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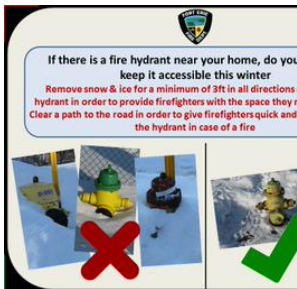


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GALES OF NOVEMBER MEMORIAL SURF CONTEST

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The surf was up on Lake Erie Sunday, Nov. 16 and surfers from across Ontario and New York battled it out on the waves in the Gales of November fourth annual Magilla Schaus Memorial Surf Contest.

The contest was held where surfing began in the Port Colborne area on Lake Erie, and where one of the oldest — if not the oldest — surf clubs on the Great Lakes began.

“I’ve never seen it like this here before,” said Wyldewood Surf Club president Chris Furminger, as he looked over the waves of Wyldewood Beach.

Wyldewood Surf Club was formed in 1964 by Darcy O’Hear, John O’Hear, Tom Christopher, Don Harrison and Maynard ‘Magilla’ Schaus.

Furminger said there were 30 surfers who signed up for the memorial surf contest, which had been in a holding pattern for November, waiting for the right conditions.

The contest had been slated for Saturday, but conditions were

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When surfers showed up, there were surfable waves in front of the cottage where the contest was being held. The cottage is owned by the Roy family and is next door to where Schaus, a former U.S. navy man and member of the Buffalo Fire Department, lived. Matt Roy, a member of the surf club, was taught how to surf on the lake by Schaus. Schaus, who was an Eastern Surfing Association (ESA) Great Lakes co-director, started the Gales of November surf contests in 1998 as a way to show lake surfing was a viable activity. The contest is held in November because it's traditionally a stormy month and generates good waves on Lake Erie at places like Pleasant and Wyldewood beaches in Port Colborne and Crystal Beach in Fort Erie.



Sunday marked the day the Edmund Fitzgerald sank in a Lake Superior storm in 1975, with the loss of the entire crew of 29, and the anniversary of the great three-day storm of 1913 that claimed 250 lives and saw 12 ships sink across the Great Lakes. It also marked the day Schaus died, at the age of 58, in 2009. Club members were happy the way the contest went and said Schaus would have been proud to see all of the surfers competing. Waves held up for the four-hour contest which saw competition in stand-up paddle (SUP), women's, longboard and shortboard

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divisions.



CONTEST WINNERS

Stand-up paddle (SUP) division

- 1 – Elliott Woolner
- 2 – Geoff Ortiz
- 3 – Robbie Jenkins

Women's division


- 1 – Ariel Amaral
- 2 – Robin Pacquing
- 3 – Lisa Parkes

Longboard division

- 1 – Larry Cavero
- 2 – Mike McKenzie
- 3 – Travis Seale

























Shortboard division

- 1 – Matt Rocheford
- 2 – Aurélien Bouché-Pillon
- 3 – Shaun Waitzer



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Formed in 1964 by Darcy O'Hear, John O'Hear, Tom Christopher, Don Harrison and Magilla Schaus

Organizes beach cleanups on the shores of Lake Erie in the Port Colborne area

Holds contests later in the year, depending on the wave conditions

Members come from Canada and the United States





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