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7'6" 'gun' close to making splash



A done deck awaits its rails.

While we normally concentrate our surfboard-building efforts in the realm of nine-foot and longer models, we recently had a special request for a reduced-length shape.

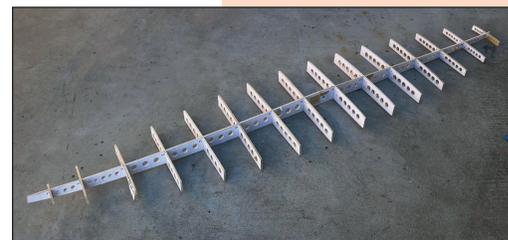
We saw no extensive harm in offering a smaller version of our popular wood-striped wave-riding vehicles. So, we designed a speedy little rocket with some thickness through the middle, all to suit the intended rider—even though he has no idea we are making it for him.

“The customer wants to give a Seawood surfboard to his son as a graduation gift,” said Seawood Longboards owner and head shaper Ted Salois. “The kicker turned out to be that the young man doesn’t surf yet. This is to be his first board.”

Since the Seawood template inventory is devoid of anything shorter than 108 inches, one would have to be created, beginning, of course, with an appropriate design.

“The idea was to make something he could learn on but grow with over time as his skills improved,” Salois said. “That meant dimensions that would be bulky enough to float well while also allowing excellent maneuverability.

“I also felt the board should look pretty amazing—to follow in our tradition—and be something even a rookie would recognize as being something very special. A 7-foot 6-inch projectile shape was the result.”



A spine-and-rib skeleton is one of the first major accomplishments within the process of building a gorgeous wood-striped Seawood surfboard.

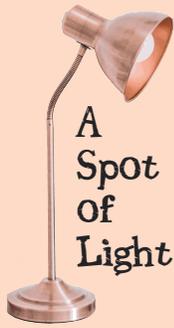


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Helping boys grow to be good men



A Spot of Light



Craig McClain (left) and Joe Sigurdson

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‘100 wave’ event beckons area’s big-hearted surfers

In what has become an annual event, San Diego wave riders purposely pack themselves into a confined stretch of Mission Beach and scratch to catch as many breakers as possible, with a goal to grab 100 each.

After securing “per wave” sponsorships from friends, family, coworkers and supportive strangers, the surfers take to the water to benefit the Boys To Men Mentoring Network.

“The organization, founded in 1996, is committed to addressing the devastating effects of fatherlessness on a young man’s life,” the event’s website, 100wave.org, says. “(Boys to

Men) strives to bring these disconnected boys back into the community and challenges them to be young men of integrity, honesty and service.”

The group reports last year’s 100 Wave Challenge event raised more than \$400,000. The organization was formed by Herb Sigurdson (1927-1997), Joe Sigurdson and Craig McClain in La Mesa, Calif.

To donate, or get information about becoming a mentor, contact Boys To Men at (619) 469-9599 or info@boystomen.org. The program is being replicated and managed autonomously in other countries, including Canada, Europe, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.



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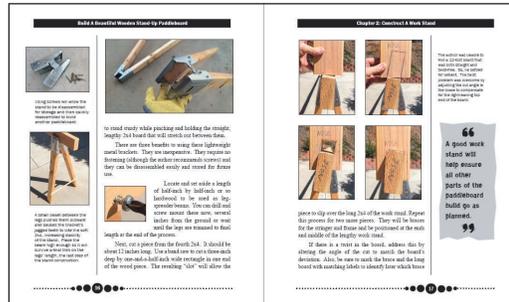
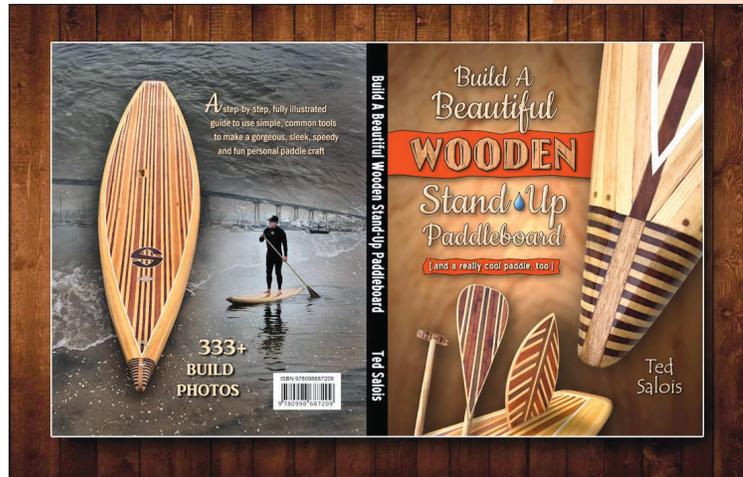
is a Twitter account dedicated to the surfing life and the incredibly awesome aesthetics that come with it. Some may call it “eye candy.” But, you know... “A rose by any other name...”

By the book: build your own wooden paddleboard

Are you a “do-it-yourselfer” who would like to combine a love for water sports with the incomparable artful elegance of colorful woods under fiberglass? Stand-up paddleboards allow even unskilled riders to get onto the water and cruise for tons of fun in the sun. And the popularity of wooden boards is exploding.

If you are considering creating your own floating masterpiece for some waterborne adventures, a new book from the owner of Seawood Longboards gives detailed build instructions along with plenty of tips and tricks to make the event an enjoyable success.

Build A Beautiful Wooden Stand-Up Paddleboard (and a really cool paddle, too) is a 216-page tome containing more than 330 detailed demonstration photos. 



The 216-page, fully illustrated book of building instructions includes a chapter on making “a really cool paddle, too.” The book is available for order from major online retailers, such as [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#). A link is available from the [Seawood Longboards](#) website.

DIY

A Little Woodworking Wisdom

Wood, glue dictate skateboard stamina

It is our tradition and style to make skateboards by combining colorful strips of wood. And, although it may seem obvious that wood and glue are extremely important in determining the completed project’s strength, there are things to know and options to consider.

A soft wood, such as pine or poplar, is excellent at absorbing glue, creating an exceptional bond to another similar wood. The problem is that soft wood is weaker. less able to support a human body’s weight.

Dense woods, like oak, are much better at holding up a hefty rider, but they are less porous. So the glue has difficulty penetrating the wood.



We exclusively use hard, dense woods in our skateboards and never have needed to test the glue-bond strength because we wrap each board with fiberglass cloth and epoxy resin.

If you want to build your own wooden skateboard and make it even stronger than the situations noted above, you can increase durability by cutting overlapping edges on the wooden strips. Do this with a router and an appropriate-size tongue-and-groove or cove-and-bead bit.

In fact, the resulting interlocking wood strips would be strong enough to allow you to skip the fiberglass coating and rub in several layers of oil for a beautiful, natural high-luster finish. 



Options are available to make the bond between wooden strips even stronger. A cove and bead or tongue and groove router bit will create overlapping edges that can be virtually unbreakable.

Dad to give grad a 7'6" woody 'gun' surfboard

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Construction is underway and completion is expected within a couple of weeks, according to Salois. Colorful wooden strips need to be cut, edged and glued in sequence on the board's belly, and epoxy resin and many yards of fiberglass cloth are en route to the shop.

Do-It-Yourself builders soon will be able to acquire a digital (pdf) version of the template

created for this project. It will be downloadable through the [Seawood Longboards](http://Seawood Longboards website) website, seawoodusa.com, for printing at almost any local copy shop; then a replica of this "gun" can be assembled by following instructions detailed in the book, [How To Build The World's Most Incredible Wooden Surfboard](#).

The 170-page, fully illustrated guide is available in print and digital (Kindle eBook) formats. **S**



The makings of thruster fins for the 'gun' surfboard.

Checks & Balances

An old school Seawood short board with kick tail gets covered in Vans for a smooth asphalt glide.



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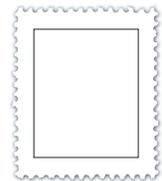
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