

OWNERS:

Bill Bahne.....	1960.....	1964
Frank McCleary.....	1960.....	1966
Carl West.....	1963.....	1966
The late Bobby Challenger Thomas (1943-2012).....	1966.....	2012

FACTORIES:

Pacific Beach, California.....	started 1960.....	x 1966
S.D., Sorrento Valley, California.....	s 1966.....	c 1985
Eased out of production.....	c 1985.....	c 1999
San Diego, California.....	c 1999.....	2012

MODELS:

“Aficiando”.....	s 1966.....	x 1969
Stepdeck-noserider, square tail block		
“Aggressor”, noserider, square tail.....	s 1966.....	x 1969
“Bobby Challenger Feather Lites” 7' +.....	c 1999.....	c 1999
“Bobby Challenger Nosryda” 8'6" +.....	c 1999.....	c 1999
“Bump” Figure 1 , 9'4" to 9'8".....	s 1966.....	x 1969
Flex step deck, square & pin tail, 2" balsa & foam stringer; numbers 1,564 to ?		
“Caster Model”.....	d 1968.....	d 1968
“Chase Challenger MicroRider” Figure 2	c 1999.....	c 2002
5'6" to 8'6", removable 2+1 fins		
“Competition”, 3 stringers, square tail.....	s 1965.....	x 1969
“Competition Model 60's”.....	c 1989.....	c 1980's
“Da Bow”, batten rocker.....	c 1996.....	c 1990's
“Eastern” 9'0".....	c 1960's.....	c 1960's
“Feather Lite” Figure 3	c 1990.....	c 2001
9 to 16 lbs., 9'0" to 10'6", diamond tail, 2+1 boxes		



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

“Flower Power” (?).....	c 1969.....	c 1969
“Hot Dog”, 9'6", T-band, tail block, Numbers: (472) to ?.....	c 1958.....	c 1958
“Island Lightning”, Diamond tail, 6'5"-7'10".....	d 1969.....	d 1970
“Island Lightning” 6'10" +.....	c 1999.....	c 1999
“Long Ryda” Figure 4 , 9'6" to 10'11", square tail, 2+1 boxes.....	c 1999.....	c 2001
“Micro” Figure 5 , up to 7'10", round pin, second generation Unlimited fin.....	d 1969.....	d 1969
“Micro” Figure 6 , Resurfaced, 6'6" to 8'0", round pin, 2+1 boxes.....	c 2000.....	c 2001



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6

“Micro II” 6'10" to 7'10".....	c 1999.....	c 1999
“Micro Formula Vee” Figure 7 , Down rail pin tail.....	d 1968.....	d 1969
“Micro Gun”.....	d 1969.....	d 1969
“Micro Guppy Gun”.....	d 1969.....	d 1969
“Micro Missile”, pin tail gun.....	d 1969.....	d 1969
“Micro Model”, Pin tail production, 6'10" to 7'10".....	s 1967.....	x 1969
“Micro Pintail”, 8'6".....	d 1969.....	d 1969
“Micro Platypus”, 7'2", Round tail, production sub 7'.....	d 1969.....	d 1969

“Micro Railer” Figure 8	d 1970.	d 1970
Round pin, 6'0"-7'11", 100% down rails		
Retro: 5'6" to 8'6", glassed on tri.	c 2000.	c 2002
“Micro Roller”, stringer tail.	d 1968.	d 1969
“Micro Roller II” 5'0" to 6'10".	c 1999.	c 1999
“Micro Roundtail”.	d 1969.	d 1969
“Micro Squaretail”.	d 1969.	d 1969
“Missile”.....	d 1969.	d 1969
“Nosryda” Figure 9 , 8'6" to 10'6".	c 1992.	c 2002
Square tail, 9" single or 2+1 boxes		



Figure 7



Figure 8



Figure 9

“Pro Ryda” Figure 10	c 1995.	c 2000
9'0" to 10'10", 2+1 fins, polished or speed		
“Reef n Ryda” Figure 11 , 9'0" to 10'6", round tail, 2+1 boxes.	c 1991.	c 2000
“Roller” diamond or stinger tail.	d 1969.	d 1969
“Roundtail Foil”? 5'6"-7'0".....	d 1970.	d 1970
“Santa Cruz Model”, Square & diamond tails.	s 1967.	x 1969
“Smitty 9z Pro-Design” Figure 12 , 9'0" to 10'6".	c 1999.	c 2001



Figure 10



Figure 11



Figure 12

“S.T. Design”? 5'6"-7'0".....	d 1970.	d 1970
“Star II Micro Gun”, 1 stringer, 2 glue lines, pin tail.	d 1968.	d 1968
“Sudden Burst” Pintail.	d 1969.	d 1969
“Super Micro BB” Figure 13 , 4'0" to 5'0".....	c 1999.	c 1999



Figure 13

“T.W.F. Flyer”, Round & square tail, twin fin, 5'6" to 6'10".	d 1971.	d 1975
BLANKS:		
Balsa	1961.	1964
Clark foam.	1961.	1977
Walker foam.....	1961.	1964
NOSES: Laminated glass blocks.	1961.	1960's
STRINGERS:		
5	1964.	1960's
Multiple:.....	1961.	1960's
Offset	1961.	1960's
Redwood or T-band.	1961.	1964
TAILS: Laminated wood.	1961.	1960's
SHAPERS:		
Bill Bahne.....	1961.	1964
Bobby Thomas.	1955.	2012
Bill Thrailkill.	1962.	1962
Carl “Tinker” West.....	1961.	1967
Gary Wooden.	1976.	1978
Neal Norris.	1969.	1969
SHAPES:		
Batten templating.	1969.	1969

Classic Woodies: redwood and/or balsa.....	1956.....	1969
Traditional: 50's dbl. ender, wood fin.....	1958.....	1969
Standard: 1/4 to full speed, square tail.....	1962.....	1969
RAILS: 50/50.....	1964.....	end unk
TAILS:		
Black foam blocks.....	1961.....	1965
Fish tail.....	1972.....	end unk
Laminated glass blocks.....	1961.....	1960's
Swallow.....	1973.....	1973
Swallow wing tail.....	1972.....	1977
Squash tail.....	1978.....	end unk
Tinkler tail.....	1976.....	1976
LOGOS:		
'Surfboards by Challenger/SD' With red outline, Figure 14	c 1962.....	c 1960's
'Surfboards by Challenger' Figure 15	d 1964.....	d 1969
'Challenger' Figure 16	d 1968.....	d 1972



Figure 14



Figure 15



Figure 16

'Challenger' Figure 17	d 1970.....	c 1970's
'Challenger' Figure 18	d 1972.....	d 1977
'Challenger', Figure 19 , Outlined.....	d 1973.....	d 1977



Figure 17



Figure 18



Figure 19

'Challenger - (unk)' Figure 20	c 2000's.....	c 2000's
'Challenger Surfboards' Figure 21	c 2000's.....	c 2000's
'Challenger' Figure 22	c 2000's.....	c 2000's

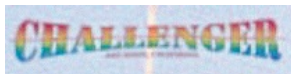


Figure 20



Figure 21



Figure 22

'Challenger' Figure 23	c 2000's.....	c 2000's
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Figure 23

GLASSING:

Cut lap.....	1961.....	1971
2 x 10 oz.....	1961.....	1964

COLOR:

Flames.....	1977	
1977		
Pigment panels.....	1961.....	1964

FINS:

Glassed on glass or wood.....	1961.....	1964
Guidance System.....	1969.....	1970
Presslock Fin System.....	1972.....	1972
Routed.....	1961.....	1960's

Star system.	1979.	1979
Unlimited.	1968.	1973
Unlimited vari-set.	1969.	1969
NUMBERING: [reliability = 1]		
Continuous numbering from 1960 to 1969		
(254).		1961
(382).		1962
(472).		1963
(638).		1964
(1,564).		1965
(2,325).		1967
(4,162).		1969
WEIGHTS: 38 lbs.		1964

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