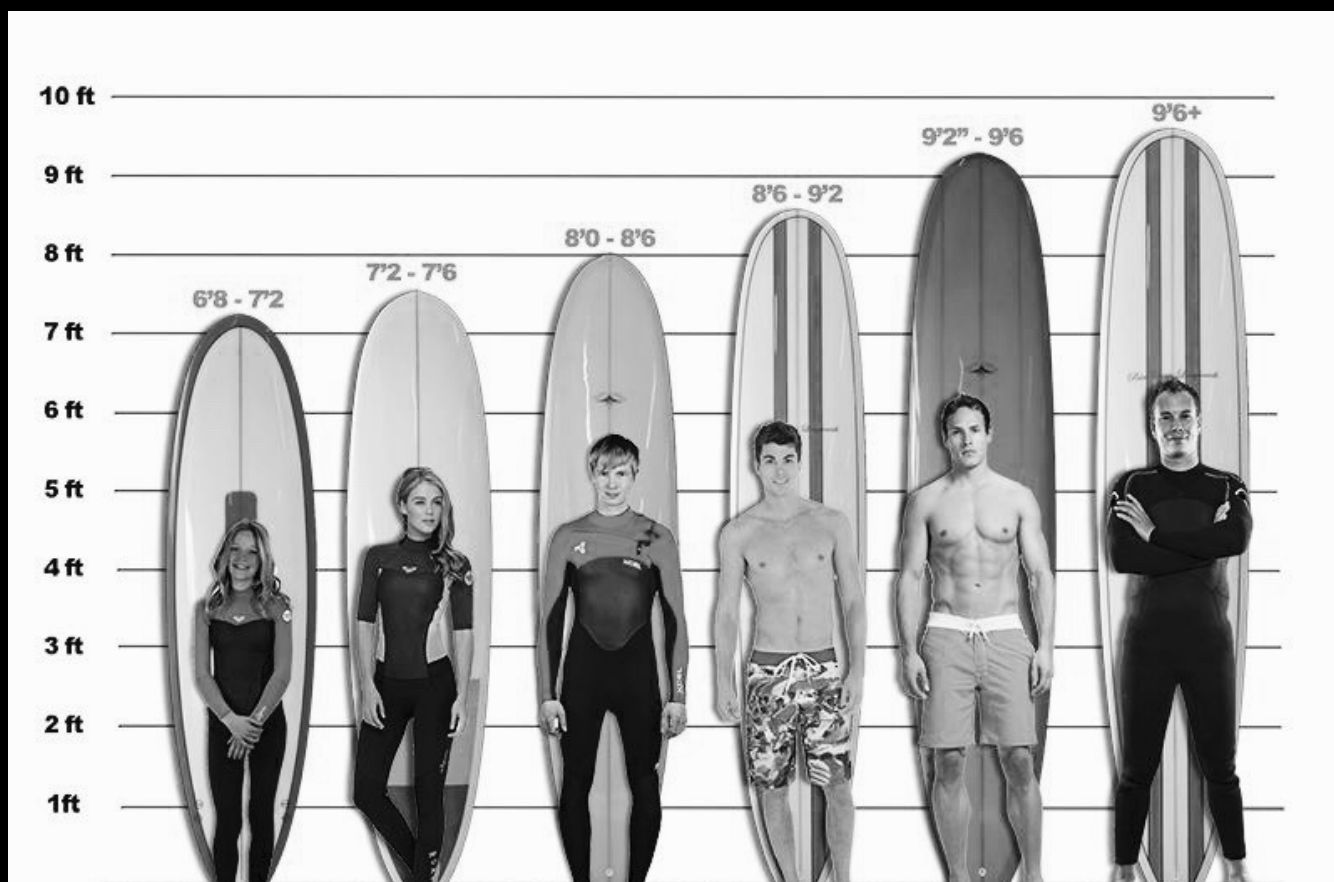




BEGINNERS BOARD BUYERS GUIDE



BEGINNERS SIZE GUIDE



CHOOSING A BEGINNER'S BOARD WHEN YOUR FIRST STARTING OUT, CAN BE SO OVERWHELMING. IT CAN BE DIFFICULT TO KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN.

BEFORE YOU SPLURGE SOME OF YOUR HARD EARNED MONEY ON A BOARD THAT SIMPLY LOOKS GOOD, TRIAL AND ERROR CAN GO A LONG WAY IN UNDERSTANDING WHAT PREFERENCE SUITS YOU IE: SHAPE, LENGTH, AND CONSTRUCTION (WHAT THE BOARD IS MADE OUT OFF).

WHEN CHOOSING A BOARD HERE ARE OUR THREE TIPS TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION:

- YOUR ABILITY
- YOUR WEIGHT
- YOUR PREFERENCE

LET'S TAKE A LOOK...

ABILITY

YOU ARE A:

- AN ABSOLUTE BEGINNER
- I HAD A LESSON OR TWO BUT WANT MY OWN BOARD

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR BIGGEST SURFING CHALLENGES:

- CATCHING A WAVE AND GETTING TO YOUR FEET!
- KNOWING WHAT BOARD WILL HELP YOU LEARN THE FASTEST

WHAT'S GOING TO SOLVE THEM:

- YOU NEED MAXIMUM FLOATATION AND STABILITY
- ENSURING YOUR BOARD IS NOT TOO SMALL

GOING TOO SMALL TOO EARLY WILL ACTUALLY SLOW YOUR PROGRESS. UNDERSTANDING THAT IT TAKES QUITE A LONG TIME AND DEDICATION TO LEARN TO SURF.

THE BEST SURFBOARD FOR YOU:

- MINIMAL AND LONGBOARD SURFBOARDS (THESE FLOAT THE BEST AND ARE THE MOST STABLE).

YOU WILL PADDLE AND GET TO YOUR FEET THE EASIEST IT TAKES A LONG TIME TO MASTER THE BASICS SO THIS WILL LAST YOU.

BUT YOU REALLY WANT A "NORMAL" SHORTBOARD? FISH SURFBOARDS HAVE GOOD VOLUME FOR THIS BUT YOU REALLY NEED TO BE LIGHT,

SMALL, YOUNG OR VERY WATER FIT AND COORDINATED

WHAT ABOUT A SOFT BOARD?

THESE ARE ONLY GOOD FOR SMALL KIDS OR FOR THE FIRST FEW GOES.

WEIGHT

WHEN CHOOSING YOUR FIRST SURFBOARD THE BUOYANCY IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS TO CONSIDER. THE BUOYANCY OF A SURFBOARD IS DETERMINED BY ITS SHAPE AND ITS DIMENSIONS I.E LENGTH, WIDTH AND THICKNESS.

THE COMBINATION OF THE SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS RESULT IN THE BUOYANCY MEASURED IN VOLUME (LITRES) WHICH RESOLVES ITS FLOTATION CONSIDERING THE SURFER'S WEIGHT.

PREFERENCE

NO ONE TYPE OF BOARD IS BETTER FOR LEARNING OVER ANOTHER. CONSTRUCTION IS NOT AS IMPORTANT AS SHAPE AND SIZE. HOWEVER, EACH TYPE HAS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT CHARACTERISTICS THAT MIGHT BE IMPORTANT TO YOUR PERSONAL PREFERENCE.

YOU SEE A LOT OF SURFERS PICKING NEW BOARDS UP AND PUTTING THEM UNDER THEIR ARMS. THEY DO THIS TO GET A FEEL OF THE BOARD. THIS CAN HELP WITH DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT THE BOARD FEELS GOOD TO THEM.

WE ALWAYS RECOMMEND TRYING AS MANY DIFFERENT BOARDS AS YOU CAN GET YOUR HANDS ON. THERE ARE OFTEN PLENTY OF PLACES YOU CAN RENT BOARDS FROM AS WELL AS HITTING UP SOME OF YOUR FRIENDS TO TRY OUT THEIR BOARDS.

THIS WILL GIVE YOU A MUCH BROADER PERSPECTIVE ON WHAT SUITS AND FEELS RIGHT FOR YOU.

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Mini-mal / Longboard Surfboards

Surfers Weight	Recommended board length
< 55 kg	6'8" - 7'2"
55 - 65 kg	7'2" - 7'6"
65 - 75 kg	8'0" - 8'6"
75 - 85 kg	8'6" - 9'2"
85 - 95 kg	9'2" - 9'6"
95 kg+	9'6" +

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Fish Surfboards

Surfer's Weight

Recommended board length

< 65 kg

6'6" - 6'8"

65 - 75 kg

6'8" - 7'0"

75 - 85 kg

7'0" - 7'10"

85 - 95 kg

7'4"