

HISTORY

Dear Prospective Member,

Thank you for your interest in the WindanSea Surf Club! Please read this condensed history of the Club, its achievements, goals, activities and accolades, which should provide you with some perspective on where the club has been and where you might help it to go.

The WindanSea Surf Club emerged in the early 1960's from a group of the most accomplished and free-thinking surfers to be found anywhere in the world, and was named for the premier La Jolla, California reef break they frequented. The Club was officially organized in 1963 by Chuck Hasley, Billy Caster, Mike Hynson, Skip Frye, and others to enter a team in the Malibu club challenge contest that year—an event which they handily won. By 1964, the membership had grown to ninety of the best surfers in California: forty seniors, forty juniors and ten women. Under the tireless organizing efforts of Thor Svenson in succeeding years it's membership quickly grew beyond the boundaries of California to include an international contingent of champion surfers from the east and west coasts, Texas, Hawaii, Fiji, Tahiti, Australia, New Zealand, Brazil, Peru, South Africa, France, Great Britain and Mexico. The Club's competition teams dominated surfing events worldwide.

Throughout the years the Club's membership roster has included the names of many world-class surfing pioneers and champions such as: Olympic gold medalist Duke Kahanamoku, the "father" of modern surfing; John Severson, founder and publisher of Surfer Magazine; movie producer Bruce Brown; the elusive Miklos Chapin Dora, ultra-stylist; original power-surfer Phil Edwards; big-wave rider and oceanographer Dr. Ricky Grigg; local surf legends and champions Woody Brown; Rusty Miller, L.J. Richards, Joey Cabell, Mike Doyle; Robert, Raymond and Bobby Patterson; Mike Diffenderfer; Carl Ekstrom; Butch Van Artsdalen; former Women's World Champions Linda Benson, Margo Godfrey-Oberg and Debbie Melville-Beacham; and a host of other prominent individuals like Astronaut Scott Carpenter; Senator Jack Shrade; and Dr. Paul Saltman, former Provost of Revelle College at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD).

The goal of the Club has always been to promote the sport of surfing and the positive public image of surfers as athletes and good citizens through the sponsorship of competitive surfing events and charitable community activities. Club members have worked with the Junior Foundation for the Blind, Archie Moore's Any Boy Can program, the Cancer Research Foundation, the California Police Olympics, The St. Vincent De Paul Center for Homeless Children, the Los Colinas Girl's Rehabilitation Clinic, and UCSD's narcotics awareness program. We have received three California State Senate Commendations, plus similar awards from the cities and counties of San Diego, Honolulu, Auckland, Sydney, and Ensenada, the State of Hawaii, and the territorial governments of Tahiti, New Caledonia, and the Fiji Islands; as well as numerous awards from church, public service, educational and other philanthropic groups. Our members have traveled the world in pursuit of waves, setting examples of leadership, goodwill, international communication and cooperation all while demonstrating a strong, innovative, cutting-edge surfing style and ability, wherever they go.

Surf clubs in the 1960s exercised a large influence on the development of surfers at the time, not only with regard to their surfing style and ability but also in their attitude toward life. Today, the WindanSea Surf Club is carrying on that tradition through our involvement in the local community and our dedication to the development of young surfers. Our Menehune program is an example of this focus. In addition to hosting a large Menehune Contest each year at La Jolla Shores, we select promising young local surfers between 8 and 12 years of age and help them to develop their surfing skills through coaching, encouragement and sponsorship in surf contests. For those youngsters who excel and wish to surf competitively we serve as facilitators, providing exposure to potential sponsors within the surfing industry and opening channels into the professional surfing community.

We also host many annual community projects, ranging from regular beach cleanup events at WindanSea to surfing lessons and a beach barbecue for children from St. Vincent De Paul Center and Surfers with Special Needs each summer. We are members of the La Jolla Town Council, provide safety assistance at the La Jolla Rough Water Swim, and support coastal conservation and beach access efforts through the Surfrider Foundation. The Club has also worked with S.T.O.P. (Surfers Tired Of Pollution) to bring attention to the pollution of our local beaches from storm drain runoff, and was successful in influencing the San Diego City Council to invest in a capital improvement program for low-flow storm drain diversion, helping to improve water quality for present and future generations of ocean lovers. We are a family-oriented, community-supporting organization.

WindanSea Surf Club members are active and successful in team and individual surfing competitions on both amateur and professional levels. In August, 1997, we joined with the I.S.A. (International Surfing Association) to conduct an International Surfing Cultural Exchange to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where our competition team surfed against 5 Brazilian teams at Aprador Beach, and won. In 1998 WindanSea Surf Club member Joel Tudor was the Men's World Champion Longboard surfer and Jen Smith has won several Women's Longboard titles. In 2012, our longboard competition team won the Malibu club competition (again) en route to the overall Coalition of Surfing Clubs Championship.

The WindanSea Surf Club was also instrumental in reforming the Coalition of Surfing Clubs, an organization of over 30 surfing clubs, both domestic and international. The Coalition represents over 11,000 surfers in a forum for communication and support between surf clubs worldwide. The Coalition also hosts a contest series each year in California where the clubs interact competitively, socially, and intellectually. The WindanSea Surf Club has won many of these events and has held the annual coalition title more times than any other club.

The WindanSea Surf Club also hosts several intra-Club competitive events each year at WindanSea Beach for both short and long board riders. Our membership supplies the contest support, judging, security and setup/cleanup while we look to local businesses to provide the prizes and trophies for the top finishers in each group. This allows us to continue our philanthropic efforts without depending solely on membership dues and entry fees.

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MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

There are three (3) levels of membership: Charter Members, Regular Members, and Honorary Members.

- **Charter Members:** extended only to those (40) persons named on the original roster of the WindanSea Surf Club.
- **Regular Members:** shall be those persons as defined in Section 5065 of the Corporation's Code. A Regular Member shall be a surfer who demonstrates a level of surfing ability warranting their admission as a member of the WindanSea Surf Club by the Membership Committee. Each person shall be entitled to one Regular Membership. Regular Members participate in club events, pay dues, and further the Purpose for which the club was formed: "to promote the interests of surfing as a recreational sport in California, the United States and the world by emphasizing good sportsmanship and citizenship, improving the public image of surfers and surfing, sponsoring state, national and international surfing competitions and promoting an awareness of the sport and an appreciation of the ocean, conservation of sealife and prevention of ocean water pollution."

As a Regular Member you may Mentor or Sponsor new members to the club, attend club meetings, vote on club matters, purchase and wear club clothing.

- **Honorary Members:** shall be those persons as defined in Section 5065 of the Corporation's Code who are not otherwise eligible to be members of the Corporation but who, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, have performed services for the Corporation or the sport of surfing warranting their appointment as Honorary Members. Any subsidiary of the Corporation shall not be admitted to membership of the Corporation. A person, as defined in Section 5065 of the Corporations Code shall not hold more than one membership and no person shall hold more than one class. Honorary Members are appointed by the Board of Directors, do NOT pay dues, can purchase and wear club clothing with Honorary Member club insignia only, but do not Mentor or Sponsor new Club members and do not vote on club matters.

If at any time Honorary Members wish to transition to a Regular Membership level and their surfing level has reached Club standards they may submit a new application for Regular Membership. All past participation in Club events will be considered in their application.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

Membership in the WindanSea Surf Club is by invitation only. If you are reading this it is because an active (dues paid) Regular Member in good standing has invited you to join and has agreed to serve as your Mentor during the membership process. You will also need two active (dues paid) Regular Member Sponsors who will attest to your qualifications. Once you agree to undertake the following steps simply fill out the attached application form and email it to the Membership Committee contact@windanseasurfclub.org who will either accept the application, request additional information from the applicant, or reject the application. If the application is accepted the Membership Committee will schedule your interview and notify you via email or text. Please be thorough and patient. The Membership Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors and schedules interviews in the order of applications received. The steps are as follows;

- A. Interview with Membership Committee: (Mentor is requested but not required to be at this interview): the applicant states their desire to join the Club, exhibits a basic understanding of Club history, and conveys how they will contribute to the Club. The Membership Committee will ask standard questions of all applicants at this conversational interview.
- B. Board of Directors Meeting: Once an applicant has been interviewed, the Membership Committee will send their recommendation to the Board of Directors. Acceptance of the Applicant by the Board of Directors will start the applicant's probationary period. The Applicant will not be present at this meeting but will be notified of the outcome.
- C. Probationary Period: During the Applicant's probationary period they will be considered a Probationary Member and required to participate in a minimum of six (6) Club events. They are responsible for having their application signed and dated by their Mentor or Sponsor who in turn is responsible for notifying the Chair of the Membership Committee once all events are complete. Probationary Members are required to work a minimum of (3) events (help set up/break down events, judge contests, cook food, give surf lessons, paddle with rough water swimmers, decorate parade float, etc.) and surf in (3) Club events. Probationary Members are encouraged to work more than the minimum. Events completed prior to application may or may not be considered by the Committee as counting towards the required six (6) events. The applicant may not purchase Club merchandise during the probationary period.
- D. Membership Committee Meeting: Upon verification of applicant's participation in six (6) events the Membership Committee will discuss their application and either request further information or involvement from the applicant, reject their application, or recommend that the Board of Directors admit them into the Club. The Board makes the final decision on all new members. The applicant will not be present at this meeting but will be notified by the Committee once the Board makes their decision. All decisions by the Board are final.
- E. General Membership Meeting: If admitted by the Board, the applicant's Mentor and/or Sponsor(s) will introduce and speak on their behalf at a Membership Meeting following their acceptance.

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MISSION STATEMENT

“The WindanSea Surf Club is dedicated to promoting excellence in our ocean and community, preserving and respecting WindanSea’s past, protecting ocean and coastal environments, fostering a positive image of surfers locally and globally through charity and competition, and supporting our youth for a brighter future”.

Prospective members should evaluate their interest and willingness to contribute to the WindanSea Surf Club in order to fulfill the spirit of the Club’s mission. Individuals who commit their time and energy to furthering the success and greatness of the WindanSea Surf Club are rewarded through association with the elite Club membership and the global bonds that have been formed throughout the Club’s history in the pursuit of surfing excellence. Club membership is a privilege and the applicant agrees to actively ensure the future of the WindanSea Surf Club.

Members contribute in a variety of ways, including but not limited to:

direct competition, competitive support, event participation, event planning, fund raising, board and committee participation, general meeting attendance, informed voting, newsletter contribution, and current dues payment.

Signing this mission statement is your pledge to fully participate as a member in good standing of this club.

Applicant signature:

Date:

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF ALL CLAIMS

I recognize that participation in the WindanSea Surf Club, including all its meetings, events and competitions (collectively "WSC Events") carries with it the risk of damages, injury and death. I freely and voluntarily agree to assume all risks, including any damages, injury or death, on behalf of myself and all my legal heirs. Neither I, nor any of my legal heirs, will seek any compensation, damages, recovery or other form of remedy, from any person or entity associated with the WindanSea Surf Club, in the event of any damages,, injury, or death arising from my participation in WSC Events. .

In consideration for being allowed to participate in the WindanSea Surf Club and the WSC Events, I agree on behalf of myself and all my legal heirs to release, acquit, discharge, and forever waive any claim I, or all my legal heirs, may have for any damages, injury, or death, related to my participation, travel or presence at any WSC Events, against the WindanSea Surf Club, its officers, its members, the sponsors of WSC Events, other participants in WSC Events, and any entities, governmental or otherwise, providing authorization, permits or sanction for WSC Events.

Applicant signature:

Date:

Applicant Name (print):

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Members Under the Age of 18
A Parent or Guardian must sign this:

I am the parent or legal guardian of the above named individual who is under the age of 18. I have read the above Release and Waiver of all Claims and I freely and voluntarily agree to be bound by its terms and conditions on behalf of the above named individual, myself, my spouse, and all legal heirs.

Parent/Guardian signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Name (print):

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

-Please print -

DATE:
(application number) _____

Applicant Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone Number: _____ Stance: Goofyfoot / Regular

Email Address: _____ Sex: Male / Female

Date of Birth: _____

Your Mentor is: _____

Your Sponsor #1 is: _____

Your Sponsor #2 is: _____

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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List of Club Events you have participated in and signature of your mentor or one of your sponsors (you must have helped set up, judged, etc. at least 3 of these events):

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>MENTOR OR SPONSOR SIGNATURE</u>
1 _____	_____
2 _____	_____
3 _____	_____
4 _____	_____
5 _____	_____
6 _____	_____

List any other Events, Contributions or Reasons that may qualify you to be a Member of the WindanSea Surf Club:

Applicant signature:

Date: