



JERSEY SURFBOARD CLUB ("JSC") ETIQUETTE

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JUST A REMINDER TO ALL THOSE SURFING FOR THE FIRST TIME - WHETHER YOU ARE OLD OR YOUNG, THE RULES ARE THE SAME, AND USE YOUR EYES...

DON'T HOG THE WAVES: Don't try to catch every single wave that comes through. You will only create animosity amongst the others in the line up and will be seen as a wave pig or hog. If you have the paddling power or a board that allows you to get into the waves a lot earlier remember this, learn to give and you will receive. Share the waves around and learn to give a few to the other crew. Respect gets respect.

SHARE AND RESPECT: Share the ocean, not only with other surfers, but also the marine life which lives in it. Don't practice your competition tactics (if you are a contest surfer) on those who enjoy the surfing for the life style and fun it offers. Leave that form of hassling for contests - not free surfing. The sea is there for everyone to use and share!

SKAKING is achieved when a surfer deliberately paddles inside of a surfer who would normally have priority. It's a thin line between paddling for position and deliberately snaking someone. If a surfer for instance took off deeper on a longboard and was up and riding early and you then caught the wave further inside as it reformed and shouted him off, then this would be considered 'snaking'. You might also sit tight until the last second and then paddle across someone who is paddling for a wave and take off deeper thus claiming priority. These are all considered to be 'snaking'.

INTERFERENCE: Do not paddle in front of a surfer who is up and riding or across their path which normally involves paddling for the shoulder or unbroken part of the wave. This can not only ruin the surfers ride but can also put both of you in danger. If you paddle for the shoulder and don't make it in time then you could end up being run over and injured by the fins or nose of the board.

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