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Santa Barbara Surf Film Festival (SBSFF)

September 26 & 27, 2025



FIFTH ANNUAL SANTA BARBARA SURF FILM FESTIVAL (SBSFF) IS THIS WEEK SEPTEMBER 26 & 27, 2025

The two-day event will bring together the community to honor the spirit of surfing.

Santa Barbara, CA - September 24, 2025 - The fifth annual Santa Barbara Surf Film Festival is taking place on September 26th and 27th at the historic Lobero Theatre. General Admission and VIP tickets are available for purchase on the Lobero website or at the Lobero Box Office. VIP tickets include early entry to all films the day of the pass, a gift bag stuffed with goodies from festival sponsors, and access to the VIP party on September 25th at Montecito Gourmet.

Heal the Ocean, Surfrider Santa Barbara Chapter and **The Surf Happens Foundations** will be in front of the Lobero on both days of the festival to offer more information and will be raffling off prizes from the festival sponsors to raise money for their worthy causes.

The festival kicks off on Friday Sept 26th, at 5 PM with a meet and greet with professional surfer **Lakey Peterson** prior to our Friday evening main program starting at 6 PM. 805's film **Making Waves: The Lakey Peterson Story** starts the program, followed by Hunter Martinez's newest short **"17@20"** and **"Before the Flight"** by Malcom and Duncan Campbell, restored by Oblique Films & Travis Waddell. Midway through our Main Program, Carpinteria watercraft shaper **Matt Moore** will be honored with the **2025 Legendary Award**. The award will be followed by a Speaker Panel ft. **Al Merrick, Allen Sarlo, Jim Kempton** & more before the feature film, **The Shape of Things: The Dick Brewer Story** wraps up the Main Program.

At 9:30 PM, Friday night's programming closes out with the SB Theatrical Premiere of SB local Chris Riel's film **The Big White House**, which was 20 years in the making about the infamous Victorian house in Montecito.

On Friday evening, all attendees of the festival are invited to the SBSFF After Party at Seven Bar at 235 W. Montecito St. where they can show their SBSFF ticket for drink specials.

Saturday Sept 27th programming starts at 3:30 PM when SBSFF will honor the four youth winners of the 2025 Rincon Classic surf competition: 17U winner Flynn Neth, 12U winner Henry Goldstein, 14U winner Dominic Arce and 17U wahines Winner Vela Mattive. The festival will show 2 short films of highlights from Flynn and Henry's surfing careers thus far and give a round of applause to all the grom's achievements.

The show continues at 4 PM with world-renowned surfer **Shaun Tomson's** life changing presentation **"Surfers Code: Stories of Courage and Commitment."**

At 6:30 PM, the festival features a Speaker Panel with **Lance Collins, Tony Gentile, Robert Helphand**, followed by the feature film **"Shaping the Future,"** about Lance Collins and his Wave Tools brand.

Closing out the festival at 8:45 PM is Dana Shaw's **"Circles: An Ode to Shredding,"** which will stoke out the audience with skateboarding and surfing vignettes.

Experience the vibrant stories, cinematography and the encompassing energy of the Santa Barbara Surf Film Festival on September 26-27th, 2025. For more information about the films and the festival, and to buy tickets visit: www.santabarbarasurffilmfestival.com

ABOUT SBSFF

For decades Santa Barbara has attracted and cultivated a melange of surf innovators. From board shapers like Renny Yater, Al Merick, Matt Moore, and George Greenough, who have taken shaping to a whole new level. To surfers like Bobby Martinez, Chris Brown, and Tom Curren, whose unique styles have stood the test of time. There is a certain element to "Santa Barbara Surf Culture," which combines tradition with radical innovation, that has played an influential role in the international surf scene for over 50 years. The Santa Barbara Surf Film Festival celebrates this rich surf history and the diverse storytelling styles of filmmakers, artists, shapers, and surfers who started it all. The festival started in 2019 with the idea to combine the love of cinema, ocean conservation, and community. Aligning with our mission to protect the ocean, a portion of the festival's proceeds are given to our local non-profit organizations.

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Calendar Editors, please note:

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Celebrating its fifth year, the Santa Barbara Surf Film Festival continues to honor surfing history and Santa Barbara's rich surfing culture, and support ocean conservation. The 2025 festival will showcase films about iconic surfboard shapers, surfers, skaters, and Santa Barbara natives and will honor a Carpinteria legendary shaper. This year's festival also includes a life changing uplifting presentation led by a world-renowned surfer. As always, we expect for there to be a few special guest appearances as well! SBSFF supports three ocean-centric nonprofits: Heal the Ocean, Surfrider Santa Barbara Chapter and the Surf Happens Foundation. <https://www.lobero.org/events/2025-sb-surf-festival/>

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