

2012 Mavericks Invitational surf contest
Public Safety Meeting, HMB Yacht Club
1/5/12, 7pm
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2012 contest window is now open until end March. Organizers want this to be an event for the community, to keep visitors and sensitive habitat safe from harm.

Spectators must watch from Festival at Oceano Hotel or from home via Surfline.com. The Festival will be outdoors at the Ocean Hotel parking lot with tents, stages, music, live entertainment, big screen projection and live contest commentary, contest awards and opportunity to meet the surfers. No alcohol will be served at the festival and attendees will be encouraged to walk to and patronize surrounding restaurants and bars where live contest feeds will also be provided.

Visitors will be directed to park at the airport and there will be no parking along the highway. Airport parking will be handled by, and earnings will go to support, the Boys and Girls Club.

Road closures will begin around 6:30 or 7AM the day of the contest.

Capistrano north and south will be closed. There will be access from Capistrano south into the Harbor area.

West Point Ave. going out to Mavericks parking lot and beach and the southern end of the bluffs near Pillar Point will be closed to all visitors on foot, and patrolled with officials on bike or horseback.

Airport St. will be closed north of the Pillar Ridge community, just south of Los Banos. Residents in Princeton and Pillar Ridge may need to show evidence of address to enter the closed area – if not drivers license, a piece of mail with your address would suffice. Also passes will be available at Mavericks Surf Shop once the contest is announced – usually around 36 hours in advance.

Local residents accustomed to accessing the bluffs on foot directly from their neighborhoods to hike or walk their dogs will not be turned away unless they approach the southern bluff area or cliff edge to linger and watch the contest.

For contest notification via email or text (or other emergency notifications) sign up for SMC Alerts at www.smcalert.info