

LA VENTANA CLASSIC & KITEXPO DEMO EVENT

JANUARY 25-28, 2008

THE CAUSE: -

Last year, the La Ventana Classic Kite Race raised over \$2500 USD which bought roofing materials for the El Sargento Primary School playground and medical supplies for the Health Center, also in El Sargento. This year, the goal is to raise over \$6000 USD to help pay for the following projects-

La Ventana Kindergarden – repairs to fencing, playground toys

El Sargento Primary School – labor to finish the shade roof, construction of a much needed bathroom for students, and painting of the school – supplies and volunteer labor

THE EXPO:

For 2008, the LV Classic gets even better with FREE DEMOS of the latest gear in kiting organized by The Kiteboarder Magazine. Every day from 12pm – 4pm Best, Blade, Caution, Cabrinha, Carafino, Eclipse, Fone, Freak Dog, Flysurfer, Liquid Force, Ocean Rodeo, Mystic, Naish, North, RRD and Slingshot will offer free gear demos to anyone of intermediate kiting ability. The Expo will be set up right near the race finish line in front of Baja Joe's. Participants need to sign a liability release waiver form and provide credit card information accepting financial responsibility should gear be broken due to gross negligence or not returned for whatever reason. Registration will begin on January 24 in front of Baja Joe's and will start at 11am daily during the actual event. In addition, there will be food, raffles, music, dancers, and one additional event each day.

RAFFLE:

Thousands of dollars in killer shwag has been donated by participating exhibitors and local businesses to help raise money for 'the cause.' Raffle tickets are \$1 each and will take place daily!

THE RACE - ENTRY:

- Entry fee is \$40 USD - sign up and pay in person at Palapas Ventana or Baja Joe's,
- or sign up by email tim@palapasventana.com and pay online
- Competitors get a tshirt, lunch on the island, race jersey, entry in all events, and a chance to do a lot of good in our small community!!
- The wind window for the events will be Jan 25-28
- **VOLUNTEERS and Panguero MEETING:** JAN 15th 7:00 pm at the Palapas Ventana Restaurant
- **SKIPPERS MEETING** for all racers: Jan 24th – 7:00 pm at the Palapas Ventana Restaurant

EVENT 1 - KITE LOOP CONTEST:

- First choice of dates = Jan 25 - wind dependent
- Starting at 2:00pm
- Contest will be judged on highest, most technical and best wipe out.
- Prizes for each

EVENT 2 - THE CROSSING:

- First choice of dates = Jan 26 – wind dependent
- **The Course:** the race is a 10.5 mile crossing from Isla Cerralvo to a turning buoy at Palapas Ventana, then ends through a series of broad reach buoys close to shore with the finish line in front of Baja Joe's.
- **Class divisions:** One is for 'serious' competitors and the other will be for 'sportsmen' that just want to participate and contribute to the cause, but don't want to crowd the top competitors
- Boats will load at 7:30 am in front of Baja Joe's
- Each kiter may bring 2 kites and one board - kites must be deflated and in bags with names on them
- Each windsurfer may bring one board, 1 mast, 1 boom and 2 sails - sails must be completely derigged and bagged up with names on them
- Pangas once loaded will motor from the finish line through the downwind buoys, and then cross to the island starting line showing the racers the exact race course they need to follow -racers will get bearings and line ups on the way over to aid them in their crossing
- Lunch will be provided for all racers at the island

- Once we have confirmation that the wind has filled in across the channel, the signal will be given and all racers must make their final selection of gear. All extra gear will need to be bagged up and will be transported back to the finish line.
- **CROSSING DETAILS**
The start - competitor division will start first; the start will be rabbit-style. Racers must cross between the committee boat and an anchored buoy. The committee boat will be next to the buoy during the 10 minute start countdown and then at the start will motor south away from the buoy opening up the starting line between the buoy and the boat. Racers must cross astern of the panga!!! Another panga will be a half mile ahead of the racers at the start to get them on the right course: the start signals will be:
 - 10 minute warning – orange smoke
 - 5 minute warning – 5 red flags
 - 3 minute warning – 3 red flags
 - 2 minute warning – 2 red flags
 - 1minute warning – 1 red flag
 - 30 seconds – 3 short airhorn blasts, 1 red flag remains up
 - 20 seconds – 2 short airhorn blasts, 1 red flag remains up,
 - Final 10 second countdown – 1 short airhorn blast each second, 1 red flag remains up
 - Start – committee panga opens the starting line gap by motoring south , 1 red flag comes down and one prolonged airhorn blast sounds
- Pangas will cross with the racers providing safety coverage. Live kites will not be touched. Riders who can not re-launch will be instructed to deflate and board a panga.
- All riders will cross finish line and then land kite or windsurfer and check in with beach safety officer
- Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place men's and women's winners (kite or windsurfer) in Sportsman's divisions
- Top 16 men and top 8 women advance to buoy racing finals

EVENT 3= THE FINALS - BUOY RACING

- First choice of dates = Jan 27 – wind dependent
- Starting at 1:30 pm
- The races will be run with a fixed start/finish line, upwind, reach, and downwind marks
- The start will be a 3-minute countdown with the same signals as the crossing
- MEN'S SEMI FINAL ONE – top men who finished in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15th place in the crossing race
- MEN'S SEMI FINAL TWO – top men who finished in 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14th place in the crossing race
- WOMEN'S FINAL- – top 8 women who finished in the crossing race compete for the overall Women's Winners
- MEN'S FINAL –top 4 from each men's semi final compete for the overall Men's Winners

1st Place Men overall = \$300 USD

1st Place Women overall = \$200 USD

Other great prizes for 2 and 3rd place Men's and Women's divisions

EVENT 4= OLD SKOOL TRICK CONTEST

- First choice of dates = Jan 28 – wind dependent
- Starting at 2:00pm Contest will be judged on style points - Prizes for top 3

OTHER:

PAINT the PRIMARY SCHOOL!!

All Racers and Volunteers are encouraged to participate in a 3-hour work party at the El Sargento Primary School – we will paint one of the wings of classrooms. Meet in front of Palapas Ventana at 7:30 am on Jan 25th for arranged transportation. Wear old clothes!

AWARDS PARTY:

At PALAPAS VENTANA on Jan 27th at 7:00 pm

- Award presentations, final fundraising tallies, Beers, Margaritas, Beer Pong Tournament and Live Music for dancing

ALL EVENTS are at The EXPO set up in front of Baja Joe's unless otherwise stated

ALL schedules subject to change based on the wind!!!

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Jueves Jan 24	Viernes Jan 25	Sabado Jan 26	Domingo Jan 27	Lunes Jan 28
	Help Paint the El Sargento Primary School – meet in front of Palapas Ventana at 7:30 am	Load Pangas at 730 am in front of Baja Joes Cross to Island Lunch provided		
Expo Registration 10-12noon	Expo registration starts at 11a-2p	Expo registration starts at 11a-2p	Expo registration starts at 11a-2p	Expo registration starts at 11a-2p
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	KITE LOOP CONTEST 2-4	THE CROSSING RACE	BUOY RACING FINALS	OLD SKOOL TRICK CONTEST 2 – 4
SKIPPERS MEETING For all racers 7:00 pm PALAPAS VENTANA RESTAURANT— get Tshirts and Jerseys!!	FUNDRAISER DINNER 6-9 pm TACOS RAFA Special buffet 15 pesos goes to the schools for every plate sold	FUNDRAISER DINNER 6-9 pm TACOS RAFA Special buffet 15 pesos goes to the schools for every plate sold	AWARDS PARTY 7:30 pm at PALAPAS VENTANA Restaurant	

For complete info check out:

<http://www.thekiteboarder.com/wordpress/?p=1423>

<http://palapasventana.com>

<http://bestoflaventana.com/kitexpo/index.html>