



UCSB Campus Point Surfing Safety Guidelines

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UCSB Department of
Recreation

Purpose: To educate surfers on various risks and hazards related to surfing in our coastal waters around UCSB Campus Point in order to help reduce risks and increase safety.

Water Safety Facts: You must constantly be aware of your resources, surroundings and changing conditions!

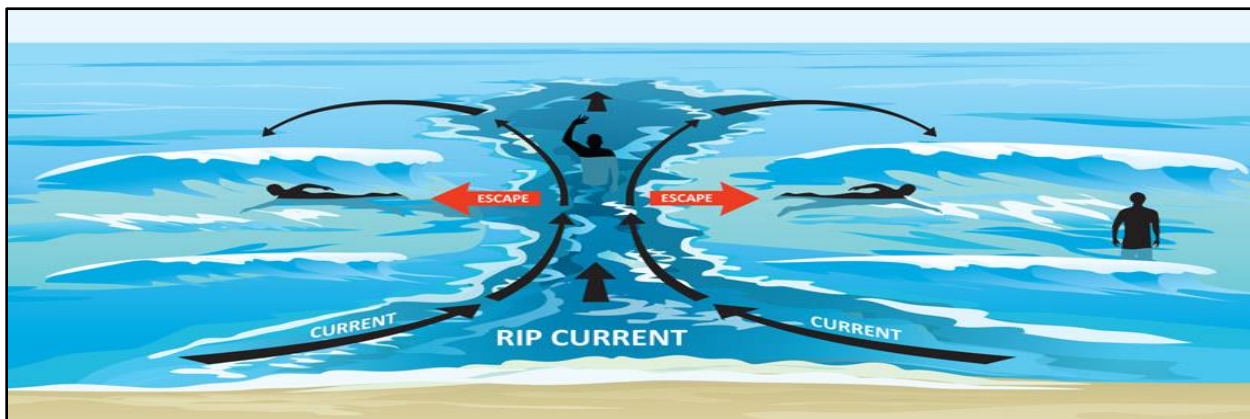
- Very strong swimming ability is required as the surf zone is very dynamic and can be very overwhelming
- Most drowning victims are within 10 feet from safety.
- Cold water immersion can cause drowning in less than 1 minute.
- Wind, waves and water currents can overpower and overwhelm even trained professional athletes.
- Personal Floatation Devices (PFD'S/ Lifejackets) are recommended and must be properly worn to be effective.

Recommended Additional Equipment/ Supplies:

- Wetsuit: provides some floatation along with protection from the cold.
- Sun Protection: Hat, Sunglasses, Long Sleeve Shirt, Sunscreen, Lip Screen, etc.
- Stay Hydrated and Fueled: Drink water and eat a good meal before your session.

Surf Zone

- The surf zone contains various hazards including the waves themselves, rocks, people, and more.
- Shuffle your feet when walking in the surf zone. Sting rays like our sandy beaches.
- Paddle out in an area with the fewest hazards.
- DO NOT paddle directly into the heavily populated surfing area. Paddle out to the side where the waves are smaller.
- The rider already on the wave has the right of way. If someone's further out than you are and catches the wave, stay out of that person's way.
- If you find yourself caught in a rip current and heading out to sea, swim parallel to the beach to escape:



No Drugs/ Alcohol/ Impairing Medicine

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- University regulations and program policies do not allow alcohol or impairing drugs while using UCSB owned equipment. Thank you for your cooperation.

Check the weather forecast and current conditions

The weather, wind, swell, surf, water temp should be checked before you decide to go out:

- 17ft.com and weather.gov give both current conditions and forecasts of our local area.
 - The “East Santa Barbara Channel” buoy is the closest to Campus Point
 - Current conditions at “West Santa Barbara Channel” buoy will give you a good idea of what is heading towards campus point.

Non-Emergency and Emergency “Call In”

In the event that we decide to ask all equipment renters to return to shore please respond ASAP:

- From time to time, we ask everyone to come off the water in the interest of safety and risk management for various reasons
 - Local shark sighting
 - Changing weather conditions
 - Rental center is about to close
 - Etc, Etc,
- Our primary method of communicating a “call in” will be raising the pink flag either on the beach or on the rental container:



- Please scan our rental area periodically for the call in flag.
- If you see the flag, please make your way back to the shore as quickly and safely as possible for further details.
- We may also attempt to contact you via bull horn/siren/air horn blast.