



## 8th ANNUAL CLEAN WATER CLASSIC

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Surfrider Foundation and Global Surf Industries will host the largest surfing event in the Pacific Northwest on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 2009.

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Clean Water Classic surfing contest will be held Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 2009 at Westport, Washington. This event is a benefit for the Pacific Northwest chapters of the Surfrider Foundation and, in the past, the event has been awarded the Surfrider Foundation Chapter Event of the Year. Surfrider Foundation is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the world's oceans, waves and beaches for all people through conservation, activism, research and education.

Surfrider Foundation has multiple chapters in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. Shannon Serrano, Washington State Field Coordinator for the Surfrider Foundation, describes the current work of the Washington Surfrider chapters. "I am very excited to see the chapters involvement in campaigns increase, from plastics to rescue tug out on Neah Bay. And the continued public outreach by chapters to work for beach access, something we would all love to see more of in Washington."

Gus Gates, Oregon Policy Coordinator, describes the work of Surfrider volunteers in Oregon. “Surfrider Foundation volunteers and members in Oregon participate in a myriad of activities from water quality monitoring and beach cleanups, planning for marine reserves and protected areas, facilitating wave energy discussions, to education and outreach on the need to reduce the consumption of single use plastics and their impact on the marine environment.”

Proceeds from the Clean Water Classic directly fund Pacific Northwest chapters of the Surfrider Foundation for a variety of campaigns. Shannon recaps what the Washington chapters did with their proceeds from the 2008 event. “We had chapters use the funds to continue their Blue Water Testing efforts and other chapters look towards raising watershed awareness with carpool and busing efforts as well as upkeep of local surf spots.”

The Classic is proud to announce [Global Surf Industries](#) (GSI) as the returning main sponsor for the 2009 Clean Water Classic. GSI President Mark Kelly describes one of the new twists for the 2009 event. “GSI will be launching a wild new surfboard design at the CWC this year. The Meyerhoffer by Modern is a surfboard that has been designed in conjunction with world renowned designer Thomas Meyerhoffer. Check the preliminary information out on the board here at [SurfIndustries.com/modern](#) . Thomas will be attending the Classic and GSI will be running a one-design competition using this board. We are all looking forward to the event. This is the third year we have been the title sponsor and just love being immersed in the surfing community of the Pacific Northwest”.

The Surfrider Foundation ([Surfrider.org](#)) is a non-profit grassroots organization dedicated to the protection and preservation of our world’s oceans, waves and beaches. Founded in 1984 by a handful of visionary surfers, the Surfrider Foundation now maintains over 50,000 members and 63 chapters across the United States and Puerto Rico, with international affiliates in Australia, Europe, Japan and Brazil.

Top photo of 2008 Classic competitor by Justin Myers.

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