

# Want to Join? EASTERN SURFING ASSOCIATION



Become a member of the largest and most effective surfing organization in the world - the ESA!

Founded in 1967 by East Coast surfers, the ESA continues to promote East Coast surfing and surfers like you. Your membership helps the ESA keep a strong voice in the surfing community.

As a member you will enjoy our many programs:

- **Competition:** Local, Scholastic, Regional and The Easterns® Competition opportunities.
- **Member Services:** FREE Subscription to Transworld Surf magazine, DISCOUNTS at local surf shops.
- **Scholarships:** Apply for a Marsh Scholarship towards higher education.
- **S.E.A. (Surfers for Environmental Action):** Protect your rights to free beach access and clean water.
- **Visit [www.SurfESA.org](http://www.SurfESA.org):** Your comprehensive resource for all ESA and East Coast Surfing information.

The **Eastern Surfing Association** is the largest amateur surfing association in the world, with a current membership of approximately 9,700 surfers. It was founded in 1967, by East Coast surfers to promote, preserve and protect the sport of surfing on the East Coast. Our family oriented programs promote a healthy and active lifestyle. It is not uncommon to find two or three generations of the same family involved as members of the ESA, and actively competing in our program. Two of the original ESA founders, Cecil Lear and David Reese, are still active in the association today! The ESA's activities are organized into a total of twenty-six districts, which extend along nearly 2,000 miles of coastline. Stretching from Maine through the Gulf Coast of Florida, Alabama and the Great Lakes across the Atlantic to the Caribbean, each district's programs are developed and operated by a dedicated group of volunteer directors and staff.

## Competition

One of the primary activities of the ESA is its program of competition for surfers of all ages and abilities. With a history of over forty years of success, ESA contests are organized at the grassroots, district level on a year round basis. Each district conducts four or more contests per year, and each year the ESA has over 150 competitions along the East Coast, Gulf Coast, the Great Lakes and the Caribbean. Within these contests, surfers compete in ability groupings, ranging from novice to the most advanced competitors. The athletes are divided among a series of age groupings for both men and women, ranging from Menehunes (Polynesian for "Little People") under twelve years of age through Grand Legends, ages sixty-five and older. From the local District level, competitors may advance to Regional competitions, then on to the Eastern Surfing Championships (The Easterns®).

## Beach Access and Preservation

The ESA is the only effective organized voice on the East Coast, speaking politically and legally for the interests of East Coast surfers, working to ensure free public access to a clean beach and clean ocean environment. This effort becomes increasingly important as population swells cause greater competition for the limited areas of open beach still remaining. The ESA has traditionally responded to efforts to limit surfing by

political activities on a local level. When needed, the ESA's legal efforts are directed by a staff of attorneys who volunteer their service to the ESA pro bono.

## Academic Scholarships

Deserving amateur surfers who wish to continue their formal education beyond the high school level can apply for financial assistance from the ESA's Marsh Scholarship Program. The grants are awarded annually to ESA members on the basis of academics and citizenship, rather than athletic ability. The program began in 1981 to recognize and honor the accomplishments of North Carolina surfer Mike Marsh. Mike set a fine example for students everywhere by earning his law degree while simultaneously and successfully waging his own private battle with cancer. To date, the ESA has awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships to deserving surfing scholars.

## Ecology Education

In 1990, the ESA launched Surfers for Environmental Action (SEA) to serve as a clearing house for information regarding environmental concerns on the East Coast, and to develop a program of ecology education for our members. The ESA is currently affiliated with the Clean Water Network and the Environmental Defense Fund.



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Current Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Memberships: Please list names, date of birth and divisions for each additional member (or list on additional sheet.)**

**Shortboard** (check one)

- Menehunes (Boys/Girls 11 & under)
- Boys (12-14)
- Junior Men (15-17)
- Men (18-24)
- Masters (25-34)
- Senior Men (35-44)
- Grandmasters (45-54)
- Legends (55-64)
- Grand Legends (65+)
- Girls (14 & under)
- Junior Women (15-17)
- Women (18-29)
- Ladies (30+)
- Open Shortboard (M/F all ages)

**Longboard** (check one)

- Menehune Longboard (Boys/Girls 14 & under)
- Junior Longboard (15-17)
- Mens Longboard (18-34)
- Masters Longboard (35-49)
- Legends Longboard (50+)
- Junior Womens Longboard (17 & under)
- Womens Longboard (18 & 34)
- Ladies Longboard (35+)

**Bodyboard** (check one)

- Menehune Bodyboard (Boys/Girls 14 & under)
- Open Bodyboard (M/F all ages)

**Stand-Up Paddleboard**

- Stand-Up Paddleboard (M/F all ages)

**Membership** (check one)

- New Member
- Renewal Member
- Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Type** (check one)

- Competition:** \$40 includes two divisions / \$5 each extra division
- General** (non-competitive) \$20
- Family:** \$50 base plus \$5 per competition division for each family member  
(List on additional sheet)
- Lifetime:** \$1000 individual  
Includes 4 divisions

As a member of ESA, you're automatically qualified to receive a FREE one-year subscription to Transworld Surf Magazine, bringing you the best surf coverage on the planet each month. You WILL NOT be billed for anything.

- [ ] Yes, please send me a FREE one-year subscription to Transworld Surf Magazine.
- [ ] No thanks, I would prefer not to receive a FREE one-year subscription to Transworld Surf Magazine.

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P.O. Box 625  
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**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP FEES ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**