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Learn the Secrets of Sand Sculpture

Port invites expert to show how to build a better sand castle at Sea Festival event

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Come learn the artistry of sand sculpture on Saturday, August 11, 2007 when the Port of Long Beach and the Long Beach Airport bring professional artist Larry Safady to the beach for a series of sand castle-building workshops.

Safady will demonstrate how experienced sand sculptors make the giant dragons, ships, turtles and yes, castles, from beach sand and water. He will show participants how to improve their sand-castle building techniques in two hands-on instructional clinics, at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The event will be on the beach in the Belmont Shore area, near the Granada Avenue Launch Ramp. In addition, Safady will craft a sculpture with a theme based on the Port of Long Beach and Long Beach Airport, which teamed up to bring the artist to the beach for this event.

Nearby, contestants will be vying for honors in the Sea Festival's "Great Sand Sculpture Contest." The Great Sand Sculpture Contest, part of the summer-long Sea Festival, will pit corporate teams, families and others against each other from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration starts at 8 a.m. Prime viewing hours for the sculptures are from 2 to 4 p.m. For information on the contest, call (562) 434-1542.

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