



STAR OF FUEL T.V.'S "DRIVE THRU," BENJI WEATHERLY AND TEAM SET TO COMPETE IN THE FINAL QUALIFYING ROUND OF THE JIM BEAM SURFTAG U.S. SERIES IN OCEANSIDE, CA - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2009

The Top 8 Teams Will Move On To The Championship Round in Huntington Beach

LOS ANGELES October 6, 2009 — The Jim Beam SurfTag U.S. Series Final Qualifying Round will take place at Harbor Beach in Oceanside, CA Sunday, October 11th. Sixteen teams from San Diego County and neighboring regions will fight for a spot to compete in the finals in Huntington Beach and an opportunity to be crowned the *Best Surf Club in California*.

In addition to the "Drive Thru" series, Encinitas resident and world renown surfer Benji Weatherly stars in many surf films, hosts the Surferpoll and recently directed and produced "Life as a Movie".

Although he is keeping his teammates a secret, he is boasting an all-star crew. "I heard from my friend Kalani Robb that the Jim Beam SurfTag event is a blast and I thought I would throw a team together for the last qualifying round in Oceanside!"

- Benji Weatherly

All spots are filled up for the last qualifying round in Oceanside, CA and registration is closed. The top 8 teams from each of the three qualifiers - Manhattan Beach, Ventura and Oceanside - will advance to the Jim Beam SurfTag U.S. Series Championships in Huntington Beach, CA – November 13-14.

A \$5,000 prize purse will be offered at each of the first three events and \$10,000 will be offered for the final contest. Up to 16 teams will participate in each event.

Please visit www.jimbeamsurftag.com and www.surflife.com/jimbeamsurftag for all the latest updates and news

The 2009 Jim Beam SurfTag U.S. Series is produced by IMG and proudly supported by FCS, Reef and Surfline.

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September 12	Malibu Classic Exhibition	Malibu Pier
September 18	Shark's Cove	6pm-9pm
September 19	Manhattan Beach	El Porto
September 25	Eric Ericsson's	6pm-9pm
September 26	Ventura	Surfer's Point
October 10	Larry's Beach Club	6pm-9pm
October 11	Oceanside	Harbor
November 12	Championship party	TBD
November 13	Apres Surf	TBD
November 13-14	Huntington Beach	Pier