

OWNER: Dennis Murphy (1950), shaper

AS:

‘Murphy’ c 1976. 2011
 ‘La Jolla Shores’ started 1978. closed 1980
 ‘California Classics’ started 1986. c 1991

FACTORIES: ([Website](#))

Various Southern California location. c 1976. x 1978
 Solana Beach, California. s 1978. x 1980
 San Diego, California:
 330 7th St. s 1980. x 1986
 Sorrento Valley. s 1986. c 1988
 Commerce Street. c 1988. c 1995
 Trade Street. c 1995. x 1998
 Pacific Coast Hwy. s 1998. x 2002
 Construction Court. s 2002. c 2003
 Julian, California. s 1999. c 2003

MODELS, Murphy:

“Brigantine” **Figure 1** s 1999. x 1999
 Team board for Billy Joyce, sponsored by the Brigantine
 “Butter” **Figure 2**, 9'1", concave, rounded pin. s 2000. x 2000
 “California Classic Noserider” **Figure 3**, 9'0" to 9'10", single. s 2000. 2011
 “Competitor” **Figure 4**, 8'10" to 9'4", 2+1 fins. s 1995. c 2003
 “Foster” Promotional boards. s 1996. c 2003



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4

“Longun” **Figure 5**. s 1995. c 2003
 “Miller” Promotional boards. s 1996. c 2003
 “Ortner” **Figure 6**. s 1996. x 1999
 “Pig” **Figure 7**, 9'0" to 9'8", single. s 2000. c 2011
 “Predator” **Figure 8**, 9'4" to 9'10". s 1998. c 2003



Figure 5



Figure 6



Figure 7



Figure 8

“Regulator” **Figure 9**, 8'4" to 9'6", round pin. s 1994. 2011
 “South Wind” **Figure 10**, 9'0" to 9'4", concave, 2+1 fins. s 1999. 2011



Figure 9



Figure 10

MODELS, La Jolla Shores: “Midget Murphy”, no logo, similar to Farrelly stringerless. s 1978. x 1980

BLANKS, Murphy:

Clark foam. 1980. 2006

Balsa (one made). 1998. 1998

Redwood: Hollow with contemporary smooth lines, routed fin (one made). 2003. 2003

Century old recycled redwood from a Cuyamaca water tank, moved from the Helix water district, c1950. Ten coats of spar varnish

STRINGERS, Murphy:

Stock: basswood. 1976. 2011

SHAPES, La Jolla Shores: Long, short. 1978. 1980

TAILS, La Jolla Shores: Squash, fish, swallow, wings. 1978. 1980

LOGOS, Murphy:

‘Murphy shapes’ **Figure 11**. s 1990. 2011

‘Murphy shapes’ with board outline, **Figure 12**. s 1991. 2011

‘Murphy shapes’ with board outline, **Figure 13**. s 1989. . . rare after 1994



Figure 11



Figure 12



Figure 13

‘Murphy shapes’ **Figure 14**. s 1989. 2011

‘Murphy shapes’ rail logo, **Figure 15**. s 1989. x 1995

‘Murphy shapes (Genie)’ **Figure 16**. s 1989. x 1995



Figure 14



Figure 15



Figure 16

‘Panda’ with & without ‘Murphy’ **Figure 17**. s 1978. rarely after 1985

Original Panda was razor cut tissue paper, with no more than 200 made. The razor cut artwork has been transferred to rice paper laminates.

‘M’ **Figure 18**. s 1996. 2011



Figure 17



Figure 18

LOGOS, California Classics:

‘California Classics’ **Figure 1**. s 1986. c 1989

‘California Classics’ **Figure 2**. s 1989. c 1991

‘California Classics’ **Figure 3**. s 1989. c 1991



Figure 19

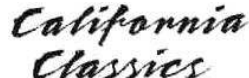


Figure 20



Figure 21

‘California Classics - Custom Longboards’ **Figure 4**. c 1990's. c 1990's



Figure 22

SIGNATURES:

“Dennis Murphy” s 1980. 2011

“d. murphy” (lower case).....	s 1980.....	x 1990
“D. Murphy” (initial caps).....	s 1990.....	2011
GLASSING, Murphy:		
Superior, SD.....	1998.....	1999
Waterlines.	1999.....	2011
FINS:		
Glassed on, various.	1976.....	2011
Fins Unlimited.....	1976.....	2011
COLOR & ARTWORK:		
Air brushed foam (La Jolla, Cal Class).....	1978.....	1991
Air brushed hot coat (La Jolla).	1978.....	1980
Tints: limited (La Jolla, Cal Class).	1978.....	1991
NUMBERING, Murphy, California Classics: [Reliability = 9]		
NOTE: Numbers 0 to 1,000 and 1,100 to 1999 were not used.		
Note: Not all boards were numbered or carried the “Murphy” logo. “J” after number signifies it was shaped in Julian.		
1,001 to 1,087.	1980	2,217 to 2,464. 1990
1,001 to 1,087.	1981	2,465 to 2,659. 1991
1,088 to <2,004>.....	1982	2,660 to 3,019. 1992
<2,005> to <2,021>.	1983	3,020 to 5,003. 1993
<2,022> to <2,038>.	1984	NOTE: Numbers 4,100 to 4,999 were not used.
<2,039> to 2,054.....	1985	5,004 to 5,533. 1994
2,055 to 2,082.	1986	5,534 to 6,452. 1995
2,083 to <2,127>.....	1987	6,453 to 7,558. 1996
<2,128> to <2,172>.	1988	7,559 to 8,554. 1997
<2,173> to 2,216.....	1989	

NUMBERING, La Jolla Shores: [Reliability = 9]

Notes: The first two digits are the year. Some of the first boards made were not numbered. Some later boards in 1980 may be under the “Murphy” label.

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