

Mermaid Surf: A Guide for GIRLS

I hope you and your family are enjoying a beautiful start to the New Year! As you may know, Mermaid Surf will no longer be offering programs for girls. It was a bittersweet decision to close this chapter of Mermaid Surf this year. I have decided to focus my energy on working with women in the waves. Mermaid Surf will be offering programs exclusively for women in 2025 with the mission to help women feel more alive!

I trust that this transition will allow me to offer more support, value, and energy to our women's surf community while still prioritizing my personal well-being and passion for surfing.

Thank you all for your continued love and support over the many seasons of Mermaid Surf! It has been such a beautiful experience getting to work with your brave, courageous, and inspirational girls in the waves! I will dearly miss all of the Mermaids that I've had the pleasure of surfing with and getting to know in and out of the waves over the years! It is my deepest hope that your girls continue to embody the confidence, courage, and strength that they have cultivated through the Mermaid Surf program. I am sending every Mermaid so much love, gratitude, and stoke as they continue to ride the waves at sea and in life.

Although I will no longer be offering surf programs for girls, I am still available for support and guidance through this transition. It is my sincere hope that your girls will continue to catch waves and experience the joy of surfing! Please see below for local surf programs, resources, and recommendations so that your girls can keep surfing, making friends, and having fun! Please feel free to call, text, or email me with any questions or concerns.

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SURF CAMPS FOR KIDS/ TEENS:

INTERMEDIATE CAMPS:

1. [Wrightsville School of Surf](#): offers camps for beginner and intermediate surfers
2. [WB Surf Camps](#): offers local overnight surf camps for teens

BEGINNER ALL GIRLS CAMPS:

1. Sean's Private Surf Instruction: offers all-girls surf camps w/ female staff
[Wahine Week Surf Camp](#)

BEGINNER CO-ED CAMPS:

1. [Mellow Days Surf Camps](#): offers co-ed camps for kids (female owned)
2. [Shredders Surf Camp](#): offers co-ed camps for kids.
3. [WB Surf Camps](#): offers a variety of surf camp programs and retreats for kids and teens
4. [Indo Jax Surf Camps](#): offers a variety of surf camp programs for kids, teens, and special needs children!

SURF COACHING/ LESSONS:

1. [Surf Slow Academy](#) offers beginner-intermediate surf lessons for girls (female owned)
2. [Wrightsville School of Surf](#): offers beginner-advanced surf lessons and coaching
3. [Jo Pickett](#) offers beginner- advanced surf lessons and coaching (female owned)

RESOURCES:

1. [WB Boardriders Club](#): fun surf competitions, community events, and surf meet-ups!
2. [CB Boardriders Club](#): fun surf competitions, community events, and surf meet-ups!
3. [CB Girls Surf Club](#): a fun and supportive surf club for girls (located in Carolina Beach)