GIANT LOBSTER ESCAPES THE BOILING POT

Local free diver Tom Powers had encountered all kinds of things on his adventures under the sea (including Great White Sharks and Black Sea Bass as big as Volkswagen Beetles). However, he had never seen a lobster as big as this one! He nabbed an 11-pounder off the island of Santa Rosa in California. After realizing that this “bug” was about 80-90 years old, he thought better of his drawn butter and let him go. He thought it was about 80-90 years old, he thought better of his drawn butter and let him go. He thought it was about 80-90 years old, he thought better of his drawn butter and let him go. He thought it was about 80-90 years old, he thought better of his drawn butter and let him go. He thought it was about 80-90 years old, he thought better of his drawn butter and let him go. He thought it was about 80-90 years old, he thought better of his drawn butter and let him go. He thought it was about 80-90 years old, he thought better of his drawn butter and let him go.
If you’ve read my blog (www.oceanswavesbeaches.blogspot.com) in the past month or so, you may have noticed a poll on renewable ocean energy. Specifically, you may have noticed that the poll asks people for their view on wave energy development.

My goal wasn’t to represent the views of our constituents with scientific rigor, but rather to test the water on your feelings.

Wave energy is a fascinating and young subject.

It is one that intersects both the protection side as well as the enjoyment side of waves.

I feel torn on this subject. While I understand we must wean ourselves off of fossil fuels, I fully comprehend that alternative ocean energy may produce some impacts to our near shore environments. The tension between those two ideas is what I tried to capture with this poll. I thought I would share the results here.

Looking at the results from the poll, I’d say that we are cautiously optimistic on the subject of wave energy.

I’m not a big fan of exclamation points, but I used one on the first answer of the poll on purpose because I know there are people who want new technologies, including wave energy, to be deployed with vigor. This poll suggests 43% of us feel this way.

Another 40% of us say yes to wave energy, but slowly. This answer edges towards Surfrider Foundation’s policy. While our policy doesn’t advocate for wave energy outright, our verbiage calls for “adaptive management” (planning in advance to take into account new data that calls for adaptations in deployment). Our policy on alternative ocean energy perhaps more accurately straddles the next category, “Ok, but sparsely,” which received a 5% response. I say this because our mission is clear, we exist for the protection and enjoyment of our oceans, waves and beaches, so the last thing we’re going to do is promote anything that is at odds with our mission.

Also worth noting on this poll are the last two categories. About 1% of us said, “No, never.” This surprised me as I thought there would be more of us that would simply throw up a “no” and leave it at that.

The last category, which indicated about 10% of us “Don’t know,” may in fact be the most honest response. I’ve been involved in this subject over the past year, met with various federal and state interests, and sometimes I find myself back in this group.

I’d like you to reflect on this subject. If it is not on your radar, I’d like to put it there, and if it is, I want to encourage you to continue to educate yourself on the subject. I’ve included the following links to get you started:

My Blog: www.oceanswavesbeaches.blogspot.com
Wave Energy Blog: www.surfriderwaveenergy.blogspot.com

—Jim Moriarty, Chief Executive Officer
In January of 1969, a Union Oil platform six miles off the coast of Santa Barbara suffered a blow out resulting in a spill of over 3 million gallons of crude oil that quickly spread into an 800-square-mile slick. The spill hit the coast and also the Channel Islands oiling thousands of sea birds, killing marine mammals, polluting kelp beds and awakening the American public to the environmental destruction that offshore oil drilling can cause.

In the aftermath of the Santa Barbara Spill, President Nixon visited the spill site and observed: “It is sad that it was necessary that Santa Barbara should be the example that had to bring it to the attention of the American people. What is involved is the use of our resources of the sea and of the land in a more effective way and with more concern for preserving the beauty and the natural resources that are so important to any kind of society that we want for the future. The Santa Barbara incident has frankly touched the conscience of the American people.”

It appears that we have forgotten this lesson, because today we are faced with a new wave of oil drilling threats on all coasts of the U.S., including Alaska.

Offshore Drilling: “Now Open”
For over the past quarter century, our U.S. coasts have been protected by Congress and both Republican and Democratic Presidents from harmful effects of new oil and gas activities. Recently, these protections have been gutted and our coasts have been left exposed. First, in July 2008, President George W. Bush lifted the Executive moratorium originally put into place in 1990 by his father, which prohibited any new leasing in Lower-48 offshore areas, including a small portion of the Eastern Gulf of Mexico. In a second blow to coastal protection, Congress allowed the 27-year Congressional moratorium on new drilling to expire in September 2008. The coasts are no longer protected from oil drilling.

The outer-continental shelf (OCS) of the Atlantic and Pacific coasts are eligible for leasing by the Minerals Management Service (MMS).

The Harms of Offshore Drilling
Offshore oil and gas exploration and production poses a long list of potential harms to the ocean. The most dramatic are the immediate and long-term ecological impacts from a large oil spill. Perhaps the most underestimated and worrisome impacts are the cumulative impacts on the marine and coastal environment from drilling-related activities. Even if large spills can be avoided, the mere process of drilling (along with transfer, storage and processing facilities in the coastal zone) harms the environment through damage to fragile coastal wetlands from production-related infrastructure and pipelines; destruction of ocean floor habitat; routine pollutant emissions, including toxic metals, oil, gas and byproducts; release of produced water containing dangerous levels of radioactive materials and carcinogens; and seismic exploration-related noise impacts on marine life.

Beyond these impacts to the coast, there are obvious atmospheric impacts of continued reliance on climate-altering fossil fuels. The climate effects will also cycle back to harm our oceans and coasts a second time through ocean acidification and sea level rise.

Since the Santa Barbara spill we have seen numerous other spills demonstrating that oil spills can and will happen. When Hurricane Katrina roared through the Gulf of Mexico, over 100 drilling platforms were destroyed causing the largest oil spill in the United States since the Exxon Valdez tragedy. This past September, over half a million gallons of crude oil was spilled onto the Texas and Louisiana coastline by Hurricane Ike.

By Chad Nelsen & Angela Howe

OFFSHORE OIL & GAS DRILLING:

NOT THE ANSWER

Santa Barbara Sandspit with oily lines.

Clean up crews after the Exxon Valdez spill.
An oiled bird struggles to clean itself after last year’s San Francisco oil spill.

The Myths of Offshore Drilling

The “Drill, Baby Drill” rant resulted in many MYTHS about new offshore drilling. Here are the big three:

1) Create Jobs - *FALSE*
2) Reduce our dependence on Foreign Oil - *FALSE*
3) Help Lower Gas Prices - *FALSE*

Offshore oil and gas industry proponents argue that drilling will create jobs. In truth, drilling is a competitive use of the ocean resource that will take jobs away from industries that stimulate the economy in a more dramatic and enduring manner. Our oceans can be used to provide sustainable economic development through food supply, recreation, tourism and alternative energy. Coastal tourism provides 28.3 million jobs and annually generates $30 billion in economic well-being to Americans. In the U.S., recreational and commercial fisheries combined supply another 2 million jobs. More drilling or more spills will disrupt ecosystems at every level with short- and long-term effects. An increase in drilling will usurp opportunities for green ocean energy, decrease the abundance of our oceans, and soil our beaches.

Offshore drilling will not solve our dependency on foreign oil and will not alleviate national security threats. According to Congress’s own report, increased offshore production will not reduce reliance on foreign oil. Significant reduction of overall oil imports would require a drastic decline in the overall demand for oil. Congress raised vehicle fuel efficiency standards modestly in 2007, but has largely failed to shift the focus of federal energy policy toward those programs that would make major changes in fuel consumption.

Contrary to public perception, new drilling will not provide Americans with lower gasoline prices. In 2007, the Department of Energy reported that new offshore drilling would not exhibit any effect on gasoline prices for at least ten years, if ever. During President George W. Bush’s tenure as Chief Executive, the number of wells in federally leased areas increased exponentially, yet gasoline prices doubled during his time in office. Oil prices reflect global commodity market pressures and production cycles, not the small, incremental supply from new wells on or off our shores.

New Threat

During their last hours in office, the Bush Administration started a process to revise the five-year drilling plan (2010-2015) that specifies where and when new offshore areas are to be leased for oil and gas drilling. This new plan could open the entire East Coast, California, parts of the Gulf and sensitive areas of Alaska to oil drilling as close as three miles offshore.

Recently, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar called for extending the public comment period on the proposed five-year plan for OCS oil and gas development by 180 days, including four hearings around the nation. However, Salazar has not definitively acted against the plan. Additionally, President Barack Obama, whose stance on drilling is generally characterized as a sharp departure from the last administration’s position, has yet to categorically-reject offshore drilling or move toward reinstating the Executive moratorium.

The lack of nationwide protection means the threat of offshore drilling may turn into a state-by-state battle. Currently the states most susceptible to drilling in the short run are California, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia.

The lapse on the moratoria on offshore drilling marks arguably the largest reversal of environmental conservation in our lifetimes. Loss of the moratorium would expose thousands of miles of beaches, nearly 400 million acres of ocean, and billions of dollars of coastal tourism to chronic pollution from drilling and intermittent catastrophic oil spills. As beachgoers and lovers of the ocean, we need to now rededicate ourselves to the protection of our nation’s oceans, waves and beaches, and make our voices heard in a new Congress and in each of our states that we stand behind protections for our coastal waters and ask for an end to offshore drilling.

Our national and global leaders must focus on alternative energy development, not stop gap measures that ignore the environmental, political and economic consequences of our continued addiction to oil. Recently, our government’s coastal protection regulations have gone from bad to worse. As an ocean-loving constituency, we must make our voices heard to ask Congress and the President to restore the protections that our coasts have enjoyed for decades and rededicate ourselves to a future of alternative energy development and protection for our ocean environment.

It will be critical to take action on this disastrous new five-year leasing plan. Stay tuned.

For up-to-date information on offshore drilling news and to see how you can get involved visit: www.nottheanswer.org

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SURFERS WORLDWIDE UNITE TO CELEBRATE THE FIFTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SURFING DAY

Over 100 Events Scheduled To Take Place Globally on June 20

On June 20, 2009, surfers globally will wax their boards, paddle out and catch waves in honor of International Surfing Day (ISD).

Founded five years ago by the Surfrider Foundation and Surfing Magazine, International Surfing Day unites surfers from around the world in celebration of the sport of surfing. As is tradition with the annual holiday, surfers will do their part to give back to our oceans, waves and beaches through various organized events such as clean-ups and restoration projects courtesy of the Surfrider Foundation.

In addition to over 100 coastal events taking place worldwide, various International Surfing Day sponsors will be hosting special “challenges,” that will allow the public to compete for prizes through various activities. In celebration of ISD’s 5th anniversary, there will be five on-site challenges: You Tube Challenge: Best ISD Influence Video, Most Unique Piece of Trash, Best Trash Sculpture, Costume Party: Best Costume While Riding a Wave, and Most Spots Surfed on ISD: Photo and/or Video Contest.

For more information on International Surfing Day, including information and challenges, events and participating chapters, please go to www.intlsurfingday.com

REACH 8 VICTORY!
PALM BEACH COUNTY CHAPTER CLAIMS HUGE VICTORY, SAVES SURFING AND REEFS AT LAKE WORTH PIER.

In a landmark decision, Florida Judge Robert E. Meale recently ruled against the town of Palm Beach in denying the town a permit to dredge and fill 1.8 miles of beach surrounding the Lake Worth Pier with 700,000 cubic yards of poor-quality sediment. In early 2008, the Palm Beach County Chapter, The Snook Foundation, and three individuals challenged the town and the State of Florida’s intent to issue that permit. The City of Lake Worth and Eastern Surfing Association also intervened in opposition to the project.

The petitioners proved the dredge-and-fill project would destroy the beach and coastal environment by directly burying seven acres of reefs. The silty material would have also killed marine life, including endangered sea turtles, and seriously harmed the surfing, fishing and diving.

“The Judge clearly grasped the significance of the geological and biological systems in this area and their rarity,” said attorney Jane West, chief legal counsel for the petitioners. “His ruling focused extensively on overwhelming data from numerous experts that supported our case”

“We are so stoked,” said Tom Warnke, Surfrider Foundation’s Palm Beach County Chapter founder. Our scientists testified for three weeks, and the judge issued a 277-page ruling, agreeing with us on every issue.”

Judge Meale took a very hard look at the computer model used to predict where the dredged sand would go, and he strongly criticized its use. The same model, GENESIS, is used all over the country for designing dredge and fill projects. The ruling is a serious indictment of that practice.

“We look forward to working with our experts and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to re-examine its policies on beach management,” said Ericka Davanzo, Surfrider Foundation’s Regional Manager in Florida.

Funding is still needed to pay for this lawsuit and other issues on the Florida Coast. Please consider making a donation today by going to www.surfrider.org/reach8
There are some things that are certain in life: taxes, getting older and that Michelle Kremer will be at her desk Monday- Friday 8:30AM- till well past 5:30PM. For the past 15-years, Michelle has kept the organization grounded and focused while motivating us to strive for a bold vision. A Laguna Beach native and double major from USC who went on to obtain her law degree, she first started as a volunteer for the organization before being hired by then Executive Director Jake Grubb. During her tenure, Michelle has filled many roles including chief legal counsel, Deputy Executive Director, and recently Interim Executive Director prior to her current role as Chief Operating Officer.

What makes Michelle stand out is her dedication to her peers—she will be the first one to call you out, but is also the first one to defend you. Her contributions to the organization have been tremendous from facilitating our strategic planning process to balancing the budget to challenging the staff to perform at their best. Michelle leads by example, but also realizes the strengths that each individual has and works to nurture those in order to get the best from each of her coworkers. No one can dispute her determination in achieving anything she sets her mind to, but she balances that with a sense of humor, wit and style that can be both sharp and silly, but is always unique. I remember the first time I met her, I thought she seemed so much more mature than me, but after getting to know her I realized she wasn’t and from there a deep friendship and respect was born. I think the appearance of maturity came from the business suits that she wore into work even though the desk she had to sit at was an old door on top of two metal filing cabinets. Through prosperous and challenging times there are too many occasions to recount the leadership Michelle has provided the organization and she has always done it with the highest level of integrity for Surfrider Foundation’s well being.

Because of her involvement, dedication and sacrifice Surfrider Foundation is far more effective in achieving our mission. I’ve been honored to work with Michelle - aka NJ Lubojackie - for the past 15 years. I’m proud to call her my peer, but prouder to call her a friend and one that I have many fond memories with. Here’s to the next decade Michelle and for those about to rock, we salute you.

—Ed Mazzarella
Director of Chapters
The Power of One

15 Years of Service

Chris Keys

Money we receive from our donors is an investment. It’s an investment in the preservation of our coasts. And our “investors” expect a return from us. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their trust in us and we also must be diligent and efficient in our handling of their gift. For the last fifteen years, on a volunteer basis, Chris Keys has made sure that the Surfrider Foundation fulfills this requirement in every way.

Chris’ connection with the ocean began when he was a kid living in New Jersey. Every summer, his family would vacation on the shore where he would spend days on end barefoot and with sand between his toes. Like many of us, his childhood experiences shaped his personal and professional interests as an adult.

Years later, Chris’ involvement with the Surfrider Foundation was initiated when he called the organization to learn about our position on the Navy’s use of sonar and its potential effects on marine mammals. At that time, the Surfrider Foundation was not involved with that issue, but the initial connection was made. Soon after, Chris began providing financial oversight that was desperately needed in the organization’s formative years.

For the last fifteen years, Chris has been Surfrider Foundation’s Chief Financial Officer. He has worked under four of the organization’s five CEOs, weighed in on numerous strategic plans, helped architect countless annual budgets, and helped us expand our mission. He did all of these things as a volunteer.

I know that someday Chris Keys will move on. Someday he’ll feel like he’s invested enough of his personal resources into our mission. Someday he will no longer be Surfrider Foundation’s Chief Financial Officer. I do not look forward to that day, and I’m sure you don’t either. Chris Keys has been a structural pillar in the very framework that makes up the Surfrider Foundation.

Chris, on behalf of every staff member that works at Surfrider Foundation now and during your fifteen year tenure; on behalf of every Board Member past and present; on behalf of our activists, our members, and those that benefit from the movement that happens under the banner of this organization. . . thank you. Thank you for your decade and a half of stoke, wisdom and engagement.

—Jim Moriarty
Chief Executive Officer

Surfrider Foundation recently embarked on a new endowment development program. We are doing this to better prepare the organization for the future.

We are very thankful for the interest, support and leadership that so many have given over the years to make our organization the strong institution it is today. We hope that through our endowment effort, friends will include a gift to the Surfrider Foundation Endowment Fund in their giving plans to ensure our financial security for future generations.

Bequests and other planned gifts are so important to the future of Surfrider Foundation that we have established a recognition program, “The Legacy Circle.”

The Legacy Circle is designed to recognize and continue to honor those who have made provisions for a future gift through a bequest, life insurance, annuity, or trust agreement.

Individuals and couples qualify to become members of the Legacy Circle in one or more of the following ways:

- Making an outright gift to the Surfrider Foundation endowment of cash, securities, property or other marketable assets.
- Creating a charitable remainder trust or life estate gift to benefit Surfrider Foundation.
- Naming Surfrider Foundation as a beneficiary of a new or existing life insurance policy.
- Naming Surfrider Foundation to receive a bequest in a will or living trust.

Now we have the great pleasure of inviting our many friends and supporters to become Founding Members of the Legacy Circle. There will be no dues or other obligations, but each member of the Legacy Circle will be invited as our guest to an annual recognition event. And, with consent, a member’s name will be listed in an issue of Making Waves as well as in our Annual Report.

Some donors may have already made provisions for a future gift to the Surfrider Foundation and are therefore eligible for membership in the Legacy Circle. If you have already arranged for a future gift, we would like to know about it. If not, we invite you to consider a bequest or other future gift provision.

For more information about the Legacy Circle and planned giving options such as wills and bequests, gifts of life insurance, or other future provisions, please contact us.

Should you now qualify for membership in our Legacy Circle, or if you would like more information about how to become a member, please contact our Director of Development, Steve Blank, at (949) 492-8170 or sblank@surfrider.org.
The Surfrider Foundation’s Board of Directors and Staff give out Wavemaker awards annually to individuals and companies for their outstanding volunteer performance and support to help the organization fulfill its mission.

Outstanding Contribution/Bob Mignogna – A legend in the publishing world, Bob Mignogna tapped into his extensive Rolodex to assist the Surfrider Foundation in its fight to protect San Onofre State Beach and Trestles. Bob’s efforts were instrumental in rallying activists, sharing information and generating support, and his keen insights have proven invaluable in galvanizing the local community around this important fight.

Development Award/Harriet Zaretsky and Steve Henry – Harriet and Steve created the Dillon Henry Memorial Internship Fund—Surfrider’s first endowed fund—in memory of their son Dillon. The fund provides, in perpetuity, monetary support to help students pursue a career in coastal marine conservation. The funds from this endowment provide annual stipends for two qualified interns to work with the Surfrider Foundation’s Environmental and/or Legal Departments. Thanks to these funds, the Surfrider Foundation can attract, hire and train the most committed interns.

Distinguished Service/Glenn Suba – A founding member of Surfrider Brazil, Glenn has given 100% to the Surfrider Foundation throughout the years. As a volunteer, environmental consultant, and “greening” expert, Glenn is constantly thinking of opportunities for Surfrider Foundation participation. Always on the front line of activism, his creative thinking motivates others to continue fighting for the protection of our coastlines.

Chapter Leadership/Scott Werny – Scott has been a Surfrider Foundation Chapter Activist for over 10 years, and his dedication has been a constant for our Hawaiian Chapter Network. Over the years, Scott has played a key leadership role in the Oahu Chapter, helping to create and implement a vision.

Corporate Partner Award/Barefoot Wine – Jeremy Soine—Barefoot Wine’s relationship with the Surfrider Foundation dates back over 20 years, to original partners Michael Houlahan and Bonnie Harvey, who were early supporters and activists. For the last three years, the Surfrider Foundation has partnered with Barefoot Wine in presenting their Barefoot Wine Beach Rescue Project. This unique event has worked with over a dozen Surfrider Foundation Chapters across the country to keep our beaches “barefoot friendly” and help draw attention and support to such campaigns as Lake Worth, Save Pupukea, Montauk and Save Trestles.

Special Recognition Awards/L.P.A. & J.J.S., Inc. – L.P.A. & J.J.S., Inc. are responsible for the green architecture of our new LEED Certified office space. In addition to their design work, L.P.A. generously guided the Surfrider Foundation through the LEED certification process. Beyond the construction of our new offices, J.J.S. worked tirelessly to help raise funds for the office build-out, donated items from their own office and went the extra mile to make sure the build-out process was a success.

Special Recognition Awards/Surfing Magazine, Surfer Magazine, Transworld Surf, Surfline – These endemic partners generously supported the Surfrider Foundation’s Save Trestles campaign not once, but twice, in 2008 (February and September) with copious editorial coverage. They also donated online advertising space in an effort to bolster attendance at the hearings. With their help, the Surfrider Foundation and its Save Trestles coalition partners were able to drive record attendance to both hearings.

Special Recognition Award/Vans – The original “action sport” company, Vans has been one of the Surfrider Foundation’s most steadfast supporters over the years. Within the last four years alone, Vans has donated nearly $50,000 to the Surfrider Foundation from the production of unique co-branded footwear.

Congratulations to all of our 2008 Wavemaker winners!
fishing net debris, cigarette butts, sea weed and oat debris, a golf ball and plastic bags were just a few of the items found in the bucket.

As part of a recent “Respect The Beach” presentation, the Palm Beach County Chapter inflated an eighteen-foot inflatable toilet to call attention to protecting our ocean playground from sewage discharge.

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Our Florida Chapters’ first dune restoration of the season helped beach erosion issues by planting native grasses.

EAST COAST
With gloves and trash bags in hand, eight members of the New Hampshire Chapter braved the winter weather to pick up a variety of metal, glass, plastic and cigarette butts at Hampton Beach. “During this time of the year, we gather about 30 pounds of trash,” said Chapter Volunteer Coordinator Jeremy Lougee. “In the summer season, it is closer to 50 pounds.”

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Our Florida Chapters’ first dune restoration of the year took place in Miami where volunteers Wyatt Porter, Lou Lozada, Shane Close, Jason Biondi, Mike Laas, Karen Montregudo, Jesse Bull, Katie Yanke, Lauren Campbell, Michelle and Kevin Morenza, Natalia Acebo and Sam Wright removed invasive scaveola plants and left the beach ready for planting new native plants this summer.

The First Coast Chapter’s Paul Hayden , Stephanie Rousso, Jill Debrirandino-Coggin, Brooke George and Donny Barley recently worked a table at Museum of Science and History’s (MOSH) water education festival where approximately 4,000-5,000 participated. The Chapter had a game which mimicked a beach cleanup where kids pulled stuff from a bucket of sand and placed items on cards labeled plant, animal, human-made, once-living, and human-made never-lived. Shells, six-pack holders,
bright, shining butt cannons. Michelle and her students didn’t stop there—they’re currently working on recycling commercials that will be recorded on DVD, given to local schools, and played with morning announcements.

**GULF COAST**

Recently, the South Texas Chapter successfully completed their third dune restoration planting. Over 80 volunteers helped to plant 2,500 native varieties of plants at Suntide III, The Florence II and Embassy Condominiums. The project began with the financial and promotional help of Surfrider Foundation’s partnership with the Barefoot Wine Beach Rescue Project in harvesting and propagating their first native plant crop. It is now continued in a partnership with the Town of South Padre Island, University of Texas at Brownsville and the Surfrider Foundation’s South Texas Chapter.

Chapter volunteers have been able to start restoring dunes damaged by Hurricanes Dolly and Ike and to help the Town of South Padre Island achieve its goal of a continuous dune line. Over 300 volunteers have planted 9,000 plants! The vegetation will help stabilize and build dunes that will provide a natural barrier of protection from future storm surges that will not only benefit beachfront properties, but also homeowners and residents located within the interior of South Padre Island.

Chapter Volunteer Coordinator, Rob Nixon would like to thank all the volunteers that showed up and helped to vegetate the dunes. The group of volunteers included SPI and Rio Grande Valley Residents, Town Staff, Winter Visitors, Texas Master Naturalists, University of Texas at Brownsville Students and members of the Town of South Padre Island’s Board of Aldermen. “This has been and continues to be a local and valley wide effort carried out by volunteers that are concerned with the future of South Padre Island,” stated Nixon.

**WEST COAST**

Kitty Willis and the Newport Beach Chapter participated in President Obama’s National Day of Service by organizing a beach cleanup. With less than five days notice to pull the event together the Chapter got 55 people to volunteer. The Chapter separated everything collected and had to call maintenance twice because they filled up two regular recycling bins, seven of the large new ones and nine of the metal ones at the Newport Beach site. According to event organizer Kitty Willis, they had four high school students take the bus from Orange and Katella ending at the Newport Beach Pier where they walked from there to the cleanup location and then dug right in!

The Newport Beach Chapter held its 2nd annual RockWater race on March 21. The approximately 28 mile running relay race followed the Santa Ana River Trail bike path and brought awareness of the size of the Watershed as it runs from the border of Orange and Riverside Counties to the Pacific Ocean. Last year’s race was a great success and the Chapter was stoked to have been part of an even larger event this year with an after-party at Fred’s Mexican Grill in Huntington Beach.
RA Sushi Restaurant in Huntington Beach (owned by Benihana Corp) had their “Grand Opening” on Thursday, January 29th in conjunction with the Huntington/Seal Beach Chapter. RA Sushi provided all the awesome sushi you could eat, outrageous service topped with entertainment and dancing, a limbo contest, and an old time photo booth all with spectacular decorations and a Polynesian theme. Lauren and Emily with Beach House Promotion did a fantastic job coordinating and making the event a big success! Proceeds from the bar and raffle prizes, just under $5,000 went to the HB/SB Chapter.

The South Orange County Chapter hosted a “Trestles Saved!” party for over 400 attendees including volunteers, campaign supporters and coalition stakeholders at OC Tavern near San Onofre State Beach and Trestles. Entertainment was provided by Micah Wolf, The Jive Kings featuring renown surfboard shaper Dano, Blues Offenders, and Sli Dawg aka Steven Chew from the surf brand “TRKY.” Surfrider’s Board of Directors were also on hand to help celebrate this awesome coastal victory.

Recently, our South Bay Chapter and their partners Ballona Wetlands Land Trust and the City of Santa Monica signed a settlement agreement that sends the controversial Phase 2 of the Playa Vista development back to the drawing board. The settlement terms establish that the Environmental Impact Report inadequately informed the public of the foreseeable harm to the local environment from the project. Consequently, the Los Angeles City Council’s decision to grant development permits and entitlements has been reversed.

“One of the unintended, but beneficial consequences of this rejection is it provides my clients an opportunity to seek a more environmentally-sensitive use of the land—thereby improving the quality of life for Playa Vista residents and the Los Angeles community as a whole,” said Sabrina Venskus, attorney representing the Chapter.

The long-term dream is to restore this relatively small, but critically important part of Southern California’s network of coastal wetlands. In effect, Playa Vista residents would get the community-serving retail they were promised while raising the value of their investment from the construction of a new passive recreational area, and the community of Los Angeles would get cleaner water, more wetlands and less traffic.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

The Washington Chapters have had a busy past few months. The combined efforts of many Chapters has proven to be useful in campaigning for the Neah Bay Rescue Tug, currently our only preventative measure against a catastrophic oil spill on the outer coast and in the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Two bills are currently under discussion, House Bill 1409 and Senate Bill 5344. Both bills aim to provide year-round financing for the tug determining which ships pose the greatest risk and assessing a fee on ships over 300 gross tons. To date the tug currently in place has rescued 44 vessels. At a recent Senate Hearing members, Kathy Greer, Ken Campbell and Mike Webb were there in support, as well as many letters and e-mails sent in by all five Chapters to their elected officials including port commissioners.

UPDATE: WE WON! THE NEAH BAY TUG IS NOW FULLY FUNDED FOR YEAR-ROUND RESCUES!

The Seattle Chapter is getting ready to step up campaigning efforts around Seattle’s Green Fee. They are working with a coalition of approximately 30 other organizations to help educate citizens of Seattle about the Green Fee and why a “Yes” vote is needed on the referendum in August or November.

Following behind Seattle in their efforts to reduce plastic consumption are the Northwest Straits (NWS) and South Sound Chapters. Both Chapters are currently kicking off “Rise Above Plastics” awareness campaigns and looking to cities to ban single use plastic bags. NWS
This year many surf memorabilia have changed hands and over $75,000 has been donated to a variety of foundations including the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation, the Surfing Heritage Foundation, and the Surfrider Foundation Hawaii Chapters.

So, if you have an old surf collectable, dig it out of the closet or garage and come be part of the fun! To consign an item or for further event information, please visit: www.hawaiiansurfauktion.com or contact Randy Parick at: surfpromark@hawaii.rr.com

DETAILS:
Friday July 17:
Viewing from noon to 6pm, including "Antiques Road Show"-style appraisals.

Saturday July 18:
Viewing from 10am to 4pm, auction starts at 4pm.

The Newport Chapter is moving ahead with their keystone water-quality campaign to improve the Georgia Pacific Pulp Mill discharge permit. Mayor Bill Bain and the City of Newport recently announced the appointment of a task force to work on the license agreement between the city and Georgia Pacific for use of rights-of-way for the Mill’s effluent line. This is a secondary strategy to improve the monitoring of the pipeline’s effluent, which discharges nearly 11 million gallons a day of pulp mill effluent just 3,000 feet offshore of Nye Beach. The primary strategy of the Chapter has been challenging the actual permit issued by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), which they petitioned a reconsideration of in 2006. A response and reissued permit to the reconsideration from DEQ was recently issued and ocean monitoring as well as a prohibition on some waste streams was included. A task force through the city of Newport is serving as an additional strategy to improve the outfall monitoring.

The Siuslaw Chapter just launched two new programs: adopting a beautiful two-mile stretch of Hwy 101 in the Cape Perpetua area which hugs the terrestrial margin of a proposed marine reserve site for further evaluation, and partnering with Siuslaw Watershed Council on their new Blue Water Task Force Program. The Chapter additionally has been making news locally and statewide with their engagement in wave energy proposals in the Douglas and Coos County areas. This is an extremely motivated group that has really grown in the past year from a few folks getting together, to a well-organized Chapter engaged in multiple campaigns, programs and events raising awareness of their local stakehold in the near shore resources they value and use.

![The tug that is now on station is the GLADIATOR, a 7,200 horsepower twin-screw tugboat rated for ocean service.](image)

Additionally, the Snowrider Project is building educational capacity with the completion of their killer Mt. Hood public service announcement, Tele-Tuesday tabling events held at Mt. Hood Ski Bowl and the upcoming Nils Larsen film feature.

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This year’s auction is already shaping up to be the biggest and best yet. As has become the tradition, veteran surfboard designers, shapers and manufacturers will be in attendance, including Matt Kivlin, Joe Quigg, Greg Noll, Dick Brewer, Ben Aipa, Bing Copeland, and Ole Olson (amongst a host of others).

Never-before-seen surfboards have been unearthed, including an ancient 1850 breadfruit board, turn-of-the-century redwood planks, hollow paddle boards, design-changing early wood/fiberglass prototypes, big wave “guns” of the ‘60s, and pro boards of the ’70s and ‘80s.

The auction has acted as a fundraiser for various organizations and 2009 will be no exception; a portion of the proceeds will benefit a
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