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Runners Dash to the Finish in Year Two of the Port/City 5k, Highlighting Fitness and Wellness with Free Community Fair

PORT HUENEME, CA – March 22, 2025 – Building on the success of its inaugural year, the City of Port Hueneme and the Port of Hueneme once again teamed up to host their second annual 5k race over the weekend.



Participants are hit with colored powder at the CBF Sea Splash Color Dash 5k

Organizers introduced a fresh look for the event, now called the **Sea Splash Color Dash**. The update brings exciting new features including a 1k kids' run and expanded offerings to the free health and wellness fair.



Local children (and their guardians) completing the CBF Sea Splash Color Dash Kids' 1k

Jess Lopez, Port Hueneme Mayor Pro Tem, stressed how this new tradition, which attracted more than 750 participants, helps encourage residents to prioritize their health. "I'm inspired to see so many people come together to enjoy the sun and get in some exercise," he said. "Spending time outdoors, moving our bodies, and being by the beach boosts both our physical and our mental health. It's a win on every level."

Jess J. Ramirez, President of the Oxnard Harbor District, underscored the power of the two groups working hand-in-hand. "This partnership between the City and Port is an important one, and I look forward to all we can accomplish together for the benefit of our local community," he explained.

The runners departed Hueneme Beach at 9:00 a.m. and followed a scenic beachside route to the lighthouse and back. Participants in the family-friendly event each received commemorative medals and T-shirts, with prizes awarded to the top finishers in each age group.



Community Members Participating in the CBF Sea Splash Color Dash 5k

About five billion bananas come through the Port each year, and staff members had plenty of them on hand to help finishers recover and celebrate while attendees enjoyed healthy food vendors, a children's activity area, and live entertainment.



(Left to Right) Kristin Decas, Port of Hueneme CEO & Port Director; Jess Lopez, Mayor Pro-Tem City of Port Hueneme; James Vega, Port Hueneme City Manager



James Vega, City Manager, saw immense value in the race. “We are so thankful for those who came out to the 5k and Health and Wellness Fair,” he said. “It’s moving to see our city and port collaborating to support each other and enhance the quality of life for our residents.”

The race is a result of the Port of Hueneme and the City of Port Hueneme’s Community Benefit Fund partnership. "Our second annual 5k demonstrates the strong relationship between the City and Port, and was born out of our mutual dedication to the health and well-being of our community," said Port Director and CEO, Kristin Decas.



The Sea Splash Color Dash 5k's free Health & Wellness Fair

For more information about future events, visit the City of Port Hueneme and the Port of Hueneme websites and follow them on social media.

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About the Community Benefit Fund

The Community Benefit Fund (CBF) was established in 2015 by The Port and City of Port Hueneme to achieve the mutual goal of enriching the local community through a spirit of collaboration. When The Port’s annual revenue exceeds \$13 million, an amount of \$100,000 is allocated to the CBF for The Port and City of Port Hueneme to come together and invest this funding in the community. By collaboratively investing in recreational, public safety, environmental, as well as community and economic development programs, The Port and City of Hueneme ensure that the community continues to thrive and prosper.



To learn about the Community Benefit Fund visit: <https://www.portofhueneme.org/cbf>.

About the Port of Hueneme

The Port of Hueneme is one of the most productive and efficient commercial trade gateways for niche cargo on the West Coast. Five locally elected Port Commissioners govern the Port. The Port consistently ranks among the top ten U.S. Ports for automobiles and fresh produce. Port operations support the community by bringing \$2.8 billion in economic activity and creating 24,997 trade-related jobs. Trade through the Port of Hueneme generates more than \$236 million in direct and related state and local taxes, which fund vital community services. In 2017, the Port of Hueneme became the first Port in California to become Green Marine certified and was voted the Greenest Port in the U.S. at the Green Shipping Summit.

To learn about the Port of Hueneme visit: www.Portofh.org.

About the City of Port Hueneme

The City of Port Hueneme (pronounced "Why-nee-mee") is a unique community along Ventura County's Gold Coast just south of the City of Oxnard and Channel Islands Harbor. Port Hueneme is unique because of its rich history, culture, and traditions, dating back to the Chumash Indians who made their home here for centuries and because of its long-established, close relationship with the Port, U.S. Navy's Port Hueneme and Point Mugu naval facilities.

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