



### Austin's Trip To PSC

I made it back last night from the Matt Pritchard wave camp at SoloSports in PSC. The conditions were overall below average by PSC standards but well above average for Secos. Waves were mostly small knee to waist peaking at just overhead on three days and the wind was very light except for two days. I sailed every day including the travel days thanks to the fly in option. Most of the surf came from the west with only a small south component so the Chili Bowl never really got firing. Here is how it broke down:

**Saturday Oct 10th:** Flat with 5.0m 80l conditions.

**Sunday:** Small waist high surf in 5.8m wind with 100l boards required

**Monday & Tuesday:** a repeat of Sunday

Wednesday: solid 4.5m with chest high and occasional head high surf. Most people (including myself) sailing OP'd in the highly off shore wind.

**Thursday:** 5.5m 90l in head high, occasional overhead. This was the best day with people getting up to five BTs per wave. Epic session by Secos standards. This day made the whole trip for me.

**Friday:** Repeat of Thursday except way more crowded. I counted 20 sailors at one point. Some waves had as many as four people on them. More pros arrived for next week's wave camp

**Saturday:** super light 5.8m 95l in knee high mushy surf. Only two of us that had been there all week elected to sail. Most were too spent to go out. Some SUP'd.

The instruction and analysis by Matt and Kevin is great. I learned a ton and it will be noticeable the next time you see me sailing. I had a lot of "bad" habits to unlearn that I didn't know I had groomed.

The camp conditions are great. The food is incredible. There are plenty of Santa Cruz Mountain Bikes, SUPs, and Surfboards and of course Ezzy sails, Quatro, Goya, and RRD boards. All hardware is Streamline and in very good condition. Dave Dominy (owner and founder of Streamline and PSC pioneer) even made an appearance.

Matt and Kevin shot tons of video. I'm sure some of it will make out to the internet. Clark Merritt shot a ton of pics. He claims to have posted some already. I missed the group photo as I was on the water when they shot it. I had to get just one more wave as the planes were coming in!

Yesterday was a scramble for me. I almost missed the flight out. The fog was coming in. Normally, the pilots arrive about 2:30 PM and depart at 4:00PM after having lunch. Because of the fog, they arrived early at 2:00 when I was on the water. When they arrived, they said there was no time for lunch and they wanted to get back in the air immediately to avoid getting grounded! Everyone was yelling at me to hurry and they would not wait. (Hmm, another week at the campo might not be so bad I thought to myself.)

All in all it was a great trip and I will be going back next year!

-Austin

*(Pics on the next three pages by Clark Merritt)*





