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SURFING MAGAZINE



KICK ASS KID KAI LENNY

RETURN OF THE MAC SAS TURNS 20 ESCAPE FROM NEWQUAY ZOO

HOW TO SURVIVE HOLD DOWNS

WHAT'S THE STORY?
MORNING GLORY

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Surf photography, does not actually require a stellar surfing ability. Nor does it require formal training, although being able to write coherent, correctly spelled, grammatically perfect English is handy. A degree in journalism/media is normally seen as the one thing that will prevent you getting an actual job in the media.

SKILL SET REQUIRED:

Photog monkeys buy all the pro gear, have no idea, but still look the part. To be a surf writer you can't fool the masses with your fancy pen or latest laptop. You need life experience - thousands of miles of surf travel under your belt, at least one bout of a serious tropical illness, been on one near sinking boat, had a few near death experiences, not to mention having the top pro surfers on your speed dial, that and being able to convey



those experiences to readers in an engaging, witty and informative way. Knowing what an oxford comma is also helps.

CASH: Rates vary between magazines but a 1000 word article will get you anything from £60 to £250 depending on the magazine; the bigger the mag the higher the rate. So if you are knocking out a 3000-word travel opus that's £750 from a big mag.

GOOD BITS: Being able to surf on the job, it's your research so you gotta do it. Only having to carry a laptop with you unlike the photog's who need two tonnes of gear and a Sherpa to help them move. Getting to high five the pros and drink beer with them in the name of getting a story. You can work when there's no surf as well and lets be honest, sitting in Starbucks scoping hotties while you type is a good office, you can do it anywhere.

BAD BITS: Writers block. Pissy photogs. RSI from typing - although voice recognition typing software is getting very good. Caffeine overload. Constant ribbing because no one believes you write about surfing for a living. Callouses.

AMBITIONS: A good story syndicated to the big international mags can make you a pile of cash. But most surf writers end up being a surf mag editor at some point. Which is a whole different ball game coming up next issue...



JACOB COCKLE

Readers; Stay Cool This Summer

It's been a scorcher so far and there are no complaints at all from this camp. But August is coming and that usually means a flat spell will be imminent. How do you keep cool when there are no waves? Here's a couple of ideas.

- **Spear fishing** not only matches up man v fish in a battle to the death, it also supply's a good source of food for your beach bar b q. Spear guns are only about £50, grab some fins and a mask and harpoon yourself a lobster or a juicy Silver Bass.
- **Jumping off rocks** is a right laugh but there is a right way and a wrong way to do it. Maybe not quite Acapulco stylee like Kelv Batt here in south Cornwall, do it the right way. Check out www.coastlinecoasteering.com
- **Get festive.** With the Relentless Boardmasters (www.relentlessboardmasters.com), the V-Fest, Reading and Leeds, the Big Chill and a stack of others; getting lost at one for a few days will chill out even the worst case of flat spell blues.
- **Sea Kayak.** Yep they look gay as, but if you want to check out any suspect mysto offshore reefs and you attach a couple of fishing lines to the back you can easily multitask your way in to a Mackerel supper with out even trying.
- **The Beer Garden.** Like an English man's garden of Eden, this heavenly sanctuary needs no introduction. Add a cool bottle of Gaymer's and a pint glass full of ice and all of a sudden the flat spell and heat seem so very welcome.

CARVE'S CASUALTY WARD

MUMMY'S LITTLE SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN IN THE WARS... COS THIS SURFING LARKS A DANGEROUS GAME.



PATIENT 1- JAYCE ROBINSON

St Ives phenom JR has gashed himself right up, at south Fistral of all places, we caught up with him in his hospital bed. How did you do it? "I tried an air, fell off and under the water felt a fast swipe from my fin on my foot, net result- six stitches," he grimaced. Are you gonna have to hop for weeks we jested, "Just the two weeks. Two years ago it was the opposite ankle I broke. I have to find my bearings hopping around on the other leg now!" What lesson have you learned? "No lesson at all, couldn't have been avoided, unless I used those shit rubber rimmed fins," and with that he lapsed back into a morphine induced stupor. Get better soon JR!



PATIENT 2- KOBI GRAHAM

Lifeguard and star of Aussie reality TV show Kobi had a lucky escape at Ours in south Sydney recently. He was towed into a bomb at the notoriously shallow and dangerous wave -that breaks metres from a rock shelf- when he got clipped by the backwash, caught a rail and got sucked over the falls. He then proceeded to nut the reef and crack the C6 and C7 vertebrae in his neck. Luckily he stayed conscious and managed to swim out of the impact zone knowing something was seriously wrong. His tow partner John Dwyer and photog (and fireman) Billy Morris then stabilised him on the ski and motored very slowly back to harbour. He's expected to make a full recovery. Lucky boy. He did miss the wrap party for the season because of it the same night. Apparently the crew sank a few to celebrate his positive diagnosis.



PATIENT 3- COCO DAVIES

Ex-pat Brit pro Gabe Davies' pet hound Coco has torn a knee ligament. Not sure if it's the ACL. It means she'll be out the water for a few weeks. No more rodeo flips for a while for that pooch. She'll be reduced to sitting on the beach watching Gabe get shacked at Graviere for a change.