

SURFGIRL GETS THE LOWDOWN ON SURF ENTREPRENEUR AND COOL LONGBOARDER *Chris Thomson.*

AGE: 26.

YEARS SURFING: 17.

WHAT DO YOU DO FOR A LIVING? I work for Errant Surf Holidays, running La Hosteria in Northern Spain.

HOW ARE YOU INVOLVED WITH GIRLS SURFING? We sponsor a number of young girls, and we also run the SurfGirl weeks in Spain.

WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT COACHING A LOAD OF GIRLS? I think girls listen a lot more, which makes coaching them a lot easier. There is also a bit more camaraderie in the group, whereas guys tend to go alone.

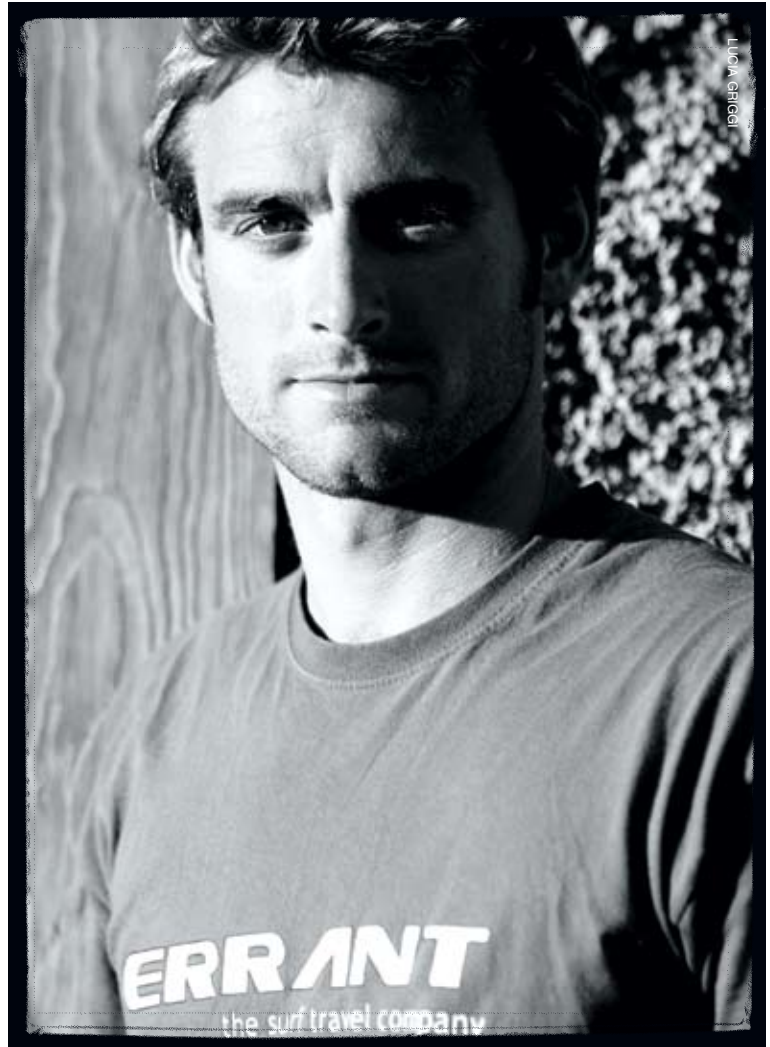
WHAT'S THE WORST THING? Getting changed takes a lot longer!

WHAT ELSE ARE YOU INTO? Listening to my iPod in the sunshine after a good surf, with nothing to do but relax!

WHO'S THE BEST BRIT GIRL SURFER? Holly Donnelley is certainly coming along. She took part in the Errant Grom Exchange in Lanzarote last March, and she was blazing around the guys, getting the best waves. She's had a super year on the contest scene, and is one of the most modest people when it comes to talking about her achievements.

WHAT DO YOU LOOK FOR IN A GIRL? Someone that isn't hard work and uptight. A sense of life, as opposed to someone who thinks 'school, uni, work, death'.

WHAT'S HOT ABOUT SURFER GIRLS? They tend to have better bodies, and something that interests them. There is nothing worse than a girl with no hobbies or interests!



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TOP TEN REASONS TO LIVE THE SURF GIRL LIFESTYLE

- 1. HEALTH** You're going to end up toned, fit and healthy, bursting with energy and stoke.
- 2. CULTURE** The films, art, literature, music, fashion and parties are great, and our sport has a long and fascinating history.
- 3. HOT MEN** As if we were going to miss that one out!
- 4. BEAUTY** Tanned (safely!), toned, smiling, natural surf girls – what could be more gorgeous!
- 5. ENVIRONMENT** You can't help but get an appreciation for and concern about this beautiful earth that we live on, and that can only ever be a good thing.
- 6. SPIRIT** Something about being immersed in the

- ocean for hours and hours gives surf girls a different take on life and spirituality.
- 7. FELLOW SURFERS** You will meet some amazing people, guaranteed.
- 8. TRAVEL** Surfers are roamers, and whether you only ever explore your own county or travel the whole globe, you'll expand your horizons and mind.
- 9. COMPETITION** If it's your bag, you can have fun, make friends, prove yourself and earn money, if you work hard at it!
- 10. ATTITUDE** Surf girls are more relaxed, happy and open. Life's problems seem better after a some time spent with Mother Ocean...
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