



# UCSB Campus Point Surfing Safety Guidelines

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**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!

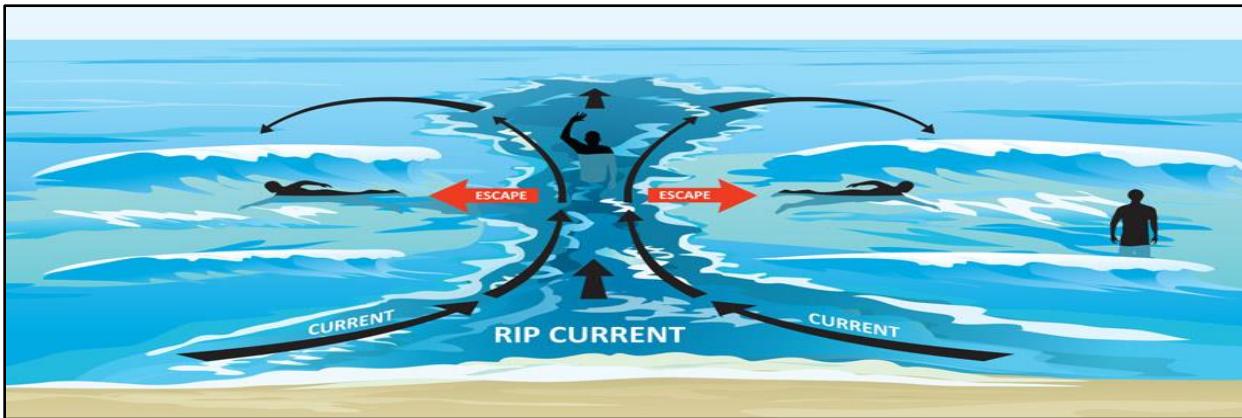
- Very strong swimming ability is required as the surf zone is very dynamic and can be very overwhelming
- Most drowning victims are within 10 feet from safety.
- Cold water immersion can cause drowning in less than 1 minute.
- Wind, waves and water currents can overpower and overwhelm even trained professional 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.