

by a young local surfer and phenomenal swimmer, Duke Kahanamoku, who was honing his stroke to become the 1912 Olympic Champion in the 100m freestyle. Afterwards, he embarked on a worldwide swimming tour, which he unofficially used to introduce surfing to a waiting world. Surfing's foremost ambassador hit the waves in California and New Jersey (1912), Sydney (1914) and NZ (1915), sowing the seeds of today's global surf culture. Along with Duke, lifeguards like George Freeth patrolled the frontline, promoting many forms of surfing on various surfcraft and rescue equipment. They were exclusively Australian or American through the mid 20th century, and were joined by US servicemen, stationed to the outposts of the world. Meanwhile, a select cadre of global travellers with serious wanderlust struck out to the corners of the unknown surf world, pioneering some of the best waves on the planet, and converting the natives who took an interest.



This map is a general representation of discovery periods and the first surfers may only have surfed a small portion of the country's coastline. There may still be coastline within a shaded region that remains undiscovered/unsurfed. Unshaded coastline is not covered in The World Stormrider Surf Guide, but may have some existing surf culture/history.

Some of the dates below represent when the country or spot was first exposed in the surf media. For more information refer to *The History of Surfing* and *The Encyclopedia of Surfing* – in book or online format by Matt Warshaw.

PRE-WAR

- 1907 Redondo Beach – George Freeth,
- 1909 Manly – C.D. Paterson
- 1922 Miami – Tom Blake
- 1923 Jersey – Nigel Oxenden
- 1925 Malibu – Tom Blake, Sam Reid
- 1928 Durban – Charles MacAlister
- 1929 Cornwall – Lewis Rosenberg
- 1930s Brazil – Thomas Rittscher, Santos Osmar Gonçalves et al
- 1930s Kuta – Bob Koke
- 1930s Netherlands – Jan Nederveen
- 1939 Peru – Carlos Dogny

1945 – 1959

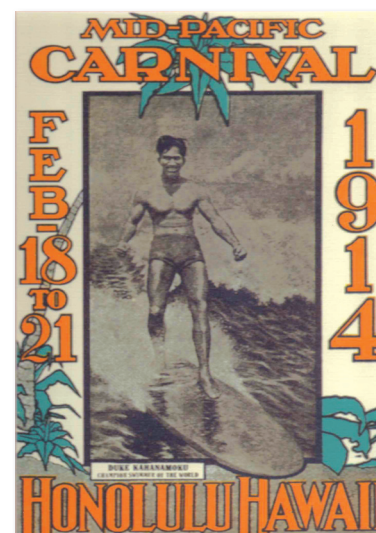
- 1940s Japan – US servicemen
- 1940s Baja – Unknown San Diego surfers
- 1950s Arpoador – Bruno Hermany, Jorge Paulo Lemann, Gilberto Laport, Arduino Colassanti, Irenicyr Beltrao
- 1950s Tahiti – Unknown travellers
- 1950s Germany – Local lifeguards
- 1953 Portugal – António Jonet
- 1954 Morocco – US servicemen
- 1956 Israel – Dorian Paskowitz
- 1956 France – Peter Viertel, George Hennebutte, De Rosnay
- 1956 Elands Bay – John Whitmore
- 1957 Azores – US servicemen
- 1960s Puerto Rico – Jose Rodriguez, Guille Bermuda, et al
- 1959 Mexico – Bud Browne, Greg Noll
- 1959 Uruguay – Unknown

1960 – 1969

- 1960s Wales – Unknown
- 1960s Hong Kong – Derek Bailey
- 1960s Tonga – King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV
- 1960s Fiji – Unknown Australians
- 1960s Bahamas – Unknown Americans
- 1960s Jamaica – Cecil Ward, Pin Head, Apache, Ridgley
- 1960s Guatemala – Unknown Americans
- 1960s El Salvador – Unknown Americans
- 1960s Costa Rica – Unknown Americans
- 1960s Guam – Rick Value
- 1960s Federated States of Micronesia – local Pohnpeian
- 1961 Ireland – Ian Hill
- 1962 Spain – Jesús Fiocchi
- 1962 Panama – Unknown Americans
- 1962 Mauritius – Joel de Rosnay
- 1963 Italy – Peter Troy
- 1963 Argentina – Daniel Gil
- 1963 Ecuador – Snr Pousada
- 1963 Senegal – Endless Summer
- 1963 Ghana – Endless Summer
- 1963 Nigeria – Endless Summer
- 1964 Sri Lanka – Rusty Miller
- 1964 Canary Islands – Peter Troy
- 1965 Vancouver Island, Canada – Jim Sadler, Tofino locals
- 1965 Taiwan – Mao Guh, US Servicemen
- 1965 Barbados – Butch Linden, Jonny Fain
- 1965 Venezuela – Unknown
- 1966 Chicama – Carlos Barreda, Oscar Malpartida, Ivo Hunza
- 1967 Reunion – Unknown Aussies
- 1967 Seychelles – Ron Perrott, Geoff White
- 1967 Comoros – Ron Perrott, Geoff White
- 1967 Mavericks, California – Alex Matienzo, Jim Thompson, Dick Knottmeyer
- 1968 Scotland – Andy Bennetts, George Law
- 1968 Tamil Nadu – India – Claude Codgen
- 1969 Chile – Unknown

1970 – 1979

- 1970s Guadeloupe – Patrick Abadie, Francois De Corlieu
- 1971 Uluwatu – Albe Falzon, Steve Cooney, Rusty Miller
- 1973 Philippines – US servicemen
- 1973 Maldives – Tony Hinde, Mark Scanlon
- 1974 Grajagan – Bob Laverty, Bill Boyum
- 1974 Ivory Coast – Craig Naughton, Kevin Peterson
- 1974 Liberia – Craig Naughton, Kevin Peterson
- 1974 Angola – Randy Rarick
- 1975 Nias – Peter Troy, John Geisel, Kevin Lovett
- 1979 Kiribati – Chuck Corbett



COURTESY THE SURFING MUSEUM

1980 – 1989

- 1980s Iceland – US servicemen
- 1980s Sweden – Janne Ekstedt
- 1980s Denmark – Local windsurfers
- 1980s Nicobar Islands – Aussie dive instructors
- 1980s Wallis & Futuna – French expats
- 1980s Haiti – US Expatriates
- 1980s Madagascar – Unknown Sth Africans
- 1980 Mentawai – Wakefield, Goodnow, Fitzpatrick
- 1980 Phuket – Unknown Aussies
- 1982 Cloudbreak – Dave Clark
- 1982 Norway – Roar Berge, Per Ståle Grude
- 1983 Belgium – Kobbe
- 1985 Hainan, China – Peter Drouyn
- 1986 Cocos (Keeling) Islands – Jim Banks
- 1986 Teahupoo – Mike Stewart, Ben Severson

1990 – 1999

- 1990s PNG – Unknown Aussies
- 1990 Cherating – Unknown Aussies
- 1991 P-Pass – Alan Hamilton
- 1992 Cloud Nine – John Callahan, Taylor Knox, Evan Slater
- 1992 South Korea – John Callahan, Randy Rarick
- 1993 Cuba – Unknown Spanish & Quebec surfers
- 1994 New Ireland PNG – John Callahan, Chris Malloy, Ross Williams
- 1995 New Caledonia Sth – John Callahan, Chris Malloy, Donovan Frankenreiter
- 1996 Jurassic Point – Callahan, Chris Malloy et al
- 1998 Andaman Islands – Callahan, Chris Malloy, Jack Johnson, Sam George et al
- 1999 Antarctic Peninsula – Porter Turnbull

2000 +

- 2000 Myanmar – Callahan, Randy Rarick, Torsten Johnson
- 2000 Oman – Jeff Divine, Shayne and Shannon McIntyre, Surfer Magazine
- 2000 São Tomé and Príncipe – John Callahan, Randy Rarick, Sam George, Nuno Jonet, Thiago Olivera
- 2001 Pakistan – Stormrider, Oceansurf, Yep
- 2003 Yemen – Stuart Butler et al
- 2003 Andhra Pradesh, India – John Callahan, Yep, Randy Rarick, Shane McIntyre
- 2004 Central Maldives – Yep, Oxbow
- 2005 North Maldives – Yep, Callahan
- 2005 Chagos Islands – Ian & Mark Wilson
- 2006 Iran – Olivier Servaire
- 2006 Kamchatka – Rip Curl
- 2007 Namibia – Skeleton Bay – Local surfers
- 2007 Australia – The Right – Chad Jackson, Brad Hughes, Sean Virtue, Dean Harrington
- 2007 Libya – Yep
- 2009 East Algeria – Yep, Callahan
- 2010 Spain – Wavegarden Test Centre
- 2011 Gujarat, India – John Callahan, Sam Bleakley, Erwan Simon, Emi Cataldi, et al
- 2015 Wavegarden Surf Snowdonia – Wales
- 2015 KSWC Wave Ranch – Lemoore USA
- 2017 The Snake – Unknown – Rip Curl
- 2018 AWM BSR Surf Resort – Waco USA