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## Boogie board build becomes book



The **Build Yourself A Bad-Ash Boogie Board** soft-cover book is available through Amazon.com.

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Whenever two or more woodworkers find themselves within shouting distance of each other, conversations erupt. Talk of project accomplishments and challenges spews forth like sawdust from a kicked-over collection bag.

So, it was no surprise recently when I heard one leather-face, callous-hand fellow with a tattered ball cap say he was in the gloss-finishing stage of a cuckoo clock he intended to be an heirloom for his grandchildren. He made no attempt to suppress his smile.

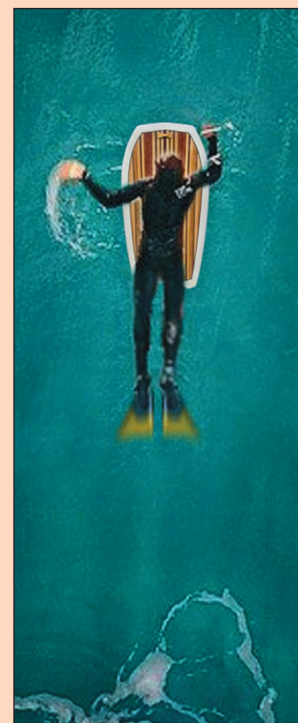


Another gent with pleated pants and button-down shirt collar shook his head slowly after describing an exotic plank that split when he drilled a pilot hole and countersink for a screw.

I was a bit shocked, however, when one elderly man told of his frustration. Did his project collapse in a late stage of the process? Were his mitered corners not squaring up? No. Turns out he was dismayed because he was unable to think of a suitable task to tackle.

Nothing seemed to meet his needs: not too much time required for completion; no need for a

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This boogie board design provides great float for easy takeoffs and maintenance of speed through and beyond bottom turns. Be prepared to take flight.



## DIY boogie board build satisfies many needs

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high-end shop; and, for similar reasons, no great expense for supplies.

I understood his predicament. We all have time pressures and, often, we want the gratification of project completion not too far beyond our beginning point.

Sometimes, simple, quick and inexpensive are just what we need. So, I gave those specifications some thought.

Having already written and published two instructional woodworking books based on more elaborate and time-consuming projects, I decided it was time for another one that aligned with these other desires.

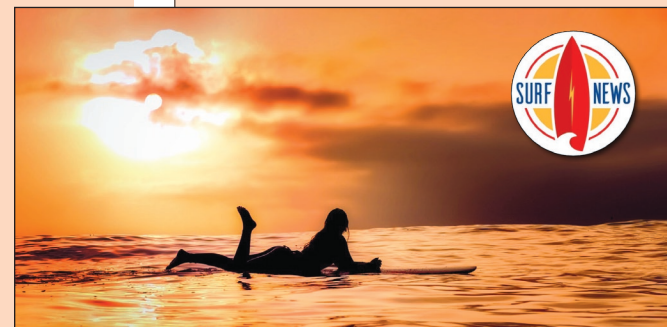
Hence, the *Build Yourself A Bad-Ash Boogie Board* book was born. The 144-page fully illustrated assembly guide has a companion template available from the **Seawood Longboards** website.

This build can be completed with simple, common tools and even limited work area. It also can be accomplished fairly quickly—in a weekend for basic construction and water-proofing.



The book includes nearly two hundred process photos and detailed instructions with tips, tricks and shortcuts for easy and fast production. The designated template is sure to make the build a breeze. 📖

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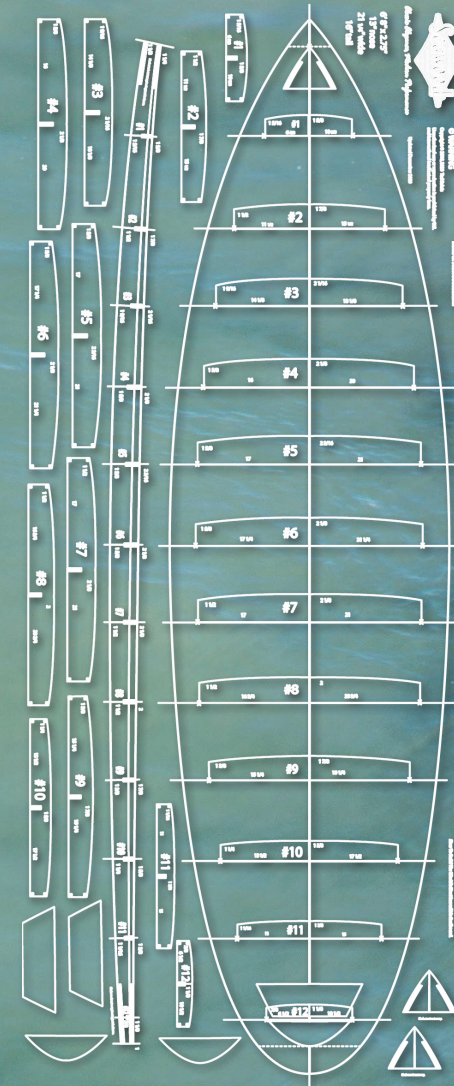
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Going by the handle **Surf News** (spelled with a double “f”), this Twitter time line is filled with photos of the ocean and wave riding that are so beautiful you will be glad you got connected.

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# Short Board templates now available



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## Get ‘em some ‘real’ skateboards

“It’s really great that they are so interested...”

Teen skater challenges an old guy’s rule on his kids’ choice of riding equipment

A longtime skater recently took his 12-year-old twins to a Southern California skate park for some fun and bowl experience.

He watched with great pride as his girl twirled time and again, working to solidify her 360s. Her face beamed each time she completed a full loop.

His boy concentrated on speeding down a ramp, launching himself into an open area of flat concrete where he could lean into some wide turns. His smiles told a tale as well.

Their spinning, weaving and rolling caught the eye of at least one “senior” teenager. He broke from his rail-riding and kick-flipping to converse with the youngsters’ parent.

“It’s really great that they are so interested in skateboarding,” he said, while scratching his chin and then pausing as though his mind were searching for a few more proper words. “You should get ‘em some real skateboards, though.”

“That would really help them advance more quickly.”

The dad thanked the young man for his advice. He added that his young duo owns several boards each, including the old school, kick-tail, earth-ski-type tools they were then riding but also modern models with hard, park-wall-sliding wheels.

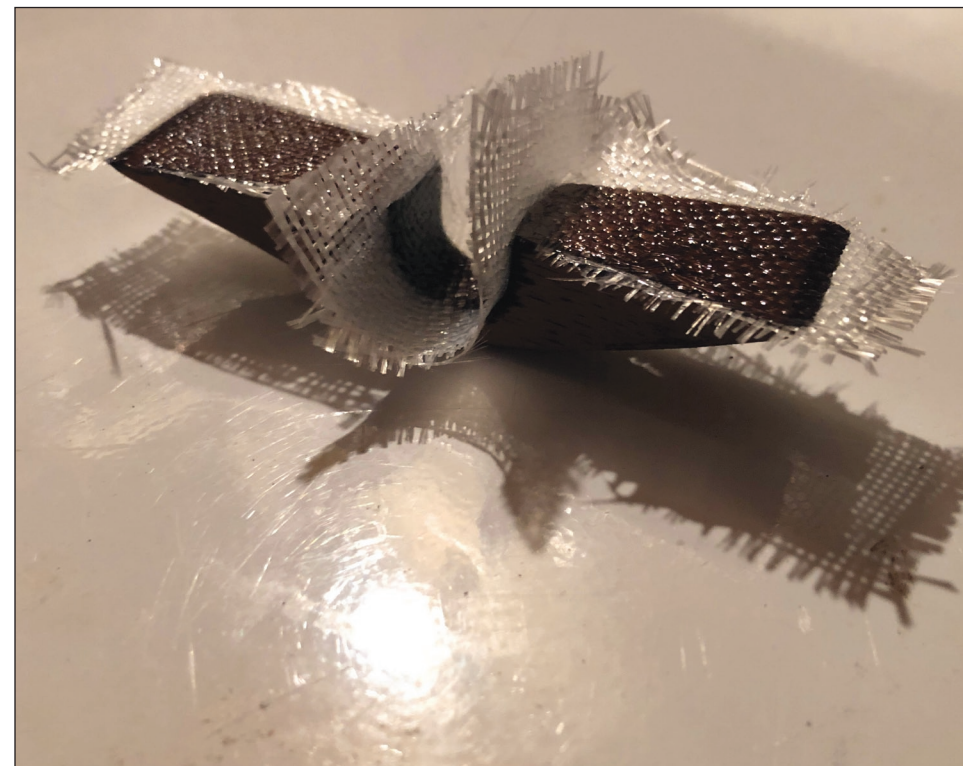
“They picked out these boards as the ones they wanted to work with today,” the crusty one said. “I try not to push them toward a specific board style. I like to let them choose.”



Twins Momo and Jake (top photo) work on their magic at a local skate park while their mom tries to get steady legs (above) on a long board as the family dog interferes with her progress. With more than 10 boards to choose from for any given ride, these folks are well equipped to make suitable choices.




The kids would be thrilled to be able to pull off a move like this. Maybe some day.



The early stages of crafting a cool-looking wooden cleat appear to be a collection of materials folded to resemble a bird in flight or something the Wright brothers would crash into a North Carolina field. But the contraption eventually will be a gorgeous and durable connector for a board’s leash.

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## DIY A Little Woodworking Wisdom

### Wood & fiberglass cloth origami? Nope

There are numerous ways to anchor a leash to a surfboard, paddleboard or boogie board.

The type routinely used by Seawood Longboards is one employed for its beauty, strength and ability to match the wooden-strip design of the company’s projects.

It may not be the easiest or fastest way to make and attach a cleat, but Seawood doesn’t shy away from the additional chores required. The visual delight in the finished product entices builders to power through the tasks it takes.

The basics are: 1) drill a hole in a slab of wood, 2) carve a curved section that aligns the hole at center bottom of the piece, 3) trim the sides so the piece is hourglass-shaped when looking down from above it, 4) sand it smooth, 5) cover it with fiberglass cloth and 6) add epoxy

resin to laminate and protect the final shape.

After all sides have been covered and cured to a hard shell, sand off rough edges and use a bit of resin as a glue to stick the cleat to its proper position on the wave-riding vehicle.

The hot coat of resin, which fills in the weave of the laminated cloth, can be applied at the same time it is spread onto the deck of the board.

For complete details on the cleat creation and mounting process, see the book, *How To Build The World’s Most Incredible Wooden Surfboard*, available online from Amazon or Barnes and Noble.



Leash cleat finished, mounted and under fiberglass cloth and epoxy resin.



## 7'6" 'gun' delivers the heat

The previous edition of this newsletter reported on a 7-foot 6-inch wooden racer surfboard that was in the works.

We are happy to say the project has been completed and the vessel has hit the salty suds at a Southern California beach for its maiden wave-riding session.

The owner noted that, although the swell was merely waist high, the board responded quickly and carried speed through falling sections,

outrunning mushy lips as they folded to froth.

As expected, the owner's journey to the parking lot was interrupted several times for discussions about the wood-stripped beauty that had just playfully carved up numerous waves.

Gaining some fame and respect, along with travel delay, may be a small price to pay for having a surfboard that combines traditional elegance with modern performance. **S**

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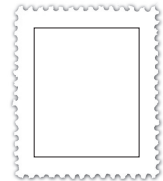
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