

GIRLS WHO SURF TEACHES NEW GENERATION OF GIDGETS



Girls Who Surf's Cherry Fu is the co-director and sponsor of the Girls Who Surf Pro Am contest.



Little girls are huge fans of the Girls and they really get into it.



The surfing lessons provide a thrill AND an education—plus a bonus of working the core and upper body and building confidence.

I had a dream once—of shooting the tube of a gracefully curling wave. It was an amazingly peaceful and mystical feeling of triumph. Then I woke up. While my experience of longboard surfing encompasses 5 years and a 6-year hiatus (due to having a child), names like Rell Sunn, “Banzai” Betty Dipolito, Megan Abubo, Carissa Moore and even Queen Kaahumanu encourage me to get back to the sport I once so spiritually enjoyed. Most of the attention has gone to male surfers, but the “tide” has begun to shift towards more female surfers in the water as witnessed by such surf companies as Roxy and movies like Blue Crush.

by Kaleinani Schoenstein

Historically, men, women, and children would share their papa he‘e nalu (surfboard) and teach and enjoy each other’s company in the waves. Enter Girls Who Surf.

Girls Who Surf is a surf school, owned and directed by Cherry Fu, whose instructors are women! Fu first learned how to surf six years ago in the waves off Waikiki; so she understands how a novice surfer—particularly females—feels learning a new sport that can be an intimidating experi-