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Abstract Title: The History of the Sport of Surfing in North Carolina

Abstract Description: If one thinks about the history of surfing, the mind may conjure up images of native Hawaiians riding the big surf of Oahu. Or, considering the surfing history of the United States mainland, ideas of California probably come to mind. The East Coast of the country may be last on your list, even though Cocoa Beach, Florida and Atlantic City, New Jersey have documented surfing during the early 20th century. You may not even be inclined to include North Carolina at all, but there is evidence that surfing has been taking place on our coast for more than a century. Curators at the North Carolina Maritime Museum investigated the state's role in the history of the sport and compiled information dating back to the early 1900s. Their efforts culminated in a timeline detailing the early efforts of surfing in North Carolina to more modern events, as well as an exhibit in the main gallery at the museum.