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## Chowder's king at San Clemente Seafest

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The 25th annual San Clemente Seafest took over the pier area Sunday with the ever-popular chowder cook-off, a youth surfing competition, kids' contests, a business expo and more.

The chowder cook-off pitted 15 teams – eight of them restaurants – dishing out samples while seeking votes both from judges and for the People's Choice award.

On the ocean, surfers 17 and younger competed in shortboarding, longboarding, bodyboarding and parent/child divisions.

Meanwhile, children could face off in hoops, bubble-gum, jump-rope and tortilla-tossing contests, along with a Diaper Derby.

Here are the cook-off winners:

### INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY

#### Judges' Choice – Best Chowder

1. Fortun Foods Inc.

Fortun Foods' chowder team is Alicia Gonzalez of La Quinta, Beverly Rojas of Palm Desert, Johnny Nguyen of Ocotillo Wells and Vanessa Hernandez of La Quinta. They took the Judges' Choice award for best chowder among non-restaurant cook-off entries.

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