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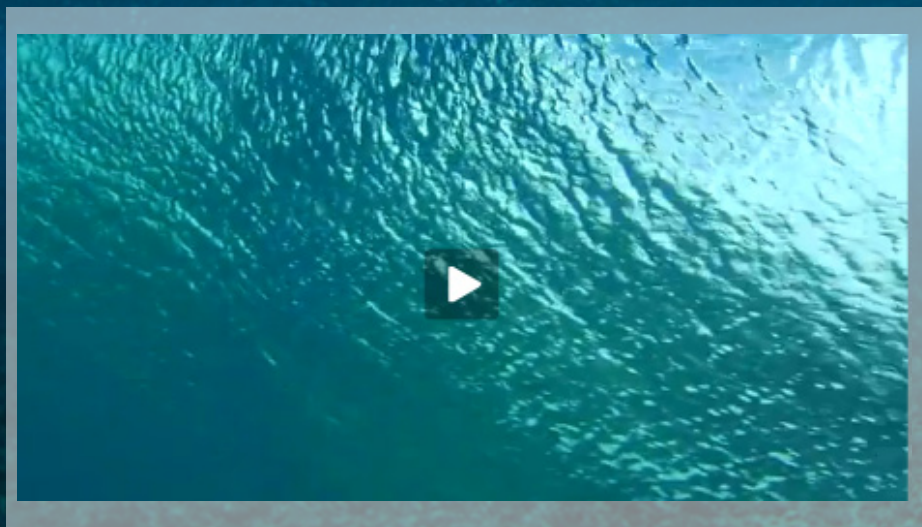
Blue Sway



It is a match made in heaven: Paul McCartney, a legendary artist who has always had a love for the ocean; and Jack McCoy, the brilliant surf cinematographer who is capturing surfing in a truly unique way.

The storyline is just as perfect: McCoy was capturing footage for his latest surfing film, "A Deeper Shade of Blue," and during the editing process, put one of his sequences to a song off McCartney's album "The Fireman." A mutual friend gave McCartney the cut, and Paul immediately thought McCoy's images would be suitable to go with "Blue Sway," an unreleased song that was written over 20 years ago.

"Paul asked if I would like to have a listen," said McCoy. "When I heard it, I started dancing around the room because I could imagine editing my shots to the song."



The result is a video that won 'Best Music Video' at the NYC BE FILM Short Festival this past May, and is the Surfrider Foundation's newest PSA. "Blue Sway" is also featured

on the bonus DVD included in the special edition of McCartney II, in stores now. McCoy's 25th film, "A Deeper Shade of Blue," will be in theaters late summer, and followed up with a DVD/iTunes release.

Calendar

September

Come watch some of the celebrity supporters (ahem, and Martyn Lenoble) Point in Malibu to raise the organization at the **6th Celebrity Expression** brought to you by Cal and Barefoot Wine

Here are a few of the awesome upcoming events in the Surfrider world. See you there...

To submit your chapter's event for consideration, please email alexis@surfrider.org

October 1-3

RISE ABOVE this October to celebrate the inaugural **RAPTO-BERFEST**. Surfrider Foundation month to raising awareness about plastics, and how we can all be entering our marine environment off the month with Clif Bar's and follow up with a month's events, outreach, merchandis

August 5 - October 8

Catch the Surfrider Foundation this fall on the **2011 Honda Civic Tour** with Blink-182 and My Chemical Romance. The Surfrider Foundation is partnering with [Reverb](#) to engage fans and raise awareness regarding environmental issues such as single-use plastics and water quality. Check out [Blink-182's website](#) for dates and ticket information.



See you in the pit!

August 27

Join the South Sound Chapter at **Tacoma's Maritime Festival** on the Thea Foss Waterway to paddle one of the many races, including a 10k and some 200m "Knock Off" sprints at the **2nd Annual Great Place Paddle Race**. Also, don't forget to stop by the table to learn more about the Get PSEED Campaign and the region's Blue Water Task Force.

www.surfrider.org/southsound



August 13

It's not too late for the **5th Annual Beach Clean** a handful of surfers and Brett Dennen and you 'Barefoot

www.beachclean.org

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e Surfrider Foundation's celeb-
Jesse Spencer from "House"
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September 18



Paddle to raise awareness about clean water issues in San Diego County with the San Diego Chapter at the **20th Anniversary Paddle For Clean Water.**

This noncompetitive event at the Ocean Beach Pier is open to all, and a great way to get in a fun workout and raise awareness for a great cause. www.surfridersd.org

Raptoberfest

ation is dedicating the entire
about the harms of single use
do our part to keep them from
ents. On October 1, we'll kick
s "[Day Of Action](#)" Challenge,
worth of contests, clean-ups,
se, and a membership special.

September 15



Support the Surfrider Foundation's New York City Chapter and the City's surf community at a fundraiser and silent auction. The Bowery Hotel on the Lower East Side will play host to this event, which is taking place on the last day of the Quiksilver Pro New York.

<http://nyc.surfrider.org/fundraiser/>

3 & September 10

ate to get Barefoot and clean a beach. The **Barefoot Wine Beach Rescue Project** has stops left on the tour. Join singer/songwriter at select locations, and make a beach near t Friendly.'

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INTERNATIONAL SURFING DAY 20 JUNE

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Artwork: Tom Veiga

On June 20th, we surfed, paddled, cleaned beaches, re-stored dunes and trails, raised awareness and united efforts worldwide to celebrate the 7th Annual International Surfing Day. Thanks to our Chapters, Affiliates, Organizing Committees and various other organizations, more than 20,000 participants attended one of the 260+ events worldwide, including 90 events in the U.S., and

others in Taiwan, Sweden and Portugal to name a few; this is our biggest ISD yet!

Founded by SURFING Magazine and the Surfrider Foundation, and presented by Barefoot Wine, International Surfing Day brought surfers and ocean lovers from more than 30 countries to-



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er to
celebrate
surfing, and to
give some much need-
ed TLC back to our oceans,
waves and beaches. Through
combined efforts, participants removed
more than 6,240 bags of trash from our
coastlines! On top of that, 1,900 people joined or
renewed their Surfrider membership.

The Surfrider Foundation would like to
extend a heartfelt thank you to all of this year's
participants, presenting sponsor [Barefoot Wine](#),
[SURFING Magazine](#), Hunter Public Relations,
BBDO and artist [Tom Veiga](#) for their generous

support. We also want to give a special shout out
to this year's product sponsors for helping share
the joy of ISD: Billabong, Chipotle, Earthpack,
Spy Optic, Sector 9, Reef, Volcom, Nike, Elec-
tric, Quiksilver, Matix, DVS, Vans, Rusty, Dragon,
Ocean Minded, Ecological Sunblock, Skull Can-
dy, Rip Curl, O'Neill and Globe.

For a full list of this year's participants, and
to see more pictures and videos, visit the Interna-
tional Surfing Day [website](#).

If there is not a Chapter in your region,
and you are interested in hosting an International
Surfing Day event next year, please email [Laura
Mazzarella](#) .

Participants:



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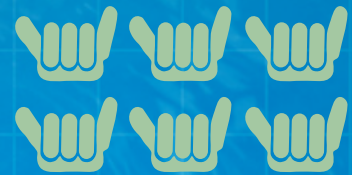
Despite the large and growing number of surfers using the coasts around the U.S. and the globe, surprisingly little is known about surfers. This important group of coastal users visit the beach year round, fully immerse themselves in the ocean each visit, and also support the economic well being of local beach communities by spending money on surf-related trips. Sadly, surfers often suffer from a hackneyed stereotype of a lazy, unemployed and uneducated group, which can reduce their credibility when advocating for coastal protection. We teamed up with Matt Walker to found Surf-First and conduct a survey of surfers around the U.S. to better understand who they are, what their recreational patterns are, and to get a sense of their economic input to local communities they visit to surf. The following results are based on the responses from over 5,000 surfers from throughout the US. This is the largest survey of surfers that we are aware of. You can learn more about this effort and read the full report [here](#).

Note: This surfer survey was designed and conducted as an opt-in Internet-based survey. This is a non-probabilistic method of data collection and is not random so the results cannot be extrapolated to the larger surfing population.

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100 MILLION
 Surfers in the U.S.
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8
 Years
 Surfing Experience
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 Distance
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10% FEMALE



90% MALE



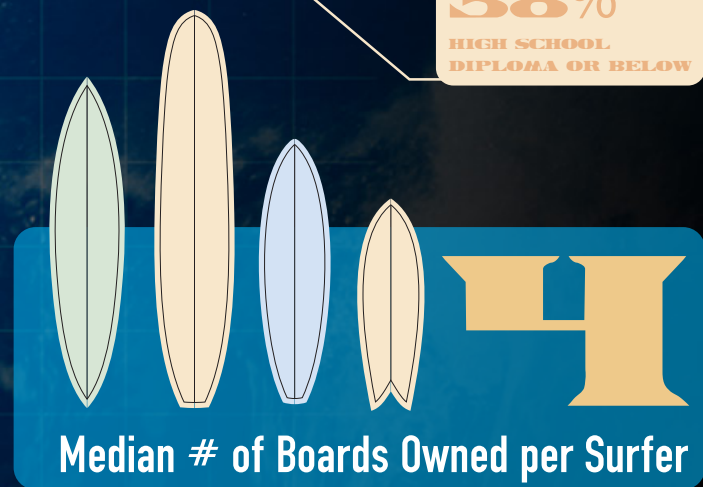
62% COLLEGE DEGREE OR ABOVE

38% HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR BELOW

34 YEARS
Median Age of a Surfer in the U.S.

THOUSAND \$75
Median Annual Income

\$40
Median Expenditure per Surf



2.5 HOURS
Median Time Spent in a Single Surf Session

BILLION 1.9 - 3.1
Expenditures Associated with Local Surf Trips per Year



greg long



Greg Long has surfed some of the biggest waves and breaks most of us would never consider paddling. Greg is often referred to as "the best young surfer on the planet," and has won some of the most prestigious contests around the world, including the Red Bull Triple Crown in 2003, Mavericks in 2008, and the "Eddie" in 2010. No matter where his travels take him, Greg is environmentally conscious, and does his part to protect the big waves and beaches.

photos by Jason Murray: www.photomurray.com



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damien fahrenfort



photo: Jimmy Wilson



photo: Shon Lassiter

Damien Fahrenfort claims it was the worst idea ever; taking off with his board backwards on a one-foot wave in Mexico. The result? Fin slices across his backside and a broken board. Fortunately, that was a one-time deal. As a free surfer, this Newport Beach resident by route of South Africa regularly travels the globe looking for the perfect waves to showcase his moves, which land him coverage. Recently, "Dooma" took on the challenge of teaching "Good Day L.A." reporter Phil Shuman how to ride the waves on International Surfing Day.



When it comes to female big wave chargers, Maya Gabeira has carved out a spot as the best female surfer on the planet. She has surfed legendary and dangerous breaks including Waimea Bay, Teahupoo, Dungeons in South Africa and Mavericks. It was the shark-riddled waters of Dungeons in 2009 where Maya conquered a 45-foot wave, setting the record for the biggest wave ever surfed by a woman.



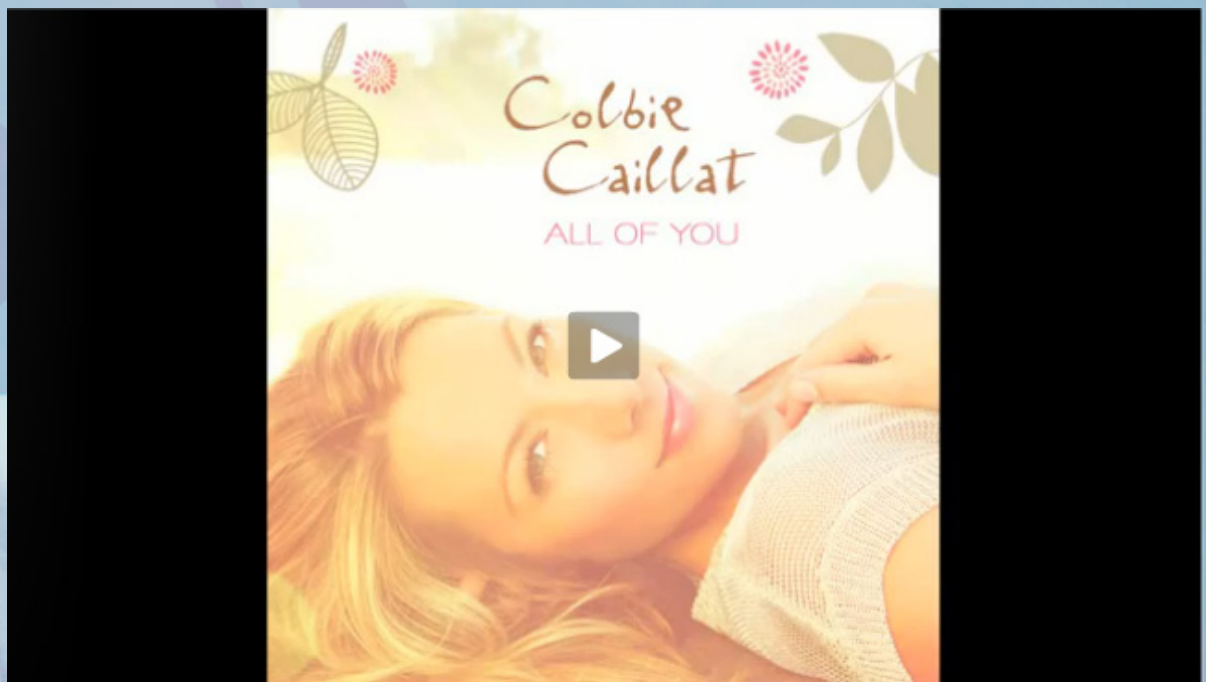
maya gabeira



photo: Brian Biemann/Red Bull Content Pool

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Check out Colbie on Tour!

SHIFTING TIDES

THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON SEA LEVELS: The Basics

Part one of a three-part series: The effects of climate change on sea level rise and its impact on our coastlines

There is southwest ground swell in the water with 6 to 8 foot waves, a period of 18 seconds, and 10-wave sets hitting the coast every 20 minutes. It's sunny and the water is glassy. Frog is standing on the bluff overlooking his favorite local surf spot. He turns and says to his friend, "It should be good in a couple of hours." What? Why isn't he dashing out to surf what seems like ideal conditions?

Because the tide isn't right. This spot, like so many of our favorite waves, is very tide sensitive. Too high and the waves don't break on the outer reef. Too low and the inside reef is exposed and dangerous. A few feet of water makes a big difference.

Now imagine if we added four feet of water on top of the normal tides. Permanently. That's what future sea level rise predictions suggest could happen.

Coastlines throughout the world are very sensitive to changes in sea level. Sea level changes where waves break, how coasts erode or accrete, the tidal flow in estuaries, and the location and extent of wetlands and coral reefs. And small changes, on the order of inches, can have profound impacts on the coasts

we love and work so hard to protect.

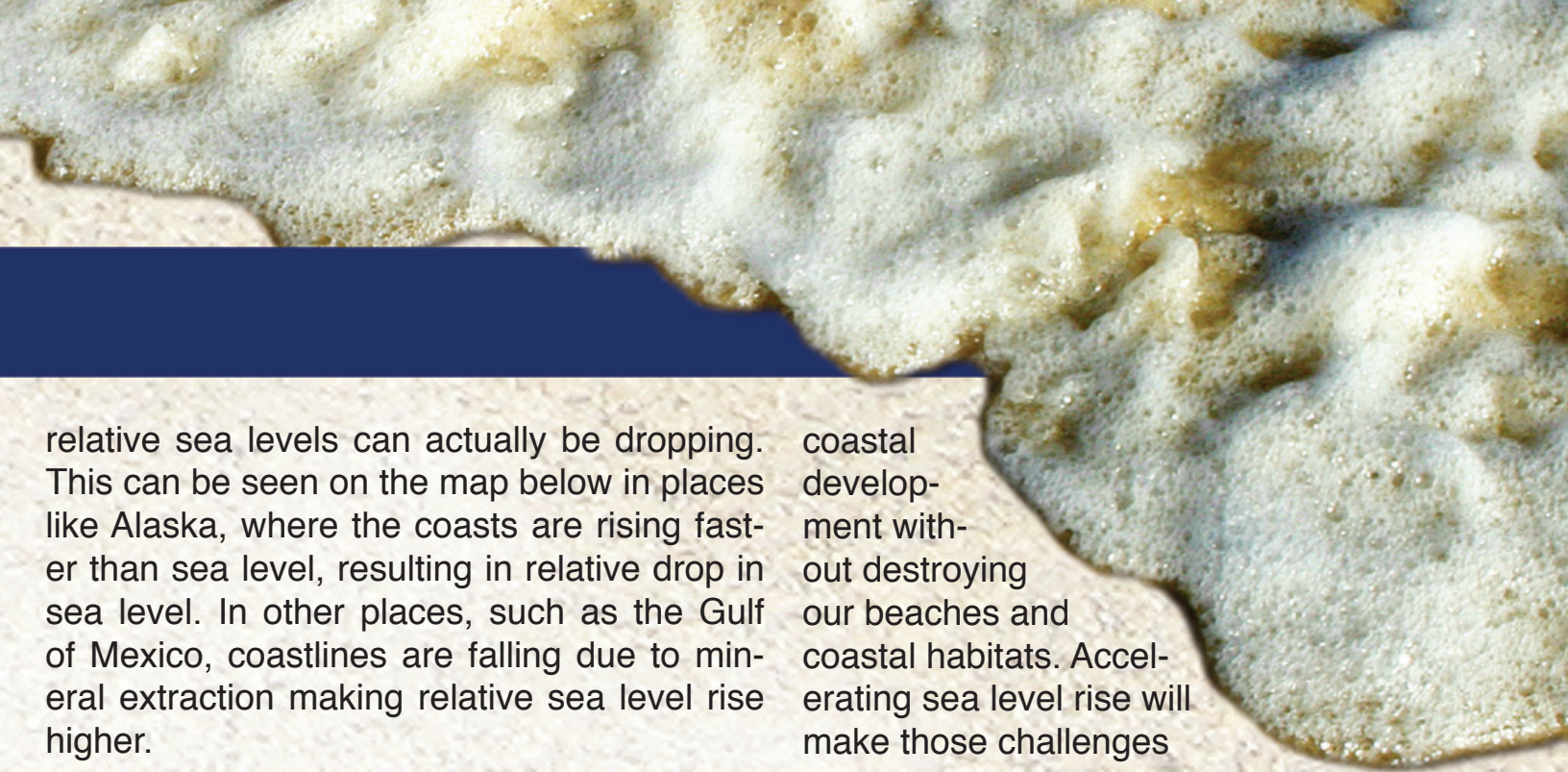
Sea levels are rising....

Sea level is changing constantly. All coastlines are affected by tides that are changing every hour and measuring, understanding and predicting those tides is critical for things ranging from surfing and fishing to navigation at the world's largest ports. As a result we have tide gauges throughout the nation (and globe) that are measuring the tides in real time.

From these measurements, we know that sea level is rising along almost every coast of the United States and has been for over one hundred years. This is an undebatable fact based on simple observation.

Sea level has been changing in our oceans since oceans formed and is controlled by global climate and the geology of the coastline. Sea level changes are partly related to the total volume of water in the ocean. As that volume gets larger sea level of the ocean rises. The volume of water in the oceans is dependent on the amount of global water trapped as ice in glaciers and continental scale ice sheets such as Antarctica and Greenland. As that ice melts the volume increases. The volume of the ocean is also increasing as the ocean warms due to thermal expansion.

Coastal geology also plays a role. If coastlines are rising due to plate tectonics,



relative sea levels can actually be dropping. This can be seen on the map below in places like Alaska, where the coasts are rising faster than sea level, resulting in relative drop in sea level. In other places, such as the Gulf of Mexico, coastlines are falling due to mineral extraction making relative sea level rise higher.

As global climate change warms the earth sea level rise will accelerate due to increased melting of glaciers and large ice sheets and thermal expansion. Just how much sea level will rise in the near future is challenging to predict with precise accuracy. One highly credible prediction is that sea level will rise between 1.5 and 4.5 feet by 2100. Others believe this prediction is too conservative and sea level increases will be higher.

In the United States, almost 90% of the coast is already vulnerable to coastal erosion, which is creating challenges to protect

coastal development without destroying our beaches and coastal habitats. Accelerating sea level rise will make those challenges even greater.

What is clear is that we can't afford to wait for things to get worse before we begin long term planning for our beaches and coastlines. So next time you are checking the tide before a surf, a walk on the beach or a visit to the tide pools, think about the highest of the high tides you see and what it would be like if the tide was another 4 feet higher. That is part of the challenge we will face over the next 100 years of coastal protection.

To read the article in its entirety, visit our [Coastal Blog](#).

Sea level rise is predicted to cause physical changes to our coasts, communities that are built in the area, and sensitive coastal ecosystems. NOAA's Coastal Vulnerability map shows us 100-year projections, regions that are at high risk to sea level rise, and how this rise can affect bays and other water inlets.

*Click image to view



Sea level rise varies from coast to coast. To help you see what sea level rise looks like near your beach, check out NOAA's "Tides and Currents" map.



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CHAPTER NEWS

By: Ed Mazzarella

East Coast

The **Massachusetts Chapter**, the **Cape Cod Organizing Committee** and Barefoot Wine recently hosted a beach cleanup at Nauset Beach on the Cape as part of the Barefoot Wine Beach Rescue Project. More than 200 plastic disks used to help grow bacteria in a sewage treatment facility in New Hampshire were found hundreds of miles away after being inadvertently released from the plant two months earlier. After collecting the disks and other trash found along the beach, volunteers over the age of 21 got to enjoy some wine and bubbly at Land Ho. A big thank you goes out to the folks at Land Ho for hosting the after party, and to Barefoot for a great event.

The **New York City Chapter** received a \$1,000 grant from Aveda to support their continued efforts in the City to reduce cigarette

butt litter. The City has banned smoking in parks, at beaches, and along boardwalks, and the Chapter is helping to ensure that butt receptacles are present where smoking is allowed. Chapter activist **Jolie McGehee Witherow** is making this happen with the folks at Keep America Beautiful.

The Jersey Shore Chapter continued their campaign against a beachfront development in Asbury Park with a Memorial Day Weekend rally that attracted 250 beach lovers. Led by Chapter Chair **Joe Wornner**, participants outlined the footprint of the proposed development showing how close it would be to the water, and how it encroaches on Green Acres Land. Learn more at www.saveasburypark.com.

The Jersey Shore Chapter is also making headway against a rule proposed by the NJ DEP that would be detrimental to beach and waterway access. To show their opposition,



Karen Plourde holds some of the plastic sewer treatment plant found on Nauset Beach.

Credit: Johna Klebenov

the Chapter collected and hand delivered over 1,000 postcards to the Governor asking him not to change the current rule. The changes would give towns more authority over beach access decisions and a few towns

have historically limited access. The groups fighting this proposal think the Legislature should act and set clear standards for access that every town follows, especially if they get beach replenishment money.

Rise Above Plastics

RAP campaigns and education efforts are coming along great amongst Surfrider Foundation Chapters across the country. At a Federal level, Senators Inouye, Rockefeller, Begich, Snowe and Murkowski introduced the Trash Free Seas Bill to the Senate late in May. To learn more about this piece of federal legislation, visit the Foundation's [Coastal Blog](#).

Both the Surfrider Foundation's **Long Beach** and **Washington DC Chapters** notched

victories in their Rise Above Plastic Campaigns. In DC, the Montgomery County Council passed a five-cent bag fee on plastic and paper bags from all retailers. The fee goes into effect in January 2012. The estimated first-year revenue is projected to raise at least \$1 million, which will support watershed protection efforts. Check out the story on the victory that ran in the [Washington Post](#).

On May 24, the Long Beach Chapter's efforts

with local residents, council members and other groups paid off when the Long Beach City Council voted 5-3 to ban plastic carryout bags. In addition, the City Council voted to place a ten-cent fee on paper bags that will go to retailers to help offset the cost of paper bags, and educational efforts on reusable bags. The carryout bag ordinance took affect on August 1, 2011, and applies to supermarkets, large pharmacies, farmers markets, and retailers within city limits.

On Thursday,

July 14th the California Supreme Court ruled in favor of the City of Manhattan Beach's bag ban ordinance, which was challenged by the plastic industry. This landmark ruling will pave the way for other California cities to enact bag bans and fearlessly follow the growing trend.



South Coast

Approximately 30 volunteers from the **Cocoa Beach Chapter** teamed up with Keep Brevard Beautiful during The Great American Cleanup Trash Bash 2011 to help plant mangrove propagules in designated locations within the Banana River Lagoon. Chapter volunteers and local elementary schools germinated the mangrove propagules, and the Chapter continues to

work with the Brevard Zoo, FDEP, Marine Resource Council, Ocean Conservancy and others on a campaign to replant the mangroves in denuded areas of the Banana River Lagoon. In addition to planting mangroves, volunteers kayaked throughout tributaries collecting and removing trash.

The **South Texas Chapter** spent two years trying to reason with South Padre Island city officials on how bad of an idea it was

to sign on with a contractor who was kicked out of Stump Pass State Park in Florida for a failed shore stabilization project. Unfortunately, it came down to

two years of bad management and broken promises by the contractor, Coastal Solutions, and the City finally said goodbye. Check out the full story [here](#).



West Coast

Ocean Friendly Garden activities kicked off summer, and filled up the month of June for the **Northwest Straits Chapter**. Chapter volunteers hosted two separate workshops, one on rainwater retention, and the other on rain gardens. The Chapter followed these events up by partnering with local Bellingham businesses for a Sustainable Gardens Tour. Ocean Friendly Gardens tie in nicely with the Chapter's summer water quality monitoring outreach program at Larabee State Park. The Chapter has also been working with the City and Department of Ecology to figure out where the high bacteria levels are coming from, and to raise awareness to beach goers that their daily activities contribute to the quality of the water. To learn more, visit the Surfrider Foundation's [Ocean Friendly Gardens](#) and [Blue Water Task Force](#) pages.

This summer, many of our Washington volunteers headed north to support the **Vancouver Island Chapter's**

summer activations. First, the Chapter held an event to celebrate the [Combing the Coast](#) beach cleanup on Vancouver Island's remote neighbor, Vargas Island. The Chapter partnered with BC Parks and the Coast Guard to remove debris from the beach and to track the debris to show that even remote beaches are impacted by our trash.

Vancouver Island was also busy the weekend of June 11 with the 5th Annual Rip Curl Stew in Tofino. The competition attracts surfers throughout the Pacific Northwest and beyond. After surfing, many participants and spectators enjoyed the "stew" being served on the beach. All the profits from the stew benefitted the Surfrider Foundation's local chapters. For contest results and photos, visit www.ripcurlstew.com.

As June came and went, so did a legislative session, which saw the passing of the Oil Spill Bill (HB 1186). The bill passed the Senate floor with a 47-2 vote, showing huge bipartisan support. The Governor then signed the bill into



Vancouver Chapter celebrates a job well done and a clean beach. Credit: Kelsey Singbeil

law on the anniversary of the BP Gulf disaster. Many chapters and individual volunteers throughout Washington heavily supported this bill with petitions, letter writing and phone campaigns, and speaking at various meetings. This bill enhances Washington's preparedness for an oil spill and the State's response capabilities. Visit the [website](#) for more details about this legislation.

While the passage of HB 1186 was a huge success, Washington Chapters also witnessed the legislature fail to pass the

2011 Clean Water Act Bill. This bill, which has now failed to pass three years in a row, would have provided jobs to residents while addressing stormwater issues. This was not a surprise to either the **South Sound** or **Capitol Chapters**. Both Chapters started their Puget Sound Stormwater Education and Defense (Get PSSD) campaigns this year, and are planning on a two-year battle to address stormwater issues.

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Malibu Wetland Restoration & Surf Protection

Since the late 1990s, a plan has been underway to restore the wetlands in the Malibu Lagoon. The **West LA/Malibu Chapter** has been involved and supportive of this project since the beginning. Given the recent controversy surrounding the project and concerns about impacts to surfing at Surfrider Beach, the Foun-

ation hired [ESA/PWA](#), a San Francisco-based environmental consulting agency, to conduct an objective, science-based review of the project. The review found that impacts to the surf from the project were very unlikely. On May 20th, a San Francisco Superior Court judge issued a stay on the project, which could delay

the project for a year or more. We are now focused on finding a solution to the inlet migration issues that reduce wave quality and create erosion problems at the nearby Adamson house.

View the full report by clicking on the images.



4th Annual Stoke Fest A Success



This year marked the 4th Annual “Stoke Fest” which was organized by the **San Luis Obispo Chapter** of Surfrider Foundation. Every year the chapter asks the members of its local beach community to join together to raise the money to provide elementary school children with an impactful educa-

tion about sea life and provide funds to continue testing the coastal waters. This year the event was held at La Perla Del Mar in Shell Beach, and even though it rained, the community flocked to the small venue and packed it full.

Artists, musicians, surfboard shapers, and many other locals donated their time and

energy to provide entertainment and enrichment from the bottom of their hearts. Everyone involved gave with energy and passion. The result? Surfrider Foundation and the community raised enough funds to take three classes of elementary children on a field trip to the Sea Life Center in Avila Beach, as well as provide funds for a year’s worth of water testing in our local waters.

Event organizer, **Jennifer Blonder** says, “I was lucky enough to be a teacher that went on that field trip with those kids. I can tell you that there is no better feeling in this world

than to see a child’s face light up when they get to touch a live sea animal and learn about the role it plays in our ocean. There’s nothing like the joy of seeing those children take pride and ownership in the fact that those creatures live right in their back yard. This community should pat itself on the back for turning on all those little light bulbs and beginning the awareness that is needed to keep our beaches alive and well.”

Special thanks to all who helped make the event such a success.





SURE BREAK

photo: Ian Swanson

Teach & Test Wraps Up Another Great Year

On May 15th at SEA Lab in Redondo Beach, 29 students from 5 South Bay high schools participating in the Surfrider Foundation's [Teach and Test Program](#) presented their results reflecting seven months of water quality testing at 15 South Bay beaches as well as the Ballona Creek Wetlands.

Entering its seventh year, the Teach and Test Program's primary goal is to foster future environmental stewardship among students, create community awareness about local water quality, and provide realistic solutions to improve conditions. Surfrider Foundation **South Bay Chapter** volunteers mentor the students and provide guidance as they collect water samples. Back in the labs, local high school teachers guide the students through the analysis process. Since the inception of the Teach and Test program, six students have been accepted to science programs at their chosen universities and two current students won LA Science Fair awards.

South Bay Chapter activists, **Alan Walti** and **Ann Zellers**, worked on securing grant funding from the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation and formed a partnership with Algalita Marine Research to include a Waste Characterization Study (WCS) at Redondo Union High School and Mira Costa High School as part of the Teach and Test program. Started in 2009, the WCS helps students identify trash sources. Results to date indi-



High school students in the South Bay gather to present their results from the year's Teach & Test program.

Credit: Nancy Hastings

cate that a majority of the trash is plastic and food related and that the first and second rain events of the season deposited the most trash. The El Segundo and RUHS science teachers have incorporated this program into their students' required curriculum for the year. The Teach and Test Program is co-

chaired by South Bay Chapter activists **Tiffany Murphy** and **Dan Ryan**. "We had four awesome presentations from the participating students and schools. The El Segundo students even did a video with outtakes. Needless to say, they blew us away," said Murphy.

The Teach and Test Program is co-

West Coast

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With all the policy work going on sometimes it is good to let your hair down and have a good time. Enter the longest day of the year and International Surfing Day. For many chapters, including **Olympic Peninsula**, **Northwest Straits**, **South Sound**, and **Capitol** this meant letting out some hoots and hollers while watching their favorite surf movies together on Mon-

day, June 20 and sharing stories of their own adventures. For others, it meant braving the two - to five - hour trek and surfing without a hoodie...it was the first day summer after all, right?! The summer was also

a celebration of youth, Such as the 10th Annual Debuts and Discoveries at the Seattle Aquarium who's proceeds benefitted the Washington Chapters' Respect the Beach programs. These programs include

the annual surf camps and hands on learning in classrooms, groups and events. The chapters hold between three and five camps each year and over a dozen in-class and tabling opportunities for youth with the sole purpose of connecting today's youth-tomorrow's leaders - to the marine environment, to teach them to love and protect where they play. To date, the six Washington Chapters have joined forces and connected with over 300 kids; whether it was in the water pushing them into waves, talking in the classrooms, or tabling at kid-friendly events. Thank you to every volunteer who has shared their time and their love of the water.

In their ongoing interest to engage youth in their initiatives, the **Newport Chapter** put a lot of work into this year's [Otter Rock N Roll](#) International Surfing Day event. The event is a youth surf contest and beach cleanup challenge that brings out hundreds of local groms and their families for a fun day of competition and beach stewardship. Additionally, the Newport Chapter's

High School Club just finished up their school year with the launch of their new program [Polishing Agate Beach](#). The kids had a BBQ and cleanup, removing hundreds of pounds of trash from Agate Beach Wayside, and engaging nearly 50 of their peers from the high school. Big props to high school student and club president **Kelsea DeFilippis** for her leadership in organizing this program.

The **Siuslaw Chapter** recently wrapped up their bi-annual Siuslaw Watershed Cleanup under the great organizing of chapter Volunteer Coordinator **Melisa Buckwald**. In just a few hours, volunteers removed over 1,600 pounds of trash from the river and lower watershed, highlighting the land/sea connection and displaying that what goes in upstream, affects our beaches and oceans downstream. Check out more on the event [here](#). In other Siuslaw Chapter news, the annual planning process for the Chapter's massive Foam Fest fundraiser is underway with lots of new twists for this year. For more details, or to

volunteer, please contact [Melisa Buckwald](#).

The **Curry County Organizing Committee** hosted a summer full of youth beach stewardship and surf camps. This year the program expanded through a 4H partnership, and the camps took place in three different cities along the southern coast: Brookings, Gold Beach and Port Orford. Summer's not over just yet! Visit the [Oregon Surfrider Calendar](#) to learn more about the different educational and instructional programs taking place and how to sign up your kids.

This year the **Isla Vista (UCSB) Chapter** started three campus internships to advance Ocean Friendly Gardens, Rise Above Plastics and Blue Water Task Force programs. All of the new interns are incredibly dedicated and excited to enhance the efforts of the chapter outreach. In other IV news, the Chapter held the 12th Annual Concert for the Coast; an event aimed to raise awareness about issues which the Isla Vista Chapter are attempting to tackle. This year's concert drew the largest

crowd to-date, and was extremely successful.

Ventura City Councilman Brian Brennan and **Ventura Chapter's** Paul Jenkin accepted the "Friend of the Coast" award on behalf of the [Surfer's Point Working Group](#). The California Coastal Coalition gives the award at their annual [Headwaters to the Ocean Conference](#). The conference included a panel on Managed Shoreline Retreat, and Paul also presented [Toward Ecosystem-Based Management](#), describing the efforts to protect and restore the Ventura River watershed.

The **South Bay Chapter** has been busy rebuilding and re-energizing the past few months. Thanks to member **Jason Shanks** of Flavr Design, the Chapter unveiled a new website that is a one-stop shop for the Chapter and South Bay activities, local surf reports, news, ongoing Surfrider Foundation programs, and campaign updates. Check it out! at www.surfrider-southbay.org.

In May, the **Long Beach Chapter** celebrated the [2nd Annual Breakwater Awareness](#)

[Month](#), and mixed business with pleasure in an effort to educate and activate the community. The campaign to reconfigure the breakwater continues to gain momentum, which was clearly the case at the May 21 Paddle Out In Memory of the Waves. Over 75 supporters arrived at the wave-less beach to paddle out into the calm ocean and form a circle to honor the coast with a prayer and a moment of silence. Shelter, the only surf shop in Long Beach, hosted an event featuring films from Sink The Breakwater campaign advocates. Councilmember O'Donnell hosted the final event of the month, a [Breakwater Study Community Meeting](#), where residents had the opportunity to ask questions and make comments about the latest developments to local officials and representatives from the Army Corps of Engineers.

South Orange County Chapter took part in the four-day, nationally renowned [Lightning in a Bottle Music and Green Festival](#) at Irvine Lake/Oak Canyon, CA. Several



SOC Chapter members show their support for SB 568 at the Lightning In A Bottle Music & Green Festival. Credit: Nancy Hastings



Jason Samarin donated this masterpiece to the San Diego Chapter's 2011 Art Gala. Credit: Nancy Hastings



Celebrity supporter Ross Thomas with Long Beach Chapter representatives. Credit: Nancy Hastings

volunteers both Chapters tabled and camped during the event, gathering signatures from all over California districts to support [Senate Bill 568](#). Co-sponsored by Surfrider, the bill was introduced to clean up our beaches and support sustainable foodware products by prohibiting the distribution and use of foam containers by vendors. The Chapter collected more than 500 signatures and sent them to Sacramento.

The San Diego Chapter has kept busy these past few months. Their Beach Preservation Committee drafted a 600-page comment letter, and convinced the SANDAG Shoreline Committee and staff to revise their EIR and reduce the amount of sand to be placed at Solana Beach by half. Stay updated on the Chapter's beach preservation initiatives by visiting their [blog](#).

In other San Diego news, the chapter hosted their 11th Annual Art Gala in May. The annual event was a huge success, raising over \$17,000 for Chapter campaigns and programs.

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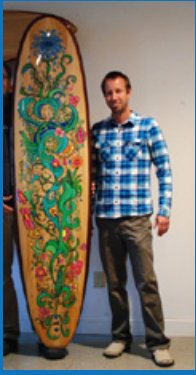
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Nathan suggested that the client make a donation to the Surfrider Foundation. The client was so moved by Nathan's commitment to the ocean and the work of Surfrider that she made a \$10,000 anonymous donation on behalf of Nathan Paul Gibbs Art!!

Nathan is a long-time supporter of Surfrider. He has donated more than twenty paintings to our chapters for various fundraising events and also helped drive membership and raise additional funds through

events he has hosted. Gibbs is the author of "The Betrayal of Man," a book that is dedicated to the Surfrider Foundation and focused on the protection, preservation, understanding and respect of our greatest life-source --- water. Artistically, much of his work reveals the relationships between energy, water, life and emotion.

At Nathan's request these funds will be dedicated to our Youth Program that aims to increase Surfrider's presence at the junior high and high school levels, and to our [Know Your H2O Program](#) and its efforts to educate the public on their impact on the water cycle.

For more info visit www.nathangibbsart.com or www.thebetrayalofman.com



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