving their opponents to soak in defeat by 40 points. “There is definitely extra pressure on you because you don’t want to let your team down, but you can also count on your team to pick up your slack...this is a great event!” – Chris Waring (Team Reef)

Team “Man Sandwich,” led by Benji Weatherley, made it to the finals but fell short. However, the team’s 4th place finish did not diminish their enthusiasm. “This is the most fun I have had in a comp in a long time” - Benji Weatherley.

Final Heat Results (3rd Qualifying Event) Harbor Beach, Oceanside:

1st PLACE – Reef

Total Points 113.6 - Teddy Navarro 22pts; Sean Marceron 25.1pts; Chris Waring 14pts; Chris Abad 28pts; Nick Rosza 20.5pts.

2nd PLACE – Happy Endings

Total Points 66.4 – Pascal Stansfield 17.5pts; Noah Erickson 17.9pts; Danny Estes 15pts; Macy Mullen 13pts; Adam Virs 3pts.

3rd PLACE – FCS

Total Points 64.6 – Jamie Meistrell 16.5pts; Kyle Knox 20.5pts; Anthony Petruso 14.5pts; Ricky Whitlock 8.6pts; Justin Swartz 4.5pts.

4th PLACE – Man Sandwich

Total Points 61.3 – Benji Weatherley 14.3pts; Josh Hoyer 13.5 pts; Chippa Wilson 16.5pts; Jason Harris 15.3pts; Betet Merta 1.7pts.

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CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE F FOR HUNTINGTON BEACH

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| November 12 | Championship party | TBD |
| November 13 | Apres Surf | TBD |
| November 13-14 | Huntington Beach | Pier |