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PRESS RELEASE

Surf Club, Conquering More than Just Waves

Miami Beach, FL – The City of Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Hang Ten Surf Club meets every Saturday at Flamingo Park Pool and Sunday at Normandy Isle Pool from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm., as they travel up and down the coast in search of waves. Besides teaching the kids techniques and skills on how to surf, the coaches take time to educate the participants about marine life, surf history and meteorology. Headed by City Lifeguards Felix Abreu and Robert Casanova from Flamingo Pool and Alex Montero, from Normandy Isle Pool, the program has been rapidly growing in participant numbers. 15 year old Surf Club member and volunteer Mitchell Rosenstein, says “the club gives me a chance to go surfing with a group of friends and the staff are more than coaches, they’re my teachers and friends.”

Along with riding the waves and learning about all the components of “surfology,” the club is extremely active in the community alongside the local Surfrider Foundation chapter, a non-profit grassroots organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of our world’s oceans, waves and beaches. Both groups work together to help the environment by performing beach cleanups and dune restorations.

In February, the Surf Club and the Surfrider Chapter participated in the “Rock the Bridge” protest, which rallied against the developers of a multi-billion dollar condo blocking beach access to a highly populated surfing locale. The Surf Club appeared on the news and in many local newspapers, vocalizing their strong opinions towards closing down beach access for the surf community. “We want to make the community aware that we do much more than just catch waves,” says Senior Lifeguard Robert Casanova, “we involve the kids in the community and help them understand how important our environment is and try exposing them to all the things we can do to help make it better.”

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