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The Steel Pier Classic & Surf Art Expo May 23-25, 2009 Virginia Beach oceanfront

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Beach Surfing Event Memorial Day Weekend

Virginia Beach, VA – May 8, 2009--- Mary Knight, Surfing Director of the Steel Pier Classic surfing event will have to get used to handling more than surfers this Memorial Day Weekend, May 23-25. The annual surfing event, The Steel Pier Classic at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront at the 1st Street Jetty, is more than a surfing event with the Va. Beach Surf Art Expo along the boardwalk in conjunction with the surfing event, now in its sixth year.

Knight, along with her organization, The Virginia Longboard Federation, a 502 C-3 non profit has had success in building up the event over the last five years, along with Freedom Surf Shop on Laskin Road as their presenting sponsor. The Surf Art Expo is such a nice fit, to be able to showcase the area's finest surf and beach artists such as Rick Romano and Matt Haddaway. *"It's such a please to work with these fine artists, says Va. Beach Surf Art Expo Show Director, Jodie Woodward. Not only that, it's nice to provide original artwork to the tourists who visit here from primarily local artists, so they can take home something more than a souvenir as a memory of their vacation. We have a surf artist coming from California this year also"*

"Surfing is an art, and there are a lot of artists who surf", says Knight, who is also having live bands and introducing the Virginia premier of the surfing movie Picaresque starring Pro Longboard surfer, Mikey Detemple Sunday May 24 at 8pm.

The Steel Pier Classic & Surf Art Expo is the name of the event. For more information on the Steel Pier Classic surf contest contact Mary Knight at 757-409-1363. To enter the surfing contest, applications are available at Freedom Surf Shop, 1361 Laskin Road, Va. Beach. Surf contest applications can also be downloaded at www.virginialongboardfederation.com. For more information on the Surf Art Expo contact Sponsorships Unlimited at 757-222-2355 or go to www.vbsurfartexpo.com.

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