

# Annapolis Surf Club

## a decade of stoke

2001

2011

Its hard to believe it's been 10 years since a couple of surfers from the western side of the Chesapeake Bay surfed the same street together in O.C. They were catching a late summer swell, sharing waves and talking story when they realized all were cursed with the two and half hour trek back to reality.



**The freak meeting in August 2001**

Sore shoulders and aching muscles led to the formation of a "Surf Club" for commuting purposes. Sharing a ride filled with head high glass optimism in the morning and "tales" of the tube on the return was a great idea... not to mention sharing expenses and keeping each other awake behind the wheel. Given the magic of the internet, surfers from Northern VA to the Baltimore MD suburbs connected and commuted. Meeting at the park and rides in Annapolis led to the Annapolis Surf Club (ASC) name and logo.



**First Logo 2001**

In 2004, the club formalized and arguably became the most active surf club in the DC/Baltimore area. Surf trips, beach sweeps, and assisting other nonprofits such as local Surfrider Foundation chapters in OC/DE/DC, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and March for Babies are common place for the Club. All the while helping surfers connect, learn, and promote the sport of surfing within the community.



**Adopted Beach -Clean up day**

"The ASC Stoke" is not just excitement for the sport of surfing--it's the passion and excitement shared by landlocked surfers addicted and dedicated to stay wet year-round in the Mid-Atlantic. In the last ten years, the club has seen over 85 members from all different

walks of life. Some are residents and some are just passing through on work assignments. All are happy to find the ASC is keeping “the stoke” alive regardless of distance or conditions on the coast. Once surfers experience the ASC stoke, the surfing excitement and camaraderie lasts forever. The best example are the many ASCers who have moved to distant locales but still welcome a fellow club member when traveling to their stretch of coast. Once you are an ASC member... you are ASC *Ohana* (family) forever!



Logo 2007

## 2011

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Once again, the new year looks promising for the ASC. The new officers have transitioned into place and fired up the “stoke” machine with many events and activities this year. We kick off the season with the Annual ASC Spring Fling and Pot Luck Luau at Chet’s Rehoboth Surf Shack. The month of May brings a bug free Surf Safari camping trip to Assateague Island. As always, the Club will enter a team or two in the Surfrider Longboard Challenge come June. It’s always a good time for the competitors and the whole beach party.



Longboard Challenge beach party



J.M. in the slot

Mid-summer is always a good time to inspect your boards and do a little ding repair before “cane” season. That’s when the ASC is planning a summer party with a wooden board seminar and ding repair clinic.



D.W. Shaping a Wooden board

Late summer is the Annapolis Surf Club’s birthday party when the ASC family, young and old, gathers for an all day/weekend family event. As you can see from years past, this is one event no

one misses. It's a great time when the kids get to play games on the beach, learn to surf, have a beach bonfire, and eat plenty of good food.



**Family Day 2006**



**Family Day 2010**

As the summer turns to fall, surfing becomes serious again as club members relentlessly track the prospect of tropical storms bringing much needed surf to our shores. In October, the ASC heads to VA Beach for the March for Babies (March of Dimes, "MOD") contest.



**Longboard Team**

Our longboard and paipo teams are fair contenders but we are never beaten in the amount of donations collected for the cause. It's a great event with plenty of free surfing.



**MOD Paipo Team**

Along with November comes the wetsuit and booties, but the ASC stays in the water to catch the last swells of the year. The Club usually warms up with an ASC Cook Out or Surf Movie Night. The ASC Holiday Party in December is the perfect time to reconnect with members and relive those glassy, uncrowded days of 2011. Before you do it again in 2012.



**Endless Summer**

**Stay tuned to the ASC Forums for  
chatter about an overseas trip in 2012.**

**ASC - Join the stoke machine!**