

US Slalom Nats, July 11-13

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The Seismic 2008 U.S. National Slalom Skateboarding Championships

Gentleman Jack Smith writes in to remind Silverfish Longboarding skaters about the epic skate event set for California's Central Coast next weekend: elite skateboard racers from all over the U.S., Canada, and Europe will meet July 11-13 in Morro Bay, California, for the Seismic 2008 U.S. National Slalom Skateboarding Championships. National Champions in multiple divisions - kids, juniors, masters, amateurs and professionals both male and female - will be crowned in three disciplines: Slalom, Super G, Tight Slalom, Overall titles will also be awarded to the combined champion of each division and the racing will take place on infamous roads and courses, including Turri Road for the high-speed Giant Slalom. Seismic Skate Systems has stepped up as the prime sponsor of this event, along with Fatboy Longboards, Honey Skateboards and others to be posted soon.

There's a full schedule of events and more you should check out. Click on through.

Detailed Schedule
 Friday - Turri Road & Super G. - 10am
 Friday - Morro Bay Harbor Walk - One and Done 50 Cone Challenge - 5pm
 Saturday - Pacific St. - Qualifying for Hybrid Slalom and Tight Slalom Finals - 10am
 Saturday - "The Big Ride"; Skateboard Paddle race & Cloisters Park - 4pm
 Sunday - Pacific St. - Head to Head Finals of Hybrid Slalom and Tight Slalom - 10am

Event Descriptions
 Bark on Turri Rd. Photo: Farid

Super G - Turri Road

A high-speed event over a half-mile course on Turri Road. Racers will propel themselves off their choice of either a 12' or 4' tall starting ramp, then maneuver through approximately 35 cones. Speeds will be in the 35-40mph range. Yes, the 12-footer is Jonny Miller's giant ramp of gnar.

Paul Dunn on Pacific St. Photo: Farid

Hybrid Slalom and Tight Slalom & Pacific Street in Morro Bay

Head to head racing at its finest. The Hybrid Slalom course features cones that are spaced 7 to 10 feet apart. In the Tight Slalom, cone spacing can be as close as 5'. It is not uncommon for racers to negotiate four to five cones per second. Racers are seeded into a double elimination bracket based on their Saturday qualifying times. Then it's a matter of surviving the grueling double elimination format. Last racer standing wins.

Special Events:

One and Done 50 Cone Challenge - Morro Bay Harbor Walk

On Friday evening on a brand new bike path that runs along the harbor on the way out to Morro Rock racers will launch off a starting ramp and blast through approximately 50 cones. No practice, one run only. Fastest times in each division wins.

"The Big Ride"; Skateboard Paddle Race & Sponsored by Kahuna Creations

"The Big Ride" is a "paddle" skateboarding race sponsored by Kahuna Creations. "Paddles" will be provided by Kahuna Creations. First place walks away with \$500. There will also be trophies for the 16 and under and women's class. The course is flat, the Pro/Open class will paddle skate two laps, which is just over one mile. The other classes will paddle a single lap.

One of the greatest all-arounders, Racer X. Photo: Farid

Entry Fees: Pro, Open, Women, Masters

\$100.00 before May 15th, 2008

\$125.00 before June 15th, 2008

\$150.00 after June 15th, 2008

Juniors: \$50.00

Kids: Free

Racers Scheduled to Compete

Richy "Brown Bomber" Carrasco – Highly rated Pro class racer (skateboarding legend)
David Pirnack – Colorado - Current World Hybrid Slalom Champion
Gary Fluitt – Colorado/Los Osos native – Former World Hybrid Slalom Champion
Adrian Pina – Grover Beach, CA – Highly rated Open class racer
Jonny Miller – San Luis Obispo, CA – Highly rated Pro class racer
Jay LaPalm – San Luis Obispo, CA – Highly rated Open class racer
Lynn Kramer – Larkspur, CA - Current World Giant, Hybrid and Tight Slalom Champion
Cat Young – Larkspur, CA - Highly rated Women's class racer
Judi Oyama Santa Cruz, CA - Highly rated Women's class racer
Wentzle Ruml IV – Wellfleet, MA – Original Dogtown Z-boy
Marty Schaub – Dacula, GA - Highly rated Open class racer
Martin Reaves – Colorado - Highly rated Pro class racer
Tomas Potucek - Praha, Czech Republic - Highly rated Pro class racer
Paul Price – London, England - Highly rated Pro class racer

YOU -- right after you sign up, and right before you win this thing.

The event title sponsor, Seismic Skate Systems , is a 15-year-old Boulder-based manufacturer of high-performance boards, wheels and trucks, sold worldwide for longboarding and skateboard racing.

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