

GLOSSARY

backhand turn A left turn for a *regular foot*, a right turn for a *goofy foot*

back out Pull back instead of catching the wave

backwash Water rushing down the beach incline after a wave has rushed up; sometimes forms a small wave moving seaward

beach An accumulation of rock fragments subject to movement by ordinary wave action; it extends seaward as far as ordinary waves move sand particles, or about 30 feet below (vertically) the low-tide level; extends landward to the edge of the permanent coast, which can be a cliff, sand dunes, or manmade structure (Bascom)

beach break Waves breaking on or near the beach, rather than on a reef or point; not the same as *shore break*

belly board A small (3- to 4-foot) board used to ride waves on your belly; same as a paipo

blown out Surf that is too wind-blown to be rideable

body surfer A wave rider who uses only his body as a wave vehicle

bombora An Australian word for a large outside break that occurs when waves are very large

bottom turn A turn made after riding straight down to the bottom of the wave

- offshore wind** Away from the beach; a wind blowing from land to sea
- onshore wind** Toward the beach; a wind blowing from ocean to land
- outside** The seaward side of the surf; also, a yell of warning to other surfers that a big wave is coming
- overhead** Waves higher than a surfer is tall
- overlap** The overlapping of the deck and bottom layers of fiberglass at the rails
- over the falls** A disaster! Getting caught at the top of a plunging wave as it breaks and being poured over with the falling water
- paddle board** A long, wooden, square-sided, hollow board made for paddling only
- paipo** See *belly board*
- peak(s)** Crest of a wave or a narrow wave with flat shoulders; also, the way a wave rises up before breaking
- pearl(ing)** From pearl diving—the nose of the surfboard dives underwater, and so does the surfer; a disaster!
- peeling** A wave that breaks progressively across without *sectioning*
- period** Time interval between the passing of two wave crests
- pig (pigboard)** Pointed, narrow-nosed surfboard with wide hips and tail
- pin tail** A surfboard with a pointed stern
- plan shape** Outline of surfboard when looked at from above
- plunging wave** Wave crest falls forward of lower part of wave
- pocket** The portion of wave inside the *curl*
- point break** Breakers caused by waves wrapping around a point of land
- polyurethane** See *foam*
- pop out** Refers to boards made in the early sixties by molding foam